SOCIAL WORK

The Department of Social Work mission is to prepare competent, ethical social workers who will become the backbone of the social services delivery system in the Piedmont Triad and beyond. Students learn to engage with others at the intersection of person and environment, race, class, gender identity, and sexual orientation to promote healthy functioning for individuals, families, groups, and communities. Our purpose is the transformation of personal history into professional identity through mentoring, teaching, and our signature pedagogy—field education, research, and engaged scholarship. Learning takes place within an intentional, collaborative community that respects and embraces diversity and promotes inclusion.

Degree Outcomes

- Graduates are qualified to begin work in community-based organizations engaging in direct social work practice.
- Many graduates continue their studies at top-tier graduate-level social work programs, such as The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Columbia University, and the University of Michigan.

The Student Experience

- The Social Work degree prepares students for beginning generalist social work practice. The program is a 41-hour major with two community-based volunteer placements and a 440-hour internship during which students apply theoretical knowledge and skills to social work practice.
- The program has a joint BSW field education program with North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University through which students are placed in a variety of practice settings to complete their internships.
- Students have leadership opportunities in the National Association of Social Workers Student Organization and Phi Alpha Honor Society.
- The Council on Social Work Education assesses students on their mastery of competencies—dimensions of social work practice that all social workers are expected to master during their professional training.

Accolades & Accomplishments

- The number of hours students work in the community distinguishes our program. By the end of the undergraduate degree, students will have engaged in more than 500 hours of community-based service.
- Our BSW program has been continuously accredited since 1973.

Accreditations & Affiliations

- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- National Association of Social Workers
Additional Requirements

Students must:
• have completed “215 Introduction to Social Work” with a C or better
• have a minimum 2.5 GPA
• have completed at least 51 credit hours
• be currently enrolled in BOTH “SWK 310 Social Policy and Services” and “SWK 311 Human Behavior and Social Environment” OR have completed SWK 215, 310, and 311 with a C or higher
• complete an official application for admission