

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE: Bachelor of Social Work

“When you do it right, social work is a feeling that is larger than your own life.”

— Ogden Rogers

Have you always wanted to help others? One of the best ways to do that is through social work. Social work is devoted to helping individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities function the best they can in their environments. The phrase “in their environment” points to a unique characteristic of social work, one that sets it apart from similar professions.

By getting your Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree from Creighton University, you'll be well on your way to a rewarding and fulfilling career. We'll prepare you to make ethical decisions, work successfully with individuals and groups, and become a leader in social service. If you're an advocate for social and economic justice and want to make a difference in people's lives and believe in the potential for individual growth and change, then pursuing a BSW from Creighton is the perfect option for you.

Depending on the state in which you plan to practice, an accredited BSW prepares you for certification or licensing. Additionally, a BSW prepares to apply for an advanced standing Masters in Social Work program, a considerable added educational value. Advanced standing allows students the option for one year less time to complete their MSW; requirements vary per graduate school. Career options with a BSW are as varied as drug rehabilitation, adoption counseling, casework with older adults, child welfare, foster care and family services; work in health care and legal systems and many other human services-oriented professions.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Help clients enhance social functioning
- Participate in the political process on behalf of others
- Engage in a practicum with local community groups
- Gain qualifications for state certification and/or licensing and enter into an advanced standing MSW program
- Change the lives of those who need it most!

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Social Work students engage in the Omaha community in a real and connected way. The Heart Ministry Center is near and dear to the Social Work Program's heart. Programs like the Porto Clinic and Grief's Journey teach students assessment, intervention and outcome evaluation skills that empower individuals and communities to make sustainable changes.

Our seniors complete 440 hours of Practicum work. In the spring semester, they design and implement an intervention for the clients at their practicum site. They present their plan and findings during an annual Poster Showcase. Social Work students are well prepared for field work.

CAREER OUTLOOK

For sheer variety, few professions can match social work, which offers a range of opportunities in public & non-profit agencies, hospitals & health care settings, mental health & substance abuse, schools, nursing homes, and countless other workplaces. Social work has a focus on issues of social justice and advocacy.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics states that employment of social workers is projected to grow 16 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. Employment growth will be driven by increased demand for healthcare and social services, but will vary by specialization.

CAREER OUTCOMES

Employment Opportunities

Some of the employment positions recent Creighton Social Work majors have gone on to include:

- Case manager with immigrants & refugees
- After-school & shelter coordinator
- Post-graduate volunteer positions in health settings, shelters, and family/child services
- Health care access advocate
- Volunteer coordinator at homeless shelter
- Family permanency specialist
- Director of Research at non-profit
- Director of Operations at non-profit

Graduate Studies

Recent graduates have also gone on to graduate schools, including:

- Boston University
- University of Loyola – Chicago
- University of Wisconsin
- University of Nebraska – Omaha
- University of Chicago

SOCIAL WORK

College of Arts and Sciences

SOCIAL WORK

Students complete the major courses to graduate with a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW). Students graduate as generalist social workers.

Social work is a practice-based profession and a major that pairs well with other majors and minors, allowing students to complete additional studies in areas of interest.

For more details on the full curriculum, visit:

<http://catalog.creighton.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/social-work/>

CLASSES FOR THE SOCIAL WORK MAJOR

Course Prerequisites or Co-Requisites

PSY 201	Introductory Psychology	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology: Self and Society	3
	Research Methods	3-7

Major Required Courses

SWK 261	Social Welfare Needs of Vulnerable Populations: Exploring Helping Role from Social Work Perspective	3
SWK 275	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	4
SWK 298	Economics, Policy and Social Welfare	3
SWK 345	Practice I - Social Work with Individuals and Families	3
SWK 346	Pre-Practicum	1
SWK 359	Practice II: Social Work with Groups	3
SWK 435	Practice III: Advocacy, Injustice, Oppression and Ethical Decision-making	3
SWK 460	Field Practicum Seminar I	2
SWK 461	Field Practicum I	4
SWK 480	Field Practicum Seminar II	3
SWK 481	Field Practicum II	4

Electives

SWK 289	Self-Care for the helping Professions	1
SWK 371	Special Topics, Rotates Annually	
SWK 399	Trauma Care for the Whole Person	

Total Credits

43-47

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Creighton University Student Organization of Social Workers (CUSOSW)

CUSOSW is a social work student organization designed to educate others about the profession of social work. We see ourselves as committed to the dignity, worth and value of all human beings, regardless of social class, race, color, creed, gender or age. We uphold social work values and carry this awareness throughout the University and community.

Phi Alpha

Phi Alpha is a Social Work honor society that students may apply to during their junior and senior year. Phi Alpha has a specific focus on education for social work students and service to the community.