

COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE 2025 SOCIAL AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMISSION FACT SHEET

EACH APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE CORRECT CONTACT INFORMATION
TO THE ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Health Sciences Admission policies set forth requirements that must be met for admission. However, these policies do not create and should not be regarded as an irrevocable contract between COA and students/applicants. Satisfaction of these requirements does not guarantee admission. COA reserves at all times (1) the ultimate decision on admitting students; (2) the sole right to interpret its admission policies; (3) the right to change, amend, or eliminate any provisions or requirements at any time. COA will endeavor to minimize inconvenience that changes to its policies may create.

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SOCAL AND HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM FACT SHEET

The admission process outlined in this fact sheet was developed by the Human Services Technology faculty and is to be implemented by the admissions department and the Social and Human Services faculty/staff, with oversight and final discretion by the Program Coordinator and faculty. Students may enter the SHS program curriculum in either fall, spring or summer semesters, once admission to the program is completed.

PHASE I: PRE-ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants seeking admission into the Social and Human Services program must complete the following steps in order to be considered for acceptance into the Social and Human Services program.

- _____ A. **Complete and submit a COA Application for Admission** to the Admissions Office, Elizabeth City Campus.
- _____ B. **Bring or send an official high school transcript and all official post-secondary transcripts**, if applicable, to the Admissions Office.
- _____ C. **Attendance at a Health Sciences & Wellness Programs (HSWP) Orientation Session is highly recommended** for a review of the admission process. Check with the admission department or the Health Sciences Admission Coordinator for scheduled dates and times. Online orientation can be viewed at:
<http://newalbemarle.mediasite.mcnc.org/mcnc/Play/b70d20c908fc4b8dba0fdc9320c6dc241d>
- _____ D. **Achieve minimum English, Math, and Reading competencies.**
Minimum English, Reading, and Math competencies must be met and may be accomplished by a variety of measures, including previous placement test scores, standardized test scores, and/or previous developmental coursework.

To qualify for the SHS program, the student must meet all the pre-requisites for ENG 111 (without a co-requisite requirement.)

To qualify for the HST program, the student must meet all the pre-requisites for MAT 143(without a co-requisite requirement.)

Note: The course listed is the expected level of minimal competency and may not be a required course within the program itself. Students should meet with an academic advisor if they do not meet this requirement and need guidance on course selection.

- _____ E. **Achieve and maintain a 2.0 minimum cumulative grade point average** on the transcript of record (most recent transcript with 12 accredited credit hours or more). If the transcript of record is not the COA transcript and the student has taken courses at COA, then the COA transcript must also show a 2.0 minimum cumulative grade point average (regardless of the number of hours). If the most recent 12-hour transcript of record is the high school transcript, the **unweighted GPA** will be used. Achieve a minimum of “C” grade on each relevant COA or transfer course. Only grades of “C” or better will be accepted for point earning, transfer purposes, and program completion.
- _____ F. **Applicants must have completed one unit of biology in high school that counts as at least 1 full credit** on the transcript - or the equivalent at a post-secondary institution (BIO 090 or higher). An official transcript must be provided.

REQUIREMENTS A, B, C, D, E, and F must be met in entirety before applicants may move to Phase II. Once students have met criteria A-F completely, they should contact the Health Sciences Admissions Technician (Annette Roberson, Ext 2221) for validation of requirements. One week after submitting validation forms, students may contact the HSWP Admissions & Advising Director (Owens Center, Office 107, ext. 2304), who will confirm their form has been received.

PHASE II: SHS APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- _____ G. **Read and review the SHS Handbook prior to admission to the program.** The handbook is available online at the college website: www.albemarle.edu , or from the HSWP Admissions & Advising Director (Owens Center, Office 107, ext. 2304).
- _____ H. **Sign all required forms related to admission to the program located at the back of the SHS Handbook.** Students should make an appointment with Admissions to meet and turn in all required forms for the program.

- Confirmation of a completed application will come from the HSWP Admissions & Advising Director via COA email (Owens Center, Office 107, ext. 2304).
- **Only those students who have completed an application form in its entirety will be considered for admission to the program. All applications must be received in the office of the HSWP Admissions & Advising Director (Owens Center, Office 107, ext. 2304) by 4 p.m. on the last day to register for classes for each semester. Late applications will NOT be accepted for any reason.**

PHASE III: SELECTION PROCESS

- A. **If the number of applicants exceeds the number of available slots**, all students who have met all the required academic and testing criteria, and have a complete SHS application on file, will be ranked on a first come-first serve basis, based on the date their validation form was submitted to the Health Sciences Admissions Technician (Annette Roberson).
- B. **Letters of contingent acceptance** will be sent to the first applicants for the number of program slots available. Letters to other applicants who qualified, but did not place within the allotted number of slots, will be sent and these applicants will be assigned an “alternate” number based on their dated validation form. It is from this alternate list that any vacancies that occur prior to the first day of classes may be filled at the discretion of the SHS Program Coordinator, whose decision is final, starting with “Alternate 1.”

An applicant who has concerns about the admissions process to the HST Program should contact the SHS Program Coordinator (Owens Center, Office 204, Ext. 2363).

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATED TO THE HST PROGRAM ADMISSION PROCESS

Depending on the options selected, some HST students may have to meet additional requirements prior to entering some courses or internships. Therefore, these items are not required for admission to the program, but this is to notify applicants that they may be required to provide additional information or certifications, at their expense, during the HST program including:

- A. **Documentation of current American Heart Association BLS (CPR)** if required by any agencies or internships.
- B. **Some internships sites may require an original (no fax or scanned copies allowed), completed and signed COA Health Care Examination Form** indicating physical and emotional health and record of immunizations.
- C. **A criminal background check and/or drug testing may be required** by some sites prior to participation in any internship or observer components of this program. Progress toward graduation may be limited by any inability to complete these portions of the program. Students with certain misdemeanor or felony convictions may have limited internship and employment opportunities.
- D. **Other information or requirements may be required** at the discretion of clinics and agencies prior to providing access or internships to HST students.

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE
SOCIAL AND HUMAN SERVICES CURRICULUM SCHEMA**

SEMESTER/COURSES		SHC			
Semester –1st Fall		Class	Lab	Clinical	Credits
ACA 111	College Student Success (or ACA 122*)	1	0	0	1
MHA 140	Introduction to Mental Health	3	0	0	3
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
PSY 150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology	3	0	0	3
HSE 110	Introduction to Human Services	2	2	0	3
		TOTAL CREDITS			16
Semester- 1 st Spring					
ENG 112	Writing/Research or Literature-Based Research	3	0	0	3
PSY 241	Developmental Psychology	3	0	0	3
MHA 150	Mental Health Interventions	3	0	0	3
Humanities Elective (PHI 240 or HUM115 preferred)		3	0	0	3
HSE 212	Group Dynamics	3	0	0	3
HSE 123	Interviewing Techniques for Human Services	2	2	0	3
		TOTAL CREDITS			18
Summer Session					
MAT 143 (or higher)	Quantitative Literacy	2	2	0	3
Semester – 2 nd Fall		TOTAL CREDITS			3
HSE 210	Diversity, Ethics, and Trends	3	0	0	3
SAB 110	Introduction to Addiction and Recovery	3	0	0	3
HSE 220	Case Management	2	2	0	3
HSE 115	Health Care Concepts	3	2	0	4
HSE 120	Interpersonal Relations	3	0	0	3
Semester – 2 nd Spring		TOTAL CREDITS			16
HSE 223	Counseling Theories and Skills	3	0	0	3
SAB 135	Addictive Process	3	0	0	3
HSE 225	Crisis Intervention & Intervention Principles	3	0	0	3
SWK 110	Introduction to Social Work	3	0	0	3
HSE 127	Conflict Resolution	2	2	0	3
		TOTAL CREDITS			15
GRAND TOTAL					68