

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/social-work/undergraduate-program/>

The Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) program at Texas Woman's University was founded in 1946 and was one of the first accredited programs in the state. The B.S.W. provides generalist social work education, including professionally supervised training in agencies as preparation for social work licensure, social work practice, and/or graduate school. The goal of the B.S.W. program is to prepare students to practice effectively with diverse client systems of all sizes, to focus on the structural causes and consequences of social, environmental, and economic injustice, and to equip students with the knowledge and skills to effect positive change. In addition, the program aims to produce graduates with an educational foundation in women's issues who will incorporate social work values and ethics into their professional practice with a strong commitment to the empowerment of marginalized, underserved, and at-risk populations.

Social work career possibilities include geriatrics, mental health, medical social work, community organizer, child protective services, children and family, social service administration, school social work, case management, policy development, program evaluation, emergency services, adult protective services, work with adolescents, and a host of other areas.

The curriculum is organized around six areas of study: practice, human behavior, and the social environment, social welfare and social policy, research, professional development, and field education. Content on values and ethics, diversity, populations at risk, and social, economic, and environmental justice are infused throughout the curriculum. Students are provided with field experience by means of a 416-semester credit hour (minimum) block placement in social service agencies, under the direct supervision of a qualified social worker.

In addition to the University core curriculum requirements, the B.S.W. degree requires a total of 120 semester credit hours with 52 semester credit hours in Social Work. Departmental requirements include SPCH 1013, PSY 1013, SOCI 1013 or SOCI 1023, WS 2013, and SOWK 4903. A grade of C or higher must be earned in all required social work and all department requirement courses while maintaining a minimum overall GPA of 2.50. The student may select, with help from the academic advisor, electives complementary to career goals and interests. Students earning the B.S.W. degree at TWU are eligible to apply for state social work licensure and qualify for advanced standing in most M.S.W. program.