

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW



*social work*  
**MATTERS**

## THE WCU ADVANTAGE

- Quality
- Flexibility
- Affordability
- Personal Attention
- Commitment to Social Justice

## WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY BSW: BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

The **B.S.W. program in Philadelphia** is designed for students that have completed an Associate's Degree and/or the majority of their general education credits, which can be counted toward the undergraduate degree. Classes are offered in the evening to accommodate the schedules of students with work and family obligations.

### The mission of the West Chester University Undergraduate Social Work Program

is to prepare students for beginning social work practice and lifelong learning. To this end, the program teaches the knowledge, values, and skills of generalist social work, with an emphasis on self-evaluation, critical thinking, information literacy, and understanding the intersections of people and their environments. Students apply micro, mezzo, and macro frameworks for assessment and intervention through experiential learning that includes two field placements over the course of three semesters. The program prepares students to adhere to the ethical standards of social work, to advocate for social and economic justice, and to promote the strengths and well-being of diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. Students graduate with the core competencies appropriate to entry-level generalist social work as well as the foundation for graduate social work education.



Goals of the BSW Program are linked to the competencies we expect our students will demonstrate upon graduation, as articulated by the Council on Social Work Education:

1. Engage in evidence-based entry-level social work practice with individuals, families groups, communities and organizations within a multicultural society;
2. Practice according to the principles, values, and ethics that guide the social work profession;
3. Influence social policies with the goal of alleviating poverty, oppression, and social injustice as well as advocating for human rights;
4. Identify and affect the bio-psycho-social, spiritual, and cultural functioning of people;
5. Evidence practice from a culturally-competent perspective which recognizes, appreciates and applies the knowledge of diverse cultures, particularly those that differ from one's own.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A MAJOR IN SOCIAL WORK?

Outreach Worker | Community Organizer

Case Manager | Foster Care Worker

Group Home Worker | Probation Officer

Intake Worker | Youth Worker

Child Protection Worker | Residential Counselor

Social Worker for County Human Services

Director of Social Services for a Nursing Home

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counselor

Domestic Violence Caseworker

Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW) Student

## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

The expectation for enrollment in the WCU Philadelphia BSW Program is that students have completed either 60 credits of general education requirements, or are dual-enrolled in community college in order to complete credits. The following social work courses are required to complete the BSW degree:

**SWO 200:** Introduction to Social Welfare

**SWO 220:** Introduction to Generalist Practice

**SWO 225:** Race Relations

**SWO 300:** Family Systems

**SWO 320:** Generalist Practice I (Individuals and Families)

**SWO 321:** Generalist Practice II (Groups, Organizations and Communities)

**SWO 332:** Social Welfare Policies and Services

**SWO 350:** Human Behavior and the Social Environment I

**SWO 351:** Human Behavior and the Social Environment II

**SWO 375:** Field Experience I

**SWO 395:** Junior Seminar

**SWO 431:** Research Methods

**SWO 432:** Advanced Policy Practice

**SWO 450:** Field Experience II

**SWO 451:** Field Experience III

**SWO 495:** Senior Seminar I

**SWO 496:** Senior Seminar II



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