



Social Work

Program Mission Statement

The mission of the University of North Florida (UNF) Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program is to prepare students with the generalist knowledge, values, and skills to provide effective social work services to diverse client systems (e.g., individuals, families, organizations, communities) in a variety of practice settings (e.g., schools, hospitals, not-for-profits, government agencies). Our curriculum is designed to enhance students' understanding of and sensitivity to economic and social inequalities and foster commitment to serving and advocating for the well-being of those who are vulnerable, marginalized, and oppressed. To this end, all students are required to complete 450 hours of field education in which they work in a local human service agency under the supervision of one of the program's community partners. This field education is critical to students' preparation for generalist social work practice and reflects the program's overall commitment to community-based learning and service. BSW faculty are actively engaged in service and scholarship to improve social work service delivery to the impoverished and marginalized individuals and groups with whom our students will work.

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

Content/Discipline-Specific Knowledge/Skills

- Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly
- Apply social work ethical principles to guide professional practice
- Engage diversity and difference in practice
- Advance human rights and social justice
- Engage in research-informed practice and practice-informed research
- Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment
- Engage in policy practice to advance social and economic well-being and to deliver effective social work services
- Respond to contexts that shape practice
- Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
- Intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
- Evaluate individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities

Communication Skills

- Engage individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities

Critical Thinking Skills

- Apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments

Assessment Approaches

In accordance with the accreditation requirements of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the BSW Program prepares students for generalist social work practice through the mastery of ten core competencies. Our assessment entails a three-pronged approach designed to collect data regarding the mastery of these competencies from the perspectives of the Agency Field Instructors, the students, and the BSW faculty. To this end, we utilize three assessment measures, including a Field Student Evaluation, a Student Self-Evaluation, and an objective exit exam.