Bachelor of Science in Human Services

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WHO WE ARE  Founded in 1873 and located in Rome, Georgia, Shorter University is a private, liberal arts university with a legacy of academic excellence and a dynamic Christian heritage. Shorter University has been ranked as one of the “Top 20 Southern Comprehensive Colleges” by U.S. News and World Report since 2002 and as a “Best in the Southeast” and a “Best Value College” by The Princeton Review.

137 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Shorter University has a rich history of providing students with a quality education in an intentionally Christian atmosphere. Shorter University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate and master’s degrees.

OUR MISSION  The Mission of Shorter University is to provide quality higher education, enabling and encouraging student commitment to active, life-long learning; personal spiritual values; responsible citizenship; and community and societal leadership in a global context.

The University seeks to accomplish this Mission through quality undergraduate liberal arts programs, specialized professional programs, and select graduate programs. Geographically distant locations and online classes provide educational opportunities to individuals who are unable to attend classes in a traditional setting. The University affirms a commitment to the Christian faith and strives to integrate Christian values within a nurturing community in its whole process of education.
Bachelor of Science in Human Services

Shorter University’s online Bachelor of Science in Human Services program will help students make a difference in the lives of others and their community and will also help students acquire the knowledge and skills they will need to develop as professionals in the human services industry. The degree prepares the student for positions with clinics, hospitals, government agencies, non-profits, and other organizations that assist at-risk populations. Students will gain an understanding of the human developmental process and will learn to use their diagnostic skills to analyze and to manage behavioral issues. Students will also gain an understanding of global and domestic problems, cross-cultural differences, diversity, as well as the ethical responsibilities of their profession. Students will integrate their classroom learning with first-hand experience through a fieldwork learning project.

COURSES IN HUMAN SERVICES

Our online Bachelor of Science in Human Services is comprised of 120 credit hours. Each online course lasts for eight weeks and there are six terms each year. Students will take the following courses: (Each class represents 3 credit hours unless noted otherwise)

**Common Core**
- Online Learning/Computer Literacy
- Freshman English I
- Freshman English II
- Literature
- Oral Communication
- College Algebra
- Science
- Health
- Religion
  - Introduction to the Christian Bible
  - Choose one of the following:
    » Introduction to Christian History
    » Introduction to Christian Theology
- Arts: One of the following:
  - Art, Culture, and Values
  - Theatre Appreciation
- Social Science
  - Choose one of the following:
    » Modern Civilization Since 1648
    » American History II
  - Choose two of the following:
    » Principles of Microeconomics
    » Principles of Macroeconomics
    » Modern Civilization Since 1648
    » American History II
    » American Government
    » Introduction to Psychology
    » Introduction to Sociology

**Total Common Core: 42 hours**

**Required Courses in Major**
- Introduction to Human Services
- Development: Birth to Adolescence
- Development: Adulthood & Aging
- Professional Ethics
- Cultural Diversity
- Statistics for Social Sciences
- Abnormal Psychology
- Understanding Addictive Behaviors
- Case Management
- Counseling Skills
- Human Services Practicum Workshop (0 hours)
- Practicum II
- Practicum III
- Applied Human Services Project

**Total Required Course Hours in Major: 39 hours**

**Electives (39 hours)**

**MINIMUM HOURS IN DEGREE: 120**
CAREERS IN HUMAN SERVICES

Many social support sectors fall under the umbrella of human services, including working with children and families, the elderly, immigrants, veterans, the homeless, and people with disabilities, addictions, or mental illnesses. Human services graduates work alongside social workers, detectives, doctors, and other specialists who help individuals tackle major challenges in their lives. This diversity means that there are a wide variety of careers available for graduates. Some familiar job titles that can be obtained with a Bachelor of Business with a major in Human Services include:

- Adult Services Worker
- Intake Coordinator
- Substance Abuse Worker
- Elderly Services Provider
- Psychiatric Assistant
- Case Manager

Average salaries for Bachelor of Science with a major in Human Services: $28,200
(Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)

YOU’RE IN CHARGE OF YOUR FUTURE!
To enroll in our Bachelor of Science in Human Services program, students with fewer than 27 transferable college hours must have an ACT score of 19 or better, or an SAT score of 450 on each section or better, and a high school GPA average of 2.25 or better. Students with 27 or more transferable college credit hours need a college grade-point average, based on grades from transferable courses, of not less than 2.0 on a 4.0-point scale from a regionally accredited postsecondary institution.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS
3 SIMPLE STEPS:

1. Complete the online application [here](http://online.shorter.edu/admissions).
2. Submit the $25 application fee.
3. Students with 24 or more college credit hours must submit transcripts from EACH institution previously attended. Students with less than 24 hours must also submit an official SAT or ACT score report (either sent from the College Board or ACT at the prospective student’s request or included on the official high school transcript) and an official high school transcript or official GED scores, embossed or stamped and signed as official by the high schools guidance office. If the student has been out of high school for over 5 years, a high school transcript is required but no ACT or SAT score.

*Once all of the necessary documentation has been received and reviewed, an admission decision will be made, and students will be contacted via e-mail.

For more information, please visit our Online Campus at [http://online.shorter.edu/admissions](http://online.shorter.edu/admissions) or contact:

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**WHY SHORTER UNIVERSITY?**

- A well-established institution with a reputation for educational excellence.
- Superior academic programs and high-quality instruction.
- A caring Christian atmosphere.
- Small class sizes.
- A substantial level of individualized attention given to each student from their professors.
- A faculty in which two-thirds of the professors hold the highest degree available in their fields of expertise.
Shorter University understands the potential struggles associated with financing a college education, and it is our goal to work with students on any financial aid issues. To provide more flexibility, Shorter University offers three different payment options, which can be found on our Web site at http://online.shorter.edu/admissions/payment-options.

**TUITION & FEES**

- $325 per credit hour
- $25 tech fee per course
- $150 graduation fee
- $99 Taskstream fee

For more information, please visit our Online Campus at http://online.shorter.edu or contact:

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**FINANCIAL AID**

We encourage all students to apply for financial aid as soon as possible by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

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