

# SOCIAL WORK

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK  
COLLEGE OF HEALTH, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE



## MAJOR

- Social Work (BS)

## MINORS

- Animal-Assisted Intervention
- Gerontology
- Social Work

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK?

Graduates are prepared for careers in child welfare, aging services, drug and alcohol treatment, mental health, family services, corrections, community organizing and working with people who have developmental disabilities. Employers can range from several industries, as well as schools and non-profit organizations. Students who major or minor in psychology, criminology, sociology, allied health, communication, aging and non-profit studies will find the social work program complements their existing expertise and opens new employment opportunities.

## SOCIAL WORK AT SRU

Social work majors at SRU can expect a world-class education. Faculty members have decades of clinical, group, administrative and policy experience. Learning occurs in the classroom and through internships, service-learning and other real-world settings. Our graduates are leaders with successful careers as clinicians, community organizers, directors and educators. Both academic and professional advising is provided to students to assist with their understanding of career options and obtaining professional goals.

Because SRU's program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, our graduates are afforded advanced standing in most master's degree programs in social work. SRU's Master's of Social Work program allows student to complete a master's degree in one calendar year. The specialization in advanced clinical practice with children, adults, and families builds on content in the generalist foundation curriculum to further develop students' abilities to engage, assess, and intervene with client systems.

## WHY CHOOSE SOCIAL WORK AT SRU?

- 1. World-class faculty:** Our faculty have extensive experience in their respective fields. They are committed to the profession and continue to serve in their areas of expertise.
- 2. Curriculum:** The curriculum includes practical learning that will give students the competencies needed to begin a career in social work.
- 3. Internships:** The program offers more than 120 different sites for students to complete their internship requirements. Many of the internships are paid, and some lead to work after graduation. By using video streaming in the Senior Seminar, the program can meet a student's national or international career interests, accommodating internships from Chicago to China.
- 4. Advising:** We pride ourselves on excellent academic advising that focuses on students' learning and career goals, maintained by a written policy in the Social Work Student Handbook.
- 5. Assistance with job placement:** Almost all graduates find employment or are accepted to graduate programs soon after graduation. Working with hundreds of agencies in the region, faculty know where the jobs are and help our graduates find employment. Our job isn't done until you've graduated and you're employed or in a graduate program.

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## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Butler County Children and Youth Services
- Victim Outreach Intervention Center (VOICE), Butler County
- Lawrence County Community Action
- The Bair Foundation (private child welfare), Pennsylvania and Ohio
- Gateway Drug and Alcohol Services
- Auberle (children and family services), McKeesport, Pennsylvania
- Allegheny County Children and Youth Services
- Clarion Hospital Psychiatric Center
- Children's Hospital Pittsburgh
- Community Guidance Center of Mercer County
- State Correctional Institution - Mercer County
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services, Human Services Center, New Castle, PA

## CAREER OUTCOMES

While many SRU social work majors will continue their education after earning their bachelor's degree, graduates of the department have secured careers in the following areas:

- Caseworker, Butler County Children and Youth
- Childcare Worker, Auberle, McKeesport, Pennsylvania
- Prevention Education Advocate, VOICE of Butler County
- Social Worker, Jameson Hospital
- Child Protective Services Worker, Lawrence County Children and Youth
- Social Worker, Family Pathways
- Social Worker, Butler Health Systems
- Caseworker, Beaver County Children and Youth
- Youth Counselor, George Junior Republic
- Caseworker, Area Agency on Aging

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Omicron Upsilon is SRU's Chapter of Phi Alpha, the Social Work Honor Society
- Social Work Association



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### Donielle Libson, '17

*Trauma Coach at Frontline Services, Cleveland, OH*

"The relationships I was able to develop with my professors really helped me to understand what my passion was and how social work would allow me to do that and more!"

### Genna Miller, '15

*Graduate student, University of Michigan*

"SRU's social work program gave me the tools and experiences to figure out what area of social work I wanted to pursue. The professors and faculty are knowledgeable in the field with years of experience before teaching and are always willing to go above and beyond what is happening in the classroom. The faculty encourage dual majors and help guide you in finding a right mix. I would highly recommend the social work program at SRU."

### Kyla Gray, '14

*Social worker, UPMC Jameson*

"My social work degree from SRU prepared me for all aspects of the social work field. The curriculum provided me the knowledge and experience to work with all types of clients and has made me a more flexible and well-rounded individual. I was able to advance quickly in my career."

### Mike Crum, '11

*Master resilience trainer, Army National Guard*

"I can humbly say that I would not be where I am today without the experiences I had at SRU. I was able to shape, develop and implement the leadership skills I needed to be a social worker."

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