

**HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
MASTER OF ARTS – ENHANCED PROFESSIONAL
MISSION STATEMENT, GOALS,
AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
(June 2015)**

Faculty:

MA Program Chairperson/Faculty: (Position Vacant)
Adjunct Faculty

Mission Statement:

The Master of Arts in the Human Services Department – Enhanced Professional will provide an environment of academic excellence through contemporary education reflective of *Wolakota* values – respect, mutuality, good relationships, integrity, peace and harmony (please see SGU catalog pp. 17-18 for more on *Wolakota*).

Program Goals:

The graduate will...

I. The Graduate will demonstrate Wolakota values by synthesizing this perspective into professional and personal domains, while becoming a critical thinker and agent of change.

II. The Graduate will demonstrate analytical thought through effective and innovative communications, presentations, and trainings.

III. The Graduate will be able to synthesize professional research that improves the quality of life for the Oyate.

IV. The Graduate will demonstrate appropriate skills commensurate with the professional standards of the chosen career setting.

V. The Graduate will apply and uphold professional, ethical, and legal standards within his/her chosen discipline.

Program Description

The Master of Arts Degree Program – Human Services - Enhanced Professional (MA-HS-EP) provides a graduate experience for the individual who wishes to professionalize and advance his/her education. The MA-HS-EP Degree incorporates significant elements from Native American culture, language, history, and philosophy. All MA-HS-EP coursework will include attention to Native American issues, especially within the reservation context.

The Degree *may be used as a bridge* to other master or doctoral studies. Contact the program of choice to assess the program requirements prior to making a decision.

We recognize most of our graduate students work full-time. As such, MA faculty offer coursework using e-learning and providing virtual office hours to support student progress. Blended courses are a combination of onsite and online study, with most onsite sessions occurring in the Thursday-Friday-Saturday timespan. Typically, a residence period is required twice during each semester, once at the beginning and once at the end, during which onsite sessions are held.

The MA-HS-EP Program is designed for the person who wants to advance his/her career prospects. Through this focused study the student will strengthen knowledge and skills in the areas required by the Council for Standards on Human Services Education (CSHSE). MA-HS-EP graduates will be prepared to advance in their chosen profession, earn more compensation, better serve their organization and the community. Some will move into management, leadership, and teaching positions. This track involves 34 credit hours of study, including a field experience.

Program Eligibility and Application:

Applications will be welcomed by 1 August, 1 November, or 1 January
(or the first working Monday in these months).

The MA-HS-EP Program welcomes students who possess a strong academic record, positive recommendations, appropriate experiences both professionally and personally, coherent career plans, strong personal qualities, and desire to contribute to the betterment of life in Indian Country.

The full package of eligibility and application materials are available on-line at www.sintegleska.edu and then linking to the Human Services Department webpage. That site also displays the full MA Program policies and procedures. For further information, contact the MA-HS-EP Chairperson.