

Social Work



program

Social work is a profession that applies knowledge about people and society to help persons, groups, or communities meet a diversity of needs, solve a wide range of problems, promote social justice, and assist people in becoming empowered. The baccalaureate program in social work prepares students for generalist social work practice. As beginning professional social workers, graduates typically work in the areas of child welfare, juvenile and adult corrections, public assistance, health and mental health, aging, domestic violence, and chemical dependency, among others.

The undergraduate program in social work awards a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the national accrediting agency for social work. Accreditation standards require a solid core of courses on social welfare issues and policies, social work practice skills, basic social science research methods, and a broad background in the liberal arts with special emphasis on psychology, biology, economics, politics, sociology, organization, and diverse ethnic groups. In fulfilling the academic requirements for social work, students must also uphold the values of the profession of Social Work's Code of Ethics. Accreditation means the program meets the council's curriculum standards for preparing graduates to work at social service agencies.

Major

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• Social Work (BS)

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career opportunities

Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BSSW) graduates can expect employment in child welfare, public welfare, drug and alcohol abuse, mental health, health care, family service, developmental disabilities, industry, business and labor, schools and youth, and services for the aged. Our nationally accredited Social Work major prepares graduates in the major to work in the field upon graduation with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Those with an associate degree in certain fields can enroll to complete their BSSW. The program is all-embracing of racial, ethnic, sexual orientation, and gender diversity. The classes routinely deal with these issues, and our students participate in professional cultural conferences so they can better understand these important factors. The program is designed for persons who wish to become a professional social worker in social service agencies, and for practicing paraprofessionals who seek additional professional development through the degree program. Persons who already have an undergraduate degree in psychology, sociology, allied health, communication and education will find the program complements their existing expertise and opens new employment opportunities.

"This re-affirmation guarantees for the public that the academic standards are such that our program is top-notch in the county and the state"

-Dr. Thomas Bechard

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internships

SRU's course of study culminates in an extensive internship program. Social work students undertake 540 hours of onsite observation and participation before graduation, giving students a solid foundation for employment. Slippery Rock's Social Work program has over 180 internship sites that provide students a wide variety of options.

For example, SRU partners with the Pennsylvania Department of Children and Youth Services, allowing social work majors to complete internships at regional agencies and receive hands-on experience. Those participating in the program receive financial assistance in their senior year. After graduation, they are guaranteed a social work position in one of the state's 67 county child welfare agencies.

"As a recent graduate of Slippery Rock University's School of Social Work, I received a diverse, well-rounded, generalist foundation that prepared me to enter the work force as a confident social work professional. The degree allows me to practice at a community level where I am helping low-income individuals and families obtain necessary comprehensive social services. In addition, because the SRU degree in social work is accredited by the CSWE, it has also given me the opportunity to apply to graduate schools of social work as an advanced standing student; thereby, making it quicker to obtain a masters in social work. In the short time since obtaining my degree, I have found the social work profession to be extremely rewarding. I met many wonderful people and professors while attending Slippery Rock and I am proud to say I am a SRU grad."

-Daryl Ann Milcic, BSSW

scholarships

SRU makes available a variety of scholarships to new freshmen. High-achieving students are encouraged to apply for admission early in order to be considered for some academic scholarships that are awarded based solely on the student's academic record.

Social Work majors may apply for the McMullen Scholarship. As a full-time SWCJ major who has completed 54 credits and demonstrates both financial need and academic achievement, you may apply for the \$1000 scholarship by contacting the chairperson of the Department of Social Work, Criminology, and Criminal Justice, 004 Spotts World Culture building, 724-738-2084.

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