



Academic Program Descriptions

The School of Social Work at the University of Central Florida provides outstanding instruction in social work through its Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) programs, both of which are accredited by The Council of Social Work Education. The school also provides doctoral-level instruction in social work as a participant in the interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in Public Affairs. Approximately 1000 students are enrolled in the school’s academic programs, many are second-career students from variety of vocational backgrounds. Through classroom instruction and field-based classes, these students gain the knowledge, skills, and competencies to:

- Demonstrate Ethical & Professional Behavior
- Engage Diversity & Difference in Practice
- Advance Human Rights & Social, Economic, & Environmental Justice
- Engage in Research-Informed Practice & Practice-Informed Research
- Engage in Policy Practice
- Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, & Communities
- Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, & Communities
- Intervene Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, & Communities



In addition to teaching, faculty members in the school are also actively engaged in research on contemporary issues in social work and in service to the community as project leaders, coordinators and consultants. They frequently contribute to scholarship in the field through their publications, such as journal articles and books.

Bachelor of Social Work Program

The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program prepares social work students to become generalist practitioners who promote optimal well-being, human rights, and social and economic justice. The BSW Program focuses on social change from a regional and global perspective with individuals, families, groups and communities in diverse practice settings through research informed practice.

Master of Social Work Program

The Master of Social Work (MSW) Program prepares generalist and advanced clinical social work practitioners to engage effectively in clinical social work practice to promote, optimal well-being, human rights, and social economic justice through assessment, intervention and evaluation. The MSW Program focuses on social change from a regional and global perspective with individuals, families, groups and communities in diverse practice settings through research informed practice, optimal well-being, human rights, and social program. This program is offered on-campus and online.

Field Education

The Office of Field Education provides internship placement opportunities for BSW and MSW Students. The field office team partners with over 200 community agencies to provide experiential and practical learning that will assist students in becoming agents of change. Field education gives students insight into the wide range of social work settings where graduates may find employment.

Minor and Certificate Programs

BSW Program

- Certificate and Minor in Aging Studies
- Nonprofit Management Minor
- Children’s Services Certificate
- Spanish for Social Work Certificate

MSW Program

- Military Certificate (Campus-Based MSW and Online MSW Students)

For the most complete, up-to-date degree and program requirements, see the official UCF Catalog: <https://catalog.ucf.edu/>

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Other Resources

National Association of Social Workers
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Florida Chapter of the National Association of
Social Workers (NASW-FL) www.naswfl.org