The B.S.W. program, accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, prepares students to enter beginning professional social work practice. The mission of the B.S.W. program is to prepare graduates for effective multi-level assessment, engagement, intervention, and evaluation of multiple systems in many fields of practice. Guided by a diverse faculty, the Department of Social Work is committed to promoting human rights, social and economic justice, and respect for diversity to improve the quality of life of those we serve.

About This Major

College: College of Education and Professional Studies
Degree: Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W)
Required Hours for the Degree: 120

The Department of Social Work at UWF offers a B.S.W. degree program that will prepare you for beginning generalist social work. Upon completion, you will become a practitioner who demonstrates and practices the critical thinking skills, values, ethics, and knowledge delineated by the CSWE guidelines and the NASW Code of Ethics.

Field Instruction

Field Instruction Description
The B.S.W. Curriculum includes a capstone Field Instruction experience which places a qualified candidate into a social service agency for a supervised learning experience. Because this is a professional preparation program, students are required to submit an application to participate in both field experiences. The social work major who has met the following minimum qualifications is eligible to apply for entry into field instruction. The Department of Social Work partners with a broad range of social service agencies in the Southern Alabama and Florida Panhandle Regions.

UWF Department of Social Work partners with over 100 agencies across the Gulf Coast, including:

- Alabama Department of Human Resources
- Baptist Healthcare
- Covenant Hospice
- Fort Walton Beach Medical Center
- Fresenius
- Gulf Coast Veterans Healthcare System
- Lakeview Center
- Nemours Children's Health System
- Penelope House
- The Refuge for Women
- Sacred Heart Health System
- United Methodist Children's Home
- Volunteers of America
- West Florida Hospital

Career Opportunities

- Adoption Agencies
- Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention
- Child Welfare
- Child Protective Services
- Courts and Detention Programs
- Day Care Centers
- Domestic Violence/Crisis Intervention
- Family Services
- Foster Care Programs
- Mental Health Centers
- Military
- Rehabilitation
- Schools
- Teen Counseling and Justice Centers

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CURRICULUM

In addition to the University’s general requirements, students enrolled in the B.S.W. program must complete 60 semester hours of social work courses, including two field experiences. A 120-hour practicum is included in the Introduction to Generalist Practice course, taken in the student’s second semester of study. The Senior Field Instruction course also includes a field placement requiring 400 hours to completion. Students are enrolled in Senior Field Instruction their final semester of study. After declaring a Social Work major with the University, students must complete courses with a grade of “C” or better in both academic and practice components. The courses are listed below.

MAJOR COURSES

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Total Hours 30.0

Additional social work electives are required.

MINORS

Aging Studies Interdisciplinary
The minor in Aging Studies provides a broad orientation to the field of gerontology and service to the elderly. This minor is available to all students.

Child Welfare
The purpose of this minor is to introduce and provide information to any interested person regarding the social problems of children and families and the availability of services to families in need. This minor is available to all students. Other electives may be approved by department chairperson.

Social Welfare
The Minor in Social Welfare includes the two beginning courses designed to orient students to social work philosophy, ethics, and practice areas and two social work electives. All courses must be taken at UWF. This minor is not available to Social Work Majors. Other electives may be approved by department chairperson.

Substance Abuse
The Minor in Substance Abuse fulfills some of the requirements for certification from the Certification Board for Addiction Professionals of Florida. This minor is available to all students. A substitute course may be approved by department chairperson.