

Human Services

Direct Support Professional Certificate

OWENS CAMPUS

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Make a difference one life at a time! Today, unlike in the past, most individuals with developmental disabilities live in their home communities and thrive thanks to Direct Support Professionals who help them lead self-directed lives and contribute to their communities. As a student in this program, you'll learn how to provide these individuals support in daily living tasks, community living, health and wellness awareness, vocational experiences, and social integration. While enrolled, you'll earn 12 credit hours from a combination of classroom instruction and field work; courses will include face-to-face and online instruction. The skills and knowledge you learn can be applied to residential programs, day programs, or any combination of services appropriate for the client.

Labor market studies in Delaware indicate new job openings in this field within the next five years, and employers of direct support professionals are strongly encouraging certification. If you're looking for a career that is more than just a job, a Direct Support Professional certificate will prepare you for this challenging but rewarding profession.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC ADVISEMENT STATEMENT

Courses - Semester 1

[HMS 120 - Direct Support/Cmnty Services](#)

[HMS 124 - Comm Living Skills/Supports](#)

Credits	Lecture	Lab
3	3	
3	3	0

Courses - Semester 2

[HMS 125 - Assessment and Communication](#)

[HMS 126 - Desgn/Evaluation of Services](#)

Credits	Lecture	Lab
3	3	0
3	3	0

*To complete program requirements, you must pass the above courses and earn at least **12 credits**. The number of courses and credits required for graduation may be more depending on your need for developmental education courses and the elective choices you make (if electives are a part of the program). Some programs also have college-level courses that you must take if you do not score at a certain level on the College Placement Test. If this applies to your program, the courses are listed at the top of the sequence sheet before the first semester of the course list.*