EDUCATION, THEN WHAT? / PATHWAY GUIDE

Mental Health, Social Service and Addiction Counseling

Mt. Hood Community College · Associate degree

Study counseling skills, case management, addiction theory and trauma-informed practice. This applied associate is a human-services pathway, not a license for independent psychotherapy.

BEFORE YOU APPLY

Review communication, human development and field-placement expectations.

TIME, SCHEDULE & APPLICATION

95–100 credits. Prior credits, prerequisite placement and course availability can change your personal completion date.

BUILD YOUR BUDGET

The current catalog lists resident tuition of $132.75 per credit for the first 18 credits in a term. Required fees and course-specific charges are additional. Confirm the applicable academic year and any overload pricing before calculating your bill. Add remaining program and living expenses; compare your cost after confirmed aid.

CREDENTIALS & OUTCOMES

Human-services support and casework differ from independently licensed counseling. Addiction credentials and clinical licenses have additional requirements. Census related-field median: $36,395 at 1 year (2016–2020 cohorts; 2023 dollars). See profile for field, credential and coverage limits.

YOUR NEXT THREE STEPS

1. Review the exact program. Check the award, entry checklist and next start.
2. Build your full budget. Include preparation, supplies and travel.
3. Explore the connected career. Compare duties, Oregon wages and required preparation.