



Mental Health/Social Work

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of others? Students in McLennan's Mental Health/Social Work program are trained to work with youth, clients with addictions, people with disabilities, and others in need of professional help.

Choose from three Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees and five certificates. You will focus on concentrations in General Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Youth Counseling, or Social Work.

Beginning in the fall of 2019, you may choose to work on an Associate of Arts (AA) degree with a Field of Study in Social Work. This degree will allow you to continue your education pursuing a bachelor's degree in social work from any state-supported university in Texas.

Students completing one of the three AAS degrees also have the option to pursue a bachelor's degree and eventually a master's degree on McLennan's campus through the University Center at MCC. Some areas of interest to mental health or social work majors may include human sciences, family studies, psychology, and business, to name a few.

What you'll learn:

- How to develop relationships with clients, patients, and residents
- Basic counseling skills
- Current theories and techniques in the field

What you'll get:

- Hands-on experience to apply the skills you learn in the classroom
- Supervised volunteer work in mental health agencies
- Preparation to enter the workforce upon completion of a degree or certificate

Program Requirements

For certificates, in addition to classes, students must complete 220 hours of supervised volunteer time in social service or mental health-related agencies and have at least a 2.0 GPA for all Mental Health courses.

For associate degrees, in addition to classes, students must complete 460 hours of supervised volunteer time at an agency and have at least a 2.0 GPA for all Mental Health courses.





Potential Careers

The mental health and social work fields offer a variety of career opportunities. You may choose employment in settings including residential facilities, treatment programs, or case management. Options include:

- Social Service or Mental Health Technician
- Behavior Support Specialist
- Case Management Aide
- Residential or Youth Care Counselor
- Protective Services Worker
- Community Outreach Professional
- Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC)

Getting Started

Once you have been accepted to McLennan and completed New Student Orientation, contact the program director to be advised on which courses you will need. Day, evening, and online course are available.

Financial Aid

If you are interested in applying for financial aid, please complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov by June 1 for the following academic year. For more information about financial aid, go to www.mclennan.edu/financial-aid or call McLennan's Highlander Central at 254-299-8622.

Gainful Employment Information:

Important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students in this program is available at www.mclennan.edu/gainful-employment.

Learn More:

To find out more about the Mental Health/Social Work program at McLennan, visit: www.mclennan.edu/mental-health.

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A lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission to and participation in career and technical education programs.

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La falta de conocimiento del idioma inglés no será un impedimento para la admisión y participación en programas de educación técnica y profesional.

For students in these programs who may have a criminal background, please be advised that the background could keep you from being licensed by the State of Texas. If you have a question about your background and licensure, please speak with your faculty member or program director. You also have the right to request a criminal history evaluation letter from the applicable licensing agency.

**For more
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