

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Slippery Rock University Social Work Program to educate baccalaureate level generalist practitioners with a strong liberal arts foundation. The Social Work Program is committed to educating beginning level generalist practitioners to advocate for the social and economic justice of oppressed populations, to empower oppressed groups to become actively involved in promoting change at the individual, family, group, community, state, and national levels, and to develop reflective social work practitioners who demonstrate an awareness of personal and professional self.

Program Outcomes

The six goals of the Social Work Program are as follows:

1. To graduate students with a baccalaureate (B.S.) degree in Social Work who are competent to begin generalist social work practice.
2. To graduate students who are well prepared to enter graduate schools of Social Work, either directly after receiving the undergraduate degree, or after a period of practice.
3. To contribute to the intellectual, ethical, and emotional development of our students in order to enhance their awareness and involvement as citizens in the broad social welfare issues of our times.
4. To sensitize students to the human condition in order that they might develop a respect for human dignity, diversity, and freedom.
5. For students who are uncertain about a career choice, to provide a clear and honest introduction to the responsibilities and rewards of a Social Work career, so that they can make informed career choices.
6. To help meet the human resource needs for baccalaureate level social workers in the diverse mix of rural, small town, and metropolitan areas from which our students come and to which many wish to return.