



HUMAN RESOURCES

Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Program Code: 10-116-1 Total Credits: 60-61

The Human Resources associate degree program is designed to provide students with a comprehensive skill set tailored to meet the demands of the modern human resources landscape. Graduates will acquire new skills in specialized areas crucial for effective HR management, including recruitment, hiring, training and development, employee records management, and compensation and benefits administration. Students will also explore key aspects of HR operations such as employment law, occupational safety and health, equal employment opportunity, wage management, healthcare administration, family leave policies, and retirement plans. With a strong emphasis on practical application and theoretical understanding, graduates will be well-equipped to navigate the complexities of the HR profession and make valuable contributions to any organization. Mid-State's program offers a dynamic learning environment that goes beyond traditional classroom instruction. Students will engage in hands-on experiences and simulations to reinforce learning and prepare for real-world challenges. Our state-of-the-art facilities and technology-equipped classrooms provide the tools and resources need to excel in your studies and prepare for a successful career in HR. You will have the option to take courses in person or fully virtually.

Estimated tuition and fees: mstc.edu/programcosts

ACADEMIC ADVISOR

To schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, call 715.422.5300. Academic advisors will travel to other campuses as necessary to accommodate student needs. For more information about advising, visit mstc.edu/advising.

CHECKLIST:

This section will be completed when meeting with your academic advisor.

- FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov)
- Financial Aid Form(s)
Form(s): _____
- Follow-Up Appointment:
Where: _____
When: _____
With: _____
- Official Transcripts
Mid-State Technical College
Student Services Assistant
1001 Centerpoint Drive
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- Other: _____



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- Work and Life Experience

Learn about Credit for Prior Learning at mstc.edu/cpl.

CERTIFICATE

HUMAN RESOURCES FOUNDATIONS

Certificate • 9 Credits

For more information and additional opportunities, visit mstc.edu/career-accelerator.

TECHNICAL DIPLOMA

HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT

Technical Diploma • 32 Credits

Start Your Career

- Human Resources Generalist
- Human Resources Recruitment Coordinator
- Job Analyst

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS)

HUMAN RESOURCES

Associate in Applied Science (AAS) • 60-61 Credits

Start Your Career

- Human Resources Specialist
- Payroll/Benefits Specialist
- Staffing Administrator

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

BACHELOR'S DEGREE OPTIONS

Arizona State University, Bellevue University, Colorado State University Global, Concordia University, Franklin University, Grand Canyon University (GCU), Herzing University, Lakeland University, Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE), Mount Mary University (MMU), Northern Michigan University, University of Maryland Global, University of Phoenix, UW-Green Bay, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield, UW-Stout, UW-Whitewater, Viterbo University, Western Governor's University, and Wisconsin Private-Nonprofit Universities/Colleges.

For more information and additional opportunities, visit mstc.edu/transfer.

OTHER OPTIONS

RELATED PROGRAMS

- Business Management
- Entrepreneur
- Office Support Specialist
- Customer Relationship Professional
- Leadership Development
- Project Management

OUTCOMES

Employers will expect you, as a Human Resources graduate, to be able to:

- Design an organizational workforce plan.
- Develop training programs.
- Analyze organizational total rewards programs.
- Incorporate employment law into business practices.
- Apply employee relations techniques.

TECHNICAL SKILLS ATTAINMENT

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) has implemented a requirement that all technical colleges measure outcomes attained by students. This requirement is called Technical Skills Attainment (TSA). The main objective of TSA is to ensure graduates have the technical skills needed by employers. Human Resources students will be notified of their TSA in the courses where it is assessed.

NOTES:

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Visit mstc.edu/studenthandbook to view Mid-State's student handbook, which contains information about admissions, enrollment, appeals processes, services for people with disabilities, financial aid, graduation, privacy, Mid-State's Student Code of Conduct, and technology.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

The GPS for Student Success course is required for all Mid-State program students and is recommended to be completed before obtaining 12 credits. (Not counted in the total credit value for this program.) Some students are exempt from this requirement. Please see your program advisor for more information.

GPS for Student Success ☑

10890102 1 credit

Integrate necessary skills for student success by developing an academic plan, identifying interpersonal attributes for success, adopting efficient and effective learning strategies, and utilizing Mid-State resources, policies, and processes. This course is recommended to be completed prior to obtaining 12 credits and is a graduation requirement unless you receive an exemption from your program advisor.

ADDITIONAL COURSES AS NEEDED

The following courses may be recommended or required if the student does not achieve minimum Accuplacer scores.

College Reading and Writing 1

10831104 3 credits

Provides learners with opportunities to develop and expand reading and writing skills to prepare for college-level academic work. Students will employ critical reading strategies to improve comprehension, analysis, and retention of texts. Students will apply the writing process to produce well-developed, coherent, and unified written work.

Pre-Algebra

10834109 3 credits

Provides an introduction to algebra. Includes operations on real numbers, solving linear equations, percent and proportion, and an introduction to polynomials and statistics. Prepares students for elementary algebra and subsequent algebra-related courses.

SAMPLE FULL-TIME CURRICULUM OPTION

| Term | | 16 credits |
|----------|------------------------------------|------------|
| 10102231 | Business Networking | 1 |
| 10103106 | Microsoft Office-Introduction ☑ | 3 |
| 10106106 | Quality Customer Service | 3 |
| 10196190 | Leadership Development ☑ | 3 |
| 10801195 | Written Communication ☑ -OR- | |
| 10801136 | English Composition 1 ☑ | 3 |
| 10801198 | Speech ☑ -OR- | |
| 10801196 | Oral/Interpersonal Communication ☑ | 3 |

| Term | | 16 credits |
|----------|--|------------|
| 10101140 | Accounting 1 ☑ | 3 |
| 10102110 | Employment Law | 3 |
| 10102230 | Business Communities | 1 |
| 10196191 | Supervision ☑ | 3 |
| 10196193 | Human Resource Management | 3 |
| 10809172 | Introduction to Diversity Studies ☑ -OR- | |
| 10809196 | Introduction to Sociology ☑ -OR- | |
| 10809122 | Introduction to American Government ☑ | 3 |

| Term | | 13-14 credits |
|----------|--|---------------|
| 10102233 | Negotiation Skills | 1 |
| 10196135 | Conflict Resolution | 3 |
| 10196136 | Managing Risk & Safety | 3 |
| 10804107 | College Mathematics ☑ | 3 |
| | -OR- | |
| 10804118 | Intermediate Algebra with Applications ☑ | 4 |
| | -OR- | |
| 10804189 | Introductory Statistics ☑ | 3 |
| 10809195 | Economics ☑ | 3 |

| Term | | 15 credits |
|----------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 10101120 | Payroll Accounting ☑ | 3 |
| 10116153 | Compensation and Benefits | 3 |
| 10116154 | Recruiting and Hiring | 3 |
| 10196171 | Organizational Development | 3 |
| 10809198 | Introduction to Psychology ☑ -OR- | 3 |
| 10809188 | Developmental Psychology ☑ | 3 |

Total credits 60-61

☑ This course has options available to receive credit for prior learning (CPL) or work experience. Visit the website at mstc.edu/cpl or contact your advisor for details.

Please Note:

- This curriculum sequence is only for student planning. Actual student schedules will vary depending on course availability.
- Program completion time may vary based on student scheduling and course availability. For details, go to mstc.edu/schedule.

SAMPLE PART-TIME CURRICULUM OPTION

| Term | | 7 credits |
|----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 10102231 | Business Networking | 1 |
| 10106106 | Quality Customer Service | 3 |
| 10801198 | Speech ☑ -OR- | |
| 10801196 | Oral/Interpersonal Communication ☑ | 3 |

| Term | | 9 credits |
|----------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 10103106 | Microsoft Office-Introduction ☑ | 3 |
| 10196190 | Leadership Development ☑ | 3 |
| 10801195 | Written Communication ☑ -OR- | |
| 10801136 | English Composition 1 ☑ | 3 |

| Term | | 7 credits |
|----------|----------------------|-----------|
| 10101140 | Accounting 1 ☑ | 3 |
| 10102110 | Employment Law | 3 |
| 10102230 | Business Communities | 1 |

| Term | | 9 credits |
|----------|--|-----------|
| 10196191 | Supervision ☑ | 3 |
| 10196193 | Human Resource Management | 3 |
| 10809172 | Introduction to Diversity Studies ☑ -OR- | |
| 10809196 | Introduction to Sociology ☑ -OR- | |
| 10809122 | Introduction to American Government ☑ | 3 |

| Term | | 7-8 credits |
|----------|--|-------------|
| 10102233 | Negotiation Skills | 1 |
| 10196136 | Managing Risk & Safety | 3 |
| 10804107 | College Mathematics ☑ | 3 |
| | -OR- | |
| 10804118 | Intermediate Algebra with Applications ☑ | 4 |
| | -OR- | |
| 10804189 | Introductory Statistics ☑ | 3 |

| Term | | 6 credits |
|----------|---------------------|-----------|
| 10196135 | Conflict Resolution | 3 |
| 10809195 | Economics ☑ | 3 |

| Term | | 9 credits |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 10101120 | Payroll Accounting ☑ | 3 |
| 10116153 | Compensation and Benefits | 3 |
| 10809198 | Introduction to Psychology ☑ -OR- | 3 |
| 10809188 | Developmental Psychology ☑ | 3 |

| Term | | 6 credits |
|----------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 10116154 | Recruiting and Hiring | 3 |
| 10196171 | Organizational Development | 3 |

Total credits 60-61

MULTIPLE MEASURES

Multiple Measures Writing (MMW): High school GPA of 2.6 and successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school writing courses with a "C" or better

Multiple Measures Math 1 (MMM_1): High school GPA of 2.6 and successful completion of 1.0 credits of high school math (Algebra 1 or equivalent) with a "C" or better

Multiple Measures Science 1 (MMS_1): High school GPA of 2.6 and successful completion of 1.0 credits of high school lab science course with a "C" or better

Multiple Measures Reading (MMR): High school GPA of 2.6 and successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school literature courses with a "C" or better

Multiple Measures Math 2 (MMM_2): High school GPA of 2.6 and successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school math including Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 with a "C" or better

Multiple Measures Science 2 (MMS_2): High school GPA of 2.6 and successful completion of 1.0 credits of high school chemistry with a "C" or better

Past high school and college transcripts are used in making course placement decisions.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Accounting 1

10101140.....3 credits

A beginning course designed especially for majors or those who need a strong foundation in accounting principles. Develops the accounting cycle of journaling, posting, adjusting, closing, and reporting. Also emphasizes service and merchandising sole proprietorships in developing the accounting cycle. Explores issues for accounting for cash, accounts and notes receivable, inventories, and fixed assets.

Business Communities

10102230 1 credit

This course provides students with a comprehensive understanding of how different business communities operate, how they contribute to economic ecosystems, and how learners can participate effectively. This course will explore the dynamics, structures, and strategies involved in various professional associations, including local, global, industry-specific, and online communities.

Business Networking

10102231..... 1 credit

This course will equip students with the knowledge, strategies, and practical techniques to build, nurture, and leverage professional relationships for personal and organizational success. Through a combination of classroom instruction, interactive exercises, and simulated practice, this course will empower students to enhance their networking abilities, expand their professional circles, and create valuable connections.

College Mathematics

108041073 credits

This course is designed to review and develop fundamental concepts of mathematics in the areas of algebra, geometry, trigonometry, measurement and data. Algebra topics emphasize simplifying algebraic expressions, solving linear equations and inequalities with one variable, solving proportions and percent applications. Geometry and trigonometry topics include; finding areas and volumes of geometric figures, applying similar and congruent triangles, applying Pythagorean Theorem, and solving right triangles using trigonometric ratios. Measurement topics emphasize the application of measurement concepts and conversion techniques within and between U.S. customary and metric system to solve problems. Data topics emphasize data organization and summarization skills, including: frequency distributions, central tendency, relative position and measures of dispersion. Special emphasis is placed on problem solving, critical thinking and logical reasoning, making connections, and using calculators.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMM_1 or Accuplacer Arithmetic of 250 and QAS 234 or ACT Math score of 17 or Pre-Algebra 10834109 with a "C" or better

Compensation and Benefits

101161533 credits

Focuses on the compensation and benefit elements that comprise total compensation. This course covers base pay, merit pay, and variable pay programs and examines such benefits as government regulation, group welfare plans, pension plans and flexible benefit plans.

Conflict Resolution

10196135.....3 credits

Students will apply different conflict resolution techniques that can be used by a manager or leader within an organization given real-world scenarios. Students will also evaluate the importance of consultation, team building, trust, and win-win outcomes from a managerial standpoint in the resolution of organizational conflict.

Developmental Psychology

10809188.....3 credits

Studies human development throughout the lifespan and explores developmental theory and research with an emphasis on the interactive nature of the biological, cognitive, and psychosocial changes that affect the individual from conception to death. Application activities and critical thinking skills enable students to gain an increased knowledge and understanding of themselves and others.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMR and MMW or Accuplacer Reading Skills of 236 and Writing of 237 or ACT of 15 Reading/16 English

Economics

108091953 credits

Provides an overview of how a market-oriented economic system operates and surveys the factors that influence national economic policy. Basic concepts and analyses are illustrated by reference to a variety of contemporary problems and public policy issues. Concepts include scarcity, resources, alternative economic systems, growth, supply and demand, monetary and fiscal policy, inflation, unemployment and global economic issues.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMR and MMW or Accuplacer Reading Skills of 236 and Writing of 237 or ACT of 15 Reading/16 English

Employment Law

10102110.....3 credits

Introduces a broad scope of employment laws and provides the opportunity to apply these laws to the employment arena. Includes laws relating to anti-discrimination, including the Civil Rights Act, ADEA, and ADA; wage and hour regulation, including FLSA; employer-provided pensions, including ERISA; health insurance, including COBRA and ACA; and unemployment and worker's compensation insurance.

English Composition 1

108011363 credits

Learners develop and apply skills in all aspects of the writing process. Through a variety of learning activities and written documents, learners employ rhetorical strategies, plan, organize and revise content, apply critical reading strategies, locate and evaluate information, integrate and document sources, and apply standardized English language conventions.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMW or Accuplacer Writing of 262 or ACT English score of 20 or completion of College Reading and Writing 1 10831104 with a "C" or better

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Human Resource Management

10196193.....3 credits

Applies skills and tools necessary to perform human resource functions in an organization. Each learner demonstrates skill in following EEOC laws; writing job descriptions; recruiting, selecting, and orienting employees; developing policies and procedures; developing and conducting training; designing performance appraisal plans; developing employee development plans; and selecting compensation and benefit strategies.

Prerequisite: Six core credits from a 101, 102, 103, 109, 196, or 623 program code.

Intermediate Algebra with Applications

10804118 4 credits

This course offers algebra content with applications. Topics include properties of real numbers; order of operations; algebraic solution for linear equations and inequalities; operations with polynomial and rational expressions; operations with rational exponents and radicals; and algebra of inverse, logarithmic, and exponential functions.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMM_1 or Accuplacer Arithmetic of 263 and QAS 234 or ACT Math score of 19 or QAS of 245 or Pre-Algebra 10834109 with a "C" or better

Intro to Sociology

108091963 credits

Introduces students to the basic concepts of sociology: culture, socialization, social stratification, multi-culturalism, and the five institutions of family, politics, economics, religion, and education. Other topics include demography, deviance, technology, environment, social issues, social change, and social organization.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMR and MMW or Accuplacer Reading Skills of 236 and Writing of 237 or ACT of 15 Reading/16 English

Introduction to American Government

10809122.....3 credits

Introduces American political processes and institutions. Focuses on rights and responsibilities of citizens and the process of participatory democracy. Learners examine the complexity of the separation of powers and checks and balances. Explores the role of the media, interest groups, political parties, and public opinion in the political process. Also explores the role of state and national government in our federal system.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMR and MMW or Accuplacer Reading Skills of 236 and Writing of 237 or ACT of 15 Reading/16 English

Introduction to Diversity Studies

10809172.....3 credits

Learners develop and apply skills in all aspects of the writing process. Through a variety of learning activities and written documents, learners employ rhetorical strategies, plan, organize and revise content, apply critical reading strategies, locate and evaluate information, integrate and document sources, and apply standardized English language conventions.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMW or Accuplacer Writing of 262 or ACT English score of 20 or completion of College Reading and Writing 1 10831104 with a "C" or better

Introduction to Psychology

8091983 credits

This science of psychology course is a survey of multiple aspects of behavior and mental processes. It provides an overview of topics such as research methods, theoretical perspectives, learning, cognition, memory, motivation, emotions, personality, abnormal psychology, physiological factors, social influences, and development.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMR and MMW or Accuplacer Reading Skills of 236 and Writing of 237 or ACT of 15 Reading/16 English

Introductory Statistics

108041893 credits

Students taking Introductory Statistics display data with graphs, describe distributions with numbers, perform correlation and regression analyses, and design experiments. They use probability and distributions to make predictions, estimate parameters, and test hypotheses. They draw inferences about relationships including ANOVA. Algebra knowledge and foundational skills in mathematics are important for success in this course.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMM_2 or Accuplacer QAS 241 or ACT Math score of 19 or Pre-Algebra 10834109 or College Math 10804107 with a "C" or better

Leadership Development

101961903 credits

Applies skills and tools necessary to fulfill his/her role as a modern leader. Each learner evaluates personal leadership effectiveness, use individual and group motivation strategies, implement mission and goals, demonstrate ethical behavior, adapt personal leadership style to worker readiness, use power, facilitate employee development, coach, manage change, and resolve conflict.

Managing Risk & Safety

101961363 credits

This course is designed for students to understand the basics concepts of risk assessment, risk mitigation, workplace hazards, and safety practices. Students will examine personal, physical, environmental, and virtual safety policies and practices as part of this course.

Microsoft Office-Introduction

101031063 credits

Develops introductory skills in the Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, and Outlook) while reinforcing the students' knowledge of computer concepts, Windows Explorer, and web usage. This course prepares students for the Associate level MOS Certification exams for Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook. Students should possess basic keyboarding, mouse, and Windows 11 skills. Students may develop these skills in the Academic Learning Center while concurrently enrolled in this course.

Negotiation Skills

10102233..... 1 credit

This course explores the principles, strategies, and practical applications of negotiation in a variety of contexts, from business transactions to interpersonal relationships. Learners will gain the confidence and expertise required to navigate complex negotiations successfully.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Oral/Interpersonal Communication ☒

10801196**3 credits**

Focuses on developing effective listening techniques and verbal and nonverbal communication skills through oral presentation, group activity, and other projects. The study of self, conflict, and cultural contexts will be explored, as well as their impact on communication.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMR and MMW or Accuplacer Reading Skills of 236 and Writing of 237 or ACT of 15 Reading/16 English

Organizational Development

10196171**3 credits**

Focuses on developing effective listening techniques and verbal and nonverbal communication skills through oral presentation, group activity, and other projects. The study of self, conflict, and cultural contexts will be explored, as well as their impact on communication.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMR and MMW or Accuplacer Reading Skills of 236 and Writing of 237 or ACT of 15 Reading/16 English

Payroll Accounting ☒

10101120**3 credits**

Develops a working knowledge of payroll legislation, payroll records, and payroll accounting. Payroll accounting is accomplished through manual methods and automated methods.

Corequisite: Microsoft Office-Introduction 10103106

Quality Customer Service

10106106**3 credits**

Addresses sensitivity in communicating with customers and co-workers. Includes international communications, teamwork, working relationships, and telephone skills.

Recruiting and Hiring

10116154**3 credits**

Focuses on recruitment, selection and hiring practices. This course examines what today's workforce expects and how to efficiently use the recruitment budget. All steps of the hiring process are reviewed. This material supplements the legal aspects of the employment process.

Speech ☒

10801198**3 credits**

Explores the fundamentals of effective oral presentation to small and large groups. Topic selection, audience analysis, methods of organization, research, structuring evidence and support, delivery techniques, and other essential elements of speaking successfully, including the listening process, form the basis of this course.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMR and MMW or Accuplacer Reading Skills of 253 and Writing of 262 or ACT of 21 Reading/19 English or completion of College Reading and Writing 1 10831104 with a "C" or better

Supervision ☒

10196191**3 credits**

Applies skills and tools necessary to perform the functions of a contemporary frontline leader. Students engage in operational planning, analyze organizational structures, review the staffing process, employ techniques to enhance employee personal and group effectiveness, and develop control techniques to measure effectiveness in the above areas.

Written Communication ☒

10801195**3 credits**

Develops writing skills which include prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing. A variety of writing assignments are designed to help the learner analyze audience and purpose, research and organize ideas, and format and design documents based on subject matter and content. Also develops critical reading and thinking skills through the analysis of a variety of written documents.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMW or Accuplacer Writing of 262 or ACT English score of 20 or completion of College Reading and Writing 1 10831104 with a "C" or better