



A Course of Study for

HOMELESS SERVICE WORK

This industry-based certificate program is designed for students who are interested in entry-level positions in the homeless response system. This certificate consists of introductory workforce training within the homeless response system, health equity, effective practices, and field-based learning.

Students who successfully complete this program will develop a caring approach to human engagement as well as an understanding of funding sources, opportunities, and the guidelines for accessing these resources for employment in the non-profit ecosystem. They will see the importance of connecting authentic and effective relationships with oneself, their team, their community, and participants in this sector. Students also will gain an understanding of the framework involved in serving unhoused and formerly unhoused people by utilizing best practices and strategies. Finally, using crucial hands-on field experiences with frontline homeless services workers, students will become adept at navigating support systems within a collaborative teaching and learning environment.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Transfer Preparation

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Certificate of Achievement

- Homeless Service Work

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

A Certificate of Achievement is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) and a **designated minimum number of units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College. Department Chairs have the discretion to waive the 50% minimum units required at SMC to meet the major or area of emphasis. All major coursework must be completed with a "C" or better grade;

CATALOG RIGHTS

A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree that were in effect at any time of the student's **continuous** enrollment. Continuous enrollment means attendance in at least one semester (Fall or Spring) in each academic year.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Many colleges/universities offer baccalaureate degrees in various languages and linguistics. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete the lower-division major requirements and the general education pattern for the specific transfer institution.

SMC has articulation agreements with the many UC and CSU campuses, as well as several private and out-of-state institutions.

Exact major requirements for UC and CSU campuses can be found online at assist.org.

A listing of private, nonprofit California colleges and universities can be found online at aiccu.edu. For articulation agreements between SMC and some of these institutions see smc.edu/articulation.

HOMELESS SERVICE WORK, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the program, students will demonstrate a caring approach to human engagement as well as an understanding of funding sources, opportunities, and the guidelines for accessing these resources for employment in the non-profit ecosystem. Students will navigate the framework involved in serving un-housed and formerly un-housed people by utilizing effective practices and strategies.

AREA OF EMPHASIS: (12 UNITS) (Effective Fall 2024)

Required Language Courses: (12 units)

NPMGMT 1	Introduction to Workforce Training within the Homeless Response System	3
NPMGMT 2	Promoting Health Equity: Nonprofit Systems Management for Advocacy and Human Engagement	3
NPMGMT 3	Implementing Effective Practices in the Homeless Response System	3
NPMGMT 4	Homeless Response System Capstone Class: Fieldwork Reflection and Career Planning	1
NPMGMT 5	Homeless Response System Internship	2