

Mission Statement

Social Work is about helping people-children, families, older adults, and whole communities. The social work program prepares students for entry level professional positions in a diversity of public and private settings, including child advocacy and welfare, children and youth counseling, school social work, medical social work, church social work, missions, foster care and adoptions, geriatric social work, and mental health. The program prepares students to empower people, particularly those who are vulnerable, to achieve a better “fit” with their world and to help the world to be more responsive to the needs of people. The program emphasizes the importance of a liberal arts foundation and of Christian and social work values that promote social and economic justice.

The major also emphasizes preparation for graduate study. Graduates from the BSW program are eligible to apply for advanced standing in graduate programs leading to a master’s in social work degree, MSW.

Curriculum

A student majoring in Social Work will receive the Bachelor of Social Work degree. The student must take the



400. Populations-at-Risk (3) F

Prerequisites: SW Program Admission and SW 301, 310 and 401.

Patterns, dynamics, and consequences of discrimination, economic deprivation, and oppression will be presented. The curriculum includes content on people of color, gay and lesbian persons, those distinguished by age, ethnicity, culture, class, and physical and mental ability. Course content includes strategies for micro, mezzo, and macro interventions designed to empower these groups and individuals.

401. Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups (3) S

Prerequisites: SW Program Admission, SW 315, Professional Liability Insurance.

A continuation of SW 315 with further development of skills for working with individuals, families and groups using various approaches.

402. Social Work Practice with Organizations, Communities, & Government (3) F

Prerequisites: SW Program Admission, SW 401, Professional Liability Insurance.

The last of the practice sequence continues to use the theoretical framework introduced in SW 315 and 401. Practice methods for work with organizations, commu-