

SOCIAL WORK

Mission Statement

The mission of the social work program is to prepare beginning generalist social work practitioners who demonstrate and practice the critical thinking skills, values, ethics, and knowledge delineated by the CSWE guidelines and the NASW Code of Ethics.

Student Learning Outcomes

UWF Social Work graduates should be able to do the following:

Content

- Describe the history and nature of the social work profession and the social services system
- Identify variables that affect individual development and behavior
- Use social work concepts and theoretical frameworks to explain how individuals function in systems
- Identify and describe the forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination
- Articulate the strategies of change that promote social and economic justice
- Identify and describe effective practice skills with diverse populations

Critical Thinking

- Evaluate and apply research studies to their own practice and programs
- Integrate theory and practice skills necessary to work with diverse client systems
- Apply knowledge of variables that affect individual development and behavior
- Apply effective practice skills with diverse populations
- Critically analyze information obtained from texts, journal articles, reports or data
- Distinguish between theory and scientific based practices
- Apply the problem solving method and the best science based practices to problems in social systems
- Access, evaluate and use appropriate scholarly and professional resource materials

Communication

- Use communication skills tailored to be effective with a variety of professional and nonprofessional audiences
- Clearly and concisely gather information to assess and analyze social systems problems
- Adopt APA style writing conventions for all written work
- Effectively develop, organize and communicate oral presentations
- Effectively and efficiently use the internet and other electronic sources of information

Integrity/Values

- Identify, describe, and apply social work values and ethical standards
- Demonstrate professional values and ethical standards outlined in the NASW Code of Ethics
- Apply social justice principles and its critical filter/lens in viewing social policy initiatives

Project Management

- Identify and define the problems, objectives, methods/strategies, and evaluation plan for projects
- Develop Project Management Work Plan with appropriate timetable and work assignments
- Effectively and efficiently collaborate with peers, groups and/or organizations
- Function as an entry level generalist practitioner with systems of various sizes

Civic Engagement

- Analyze and prepare social policy issues to contribute to local and state solutions
- Develop appropriate advocacy strategies on community and policy issues
- Apply democratic processes to team planning and implementation in the community
- Interact effectively with policy-makers, elected officials, and other decision-makers

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

Evaluation of student achievement of these learning outcomes will occur primarily in advanced classes in the major, including Social Work Field Instruction and Senior Seminar, which offer a great opportunity to show how you have integrated your learning across courses. Macro projects, written communication, and presentations will demonstrate what you have learned and what you can do.

Job Prospects for Social Work Graduates

Child protective services Services for Persons with Developmental Adoption agencies & foster care programs Disabilities Family counseling and planning programs Services for Persons with Physical Schools and day care centers Handicaps Nursing homes and ACLFS Courts and detention programs Mental health centers Prisons Residential treatment facilities Probation and parole Vocational rehabilitation City planning, urban renewal, &rural Home health care, hospitals, hospices, development programs clinics Domestic violence shelters, and prevention Alcohol/Drug abuse prevention & treatment centers programs Teen counseling and justice centers

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