

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM

The field practice provides the student valuable experience as part of the education process. The Division of Social Work has agreements with a number of community agencies for the field experience. You will find that our students in agencies work with:

- Child & Welfare agencies
- Community action agencies
- Domestic violence
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Family services
- HIV/AIDS
- Homeless shelters
- Hospices
- Hospitals
- Legal services
- Mental health
- Nursing homes
- Public Housing
- Schools
- Substance abuse programs
- Youth services

Field practicum is completed at the end of the student's degree program. Field work includes 460 hours of non-paid, practice, professional experience.



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THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL WORK



The Division of Social work is located in the School of Urban Affairs & Public Policy. The Division is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. It was initially accredited in 1974 and has enjoyed accredited status since that time.

The program has a large number of graduates working in the social work profession across the state of Tennessee and surrounding areas. Graduates of the program are fully prepared for entry level social work practice as generalist social workers and entry into graduate school.

A unique feature of social work education is the field practicum students must complete. The content of the social work curriculum is ultimately geared to the practicum. Students complete hours in a social service agency where they are supervised by a master level social worker. Students receive course work in the following areas:

- Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- Social Policy
- Research
- Social Work Practice
- Cultural Competence

THE MISSION OF THE SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

“The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well being and help meet the basic needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs of empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty. A historic and defining feature of social work is the profession’s focus on individual well being in a social context and the well being of society.”



... From the preamble of the NASW Code of Ethics

Social workers deal with the most vulnerable groups in our society. Careful analysis and self awareness should characterize each student of social work. **Each student should examine their own beliefs, values, and attitudes to determine if they can work with diverse populations which include but are not limited to:**

- Children
- Racial & ethnic groups
- The poor
- Gays & lesbians
- The elderly
- Women



WHAT MAKES SOCIAL WORK UNIQUE?



Social work advocates for social justice.

Social work recognizes that at times individuals don't need to change but larger systems such as the community and social policies need to change.

Social work examines the relationship the person has with the environment.

Social workers stand in the face of adversity even when issues are not popular.

Social work seeks the elimination of all forms of discrimination.

Social workers have professional organizations such as the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), which advocates for social workers, clients, oppressed groups, and social justice at the local, state, and national level, and the Council on Social Work Education (CWSE), which accredits social work programs.

Social work seeks to promote the general welfare of society.

Social work is 100 years old.

