



“This major allowed me to deep dive into the Human Services field and see that it’s not just about mental health – it’s about humans in everyday society and what we can do to accept, uplift and change one another for the better. The Human Services program gave me a family outside of my biological one, a home when I thought I did not have one, and support when times were tough. If not for choosing this major, I would not have taken the life changing classes, experienced what we do in the field in my own perspective or have the job opportunities that I have. Because the Human Services field is so broad and ever-changing, so will my job opportunities be.”

Ajiana Martinez '25

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Take the first step toward a rewarding career dedicated to helping others!

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Community Health and
Human Services A.A.S.



Education That Empowers. Careers That Change Lives.

The Community Health and Human Services program provides students with the practical skills, knowledge, and certifications needed to build meaningful careers in health and human services. Whether you're looking to work directly with individuals or play a role in larger systemic change, this program equips you with the tools to succeed.

About the Program:

Flexible Learning Options: Tailored for a variety of learning styles. Offered on campus and online, with flexible, fast-track and specialized employment pathways.

Specialized Skills Development: Learn industry-relevant skills such as crisis management, case planning, peer support, and trauma-informed care.

Real-Life Experience: Internships in the field under the guidance of professionals.

A Holistic Approach: Explore the social, psychological, and economic factors impacting community health services.

Certifications & Credentials: Obtain valuable certifications, such as Mandated Reporter and Certified CarePath™ Coach.



Career and Transfer Opportunities:

Graduates are well-equipped to pursue a variety of career paths in social services, community health, and case management, such as:

- Community Health Worker
- Case Manager
- Crisis Intervention Specialist
- Peer Support Specialist
- Substance Use Counseling

Additionally, students interested in continuing their education have numerous transfer opportunities to four-year colleges to further their studies in fields like social work, psychology, and public health. Herkimer College has established articulation agreements with respected institutions such as:

- SUNY Polytechnic Institute
- Utica University
- SUNY Cortland
- Hilbert College
- Russell Sage College

"I love being able to inspire the next generation of change agents."

— Grace Ashline, Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator

MEET GRACE ASHLINE Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator, Community Health and Human Services



Professor Ashline worked in a variety of leadership roles in child advocacy, foster care/respite, and prevention for children at risk of compulsory placement. Professor Ashline has worked as a counselor for a mentoring program, along with working for an outpatient psychiatric program. Before working in higher education, Professor Ashline led a federally funded program supporting families who lost a loved one to incarceration.

Professor Ashline holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice/Sociology and a Master of Social Work with a clinical concentration, both from SUNY Albany. She has also completed certifications from SUNY Buffalo for Trauma Informed Care and is a Certified CarePath Coach with the Mental Health Association of New York State, Inc. Professor Ashline holds certification in equine-assisted psychotherapy and is a member of the National Association of Social Workers.