

SOCIAL WORK

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS



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, including the SRU Master of Social Work (MSW) program. Advanced standing allows students to complete an MSW degree in one calendar year. SRU's MSW program builds upon the BSW generalist foundation by offering a specialization in advanced clinical practice with children, adults, and families.

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. Community engaged learning and internships:** Students are engaged with the community through service learning that is directly connected to their courses. The program also offers a variety of options for students to complete their senior field experience, which often leads to employment and always offers students the opportunity to use their knowledge and skills in a field of interest.
- 4. Advising:** Students receive individualized advising focused on academics along with planning for graduate school and future career goals.
- 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

Social work majors have secured internships in the following areas:

- Allegheny County Children and Youth Services
- Butler County Children and Youth Services
- Butler Memorial Hospital
- Center for Community Resources, Butler, PA
- Child Advocacy Center, Butler, PA
- City of Erie School District
- Family Pathways, Butler, PA
- Glade Run Lutheran Services, Butler, PA
- Grove City Area School District
- Human Services Center, New Castle, PA
- Venango County Children and Youth Services

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

David Ward, BSW '17, MSW, '22

Family Development Specialist, Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County Inc.

"The knowledge and experience the SRU social work professors helped me prepare for practice in the field work. The relationship you build with the professors is everlasting."

Francine Lilien, BSW '21, MSW, '22

School Social Work Intern, Allederdice High School

"I had a wonderful experience in the SRU BSW program! The professors are very passionate about what they do, and they relate each lesson to their professional experiences. With the support of my peers, I was able to work well with others to gain a deeper understanding of different areas of social work. Through the senior seminar course, I was also able to connect with my peers to learn tips and gain insight from their field experiences to help me move forward in mine. The BSW program gave me the confidence to engage in my MSW internship and to be a successful graduate student."

Angela Kenbock, BSW '20, MSW, '21

Family Development Specialist, Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County Inc.

"SRU helped mold me into the social worker I am today. The accountability and motivation from the professors and the social work program helped push me to follow my dreams."

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