




THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK (BSSW KNOXVILLE PROGRAM)



THE PROGRAM

THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK DEGREE (BSSW) is designed to educate students for generalist social work practice that focuses on the reciprocal relationships between persons and their environments.

The Bachelor of Science in Social Work degree curriculum, which includes field practice (internship) experiences, is geared toward preparing students to become highly competent social workers who advance human rights, engage in practice-informed research and policy practice, engage diversity in practice, and effectively encounter and strategically work with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

“The practices and qualities involved with being a social worker are things that have always come naturally to me. UTCSW has been a perfect fit.”

Hailey Crowe, BSSW, Knoxville Campus



OVER
95%
OF BSSW GRADUATES
ARE EMPLOYED WITHIN
SIX MONTHS
OF
GRADUATION



WHY CHOOSE SOCIAL WORK?

►► **Social workers change the world** and if you are looking for a career with diversity and meaning, we would encourage you to consider social work. The fundamental mission of the social work profession is to serve people needing assistance and to work to make social institutions more responsive to human needs. Social work is distinguished from other helping professions by its **person-in-environment focus** and its **strong commitment to social and economic justice**.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY SOCIAL WORK DEGREE?

Social workers are employed in a wide variety of fields. Depending on the route you choose, employment is available with schools, hospitals, outpatient clinics, mental health facilities, colleges & universities, non-profit agencies, the legal profession, government agencies, corporate HR & finance, and athletics, just to name a few.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINOR A minor in social justice is open to undergraduate students from any major across the university. In collaboration with Sociology and Psychology, this minor is intended to address the awareness, knowledge, and skills needed to engage in social justice practice.



WHAT IS FIELD PLACEMENT?

Field education is a required critical component of your academic program. Social work practice requires integration of knowledge, values, ethics, and skills. The field education experience enables students to apply knowledge from the classroom to real-life practice settings. In addition, the completion of field education is a requirement of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the accrediting body for BSSW and MSSW programs.



ALL STUDENTS will work with their field coordinator to secure their required field practicum placements that occur in a real-world practice setting under the supervision of a professional social worker.



WHAT TYPES OF SETTINGS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FIELD PLACEMENTS?

The College of Social Work partners with a wide variety of public, private, not-for-profit, and for-profit organizations throughout Tennessee, the U.S., and internationally. Students select from a dynamic list of organizations to secure placements in their areas of interest. Options include schools, hospitals, state and local government, government agencies, the criminal justice system, community organizations, mental health and substance abuse facilities, treatment centers, and many more.

UTCSW
STUDENTS
PROVIDE OVER
230,000
FIELD PLACEMENT
HOURS
ANNUALLY



WHY UTK?



FOUR-YEAR
PROGRAM WITH
LEADING-EDGE
CURRICULUM



IN-PERSON,
FULL-TIME
PROGRAM



LEARN FROM
NATIONALLY
RENOWNED,
CUTTING-EDGE
RESEARCH
FACULTY



FINANCIAL
AID &
SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE



NETWORK OF
OVER 6000 CSW
ALUMNI LIVING IN
TENNESSEE



COLLABORATION
WITH TWO
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