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The mission of the BSW Program is to prepare competent and effective professionals for leadership as social work practitioners. In a context of Christian higher education, the program fosters compassionate service, promotes social and economic justice, and equips students for excellence in social work practice in entry level professional positions.

Graduates work 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, ma,(6/yne medical social w)17.3 (or)

standing in graduate programs leading to a master's in social work degree, MSW.

passing grade and 409, 410, and 423 with a B or higher. SW 423 helps the student integrate and evaluate all the knowledge, values and skills covered in previous coursework.

Senior SW majors must complete a senior capstone integrative project that demonstrates the student's competency of the program learning objectives.

The program does not grant social work course credit for life experience or previous work experience.

The Social Work Program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, 333 John Carlyle Street, Suite 400 Alexandria, VA 22314

The Director of the BSW Program is responsible for overall administration of the Program. The director is available during office hours to answer questions regarding the program, employment opportunities, professional associations and licensures, and other questions related to the social work profession.

The BSW Field Director has primary responsibility for the field education component of the Program including implementation of field processes and procedures and maintaining effective working relationships with sites, field instructors, and students.

Agency Field Instructors supplement the educational program in social work by providing supervision to senior students who are completing 424 hours of field work in an approved agency. These instructors provide on-the-job instruction and supervision, hold regular conferences with the student, and assist in the evaluation of student performance and learning. A fee of \$100 is charged to the student the semester they are enrolled in SW 423, Senior Seminar.

A student who is completing agency field experiences as part of the requirements in social work practice courses will be required to purchase Professional Liability Insurance. The annual fee, approximately \$25.00, will be charged to the student's account during the semester in which he/she is registered for these courses.

The *BSW Program Student Handbook*, available in the office of the Director and on the School of Social Work website (www.uu.edu/socialwork), describes all aspects of the program including an introduction to the profession, Union's program objectives and goals, curriculum, admission and termination/probation policies, transfer policies specific to CSWE accredited and non-accredited schools, grievance procedures, student

organizations, and student rights and responsibilities. The Handbook details, in full, the circumstances under which the student may be placed on probation or terminated from the program, if, in the professional judgment of the Social Work faculty, violations of professional or ethical codes have occurred or in the event of unacceptable academic achievement.

All social work majors are required to obtain professional social work field experience in a local community agency. Numerous local social service agencies provide the setting for this practicum. The *BSW Field Instruction Manual* clarifies expectations regarding this experience and identifies the cooperating agencies. It may be obtained from the Social Work faculty or on the website of the School of Social Work at www.uu.edu/socialwork.

The student organization, **Helping Professions Reaching Out (HPRO)**, is for majors in social work and those interested in helping professions. The organization assists in developing professional social work identity and provides an opportunity to be involved in volunteer community social service. Service opportunities include child mentoring and advocacy, nursing home activities, community organizing, and resource development. The organization gives students regular opportunity to interact with others having similar interests.

Phi Alpha, National Honor Society for Social Work Students, Eta Phi Chapter, fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. Students with an overall GPA in the top 35% of all graduating BSW majors are considered for membership. Other criteria for membership include professionalism, experience in field practicum, and leadership in the social work program. Students will be invited for membership at the end of their final fall and/or winter semester.

Outstanding Social Work Graduate. This award is given to the graduating senior with high academic achievement, outstanding performances in Field Practicum, and faculty and peer recommendation.

() Hours Credit; F-Fall; W-Winter; S-Spring; Su-Summer

200. Introduction to Social Welfare (3) F, S, Su

A study of the history of social welfare and the constructed policies and practices that address societal problems, such as poverty and vulnerable populations.

201. Community Social Service Experience (3) F

Corequisite: Professional Liability Insurance.

An opportunity for students considering a social work major to be exposed to the principles of social work within a community

300. Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (3) F

An exploration of the theories and knowledge of human bio-psycho-social-spiritual-cultural development from birth through young adulthood in the context of the range of social systems

The Union University School of Social Work offers its program leading to the Bachelor of Social Work to qualified adult students on both the Jackson and Germantown Campuses.

An applicant must meet University admission requirements, must have at least 60 hours earned toward a bachelor's degree, and must be at least 24 years of age to qualify for the BSW-Adult Studies Program. Admission to the Social Work Program parallels that in the traditional program as detailed in School of Social Work chapter.

For additional program information, including direct contact information to program personnel, check www.uu.edu/bsw.

A student receiving a Bachelor of Social Work degree