The Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) program is a professional program that prepares students for licensure and entry into generalist social work practice in a variety of human service settings. Bachelor’s level social workers empower individuals, families, small groups, organizations, and communities to effectively resolve problems and function optimally within their environment. Graduates are prepared to work as professional social workers in: advocacy, crisis counseling, substance abuse/mental health settings, child welfare, hospitals, youth serving organizations, and schools. With a focus on cultural competence, social justice and working with American Indian communities, the UMD Social Work Program uniquely prepares you to promote human well-being and work effectively within the diverse world in which we live. The UMD B.S.W. Program is fully accredited by the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE).

Why UMD

• Upper-level social work courses are delivered partially online
• Student-centered with diverse faculty, staff, and students
• Commitment to culturally competent practice
• Bachelor of Social Work graduates can complete a Master of Social Work degree in one year
• Emphasis on working with American Indian communities

Acquired Skills

• Develop skills and traits in communication, problem-solving, empathy, cultural sensitivity, and collaboration/team work.
• Understand the importance of developing socially just service delivery systems.

Career Possibilities

Entry-Level Positions:

• Adoption Counselor
• Child Protection Services
• Couples and Family Therapist
• Crisis Intervention
• Hospice Coordinator
• Mental Health Social Worker
• Rehabilitation Counselor
• School Social Worker
• Victim Advocate
• Youth Program Coordinator

Advanced degree required:

• Psychiatric Social Worker
• School and Career Counselors
• Veteran’s Affairs Social Worker
• Executive Director

Scholarships

Students in CEHSP are eligible to apply for more than
100 scholarships each academic year typically totaling $120,000 annually. For more information on scholarship opportunities, visit this webpage.

**Student Clubs**

- Active Minds
- BSW Association

**Faculty Highlights**

- Outstanding, dynamic and dedicated multi-racial/multi-gender faculty.
- Experience serving culturally and socially diverse populations in clinical, community, and policy based settings.
- Actively involved in the community and conduct research with agency partners.
- Recipients of campus and college awards for outstanding teaching, advising, and service.
- Facilitate student-centered learning in the classroom and in community field agency settings.

**Requirements**

Students enter UMD as a Pre-Social Work major. A competitive application process begins each February to select the 30 students who will enter the upper-level social work course sequencing for the fall semester. An application process is a required component of all Bachelor of Social Work programs that lead to licensure.

**Graduate Report**

Recent UMD Graduates Job Placement Data & Employers

Here's a sampling of positions Social Work B.S.W. grads have attained six months to one year after graduation.

- Case Manager - Human Development Center, Duluth, MN
- Care Coordinator - Bluestone Physician Services, Duluth, MN
- Graduate School, Social Work, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN
- Connect Forward Coach - Community Action Duluth, Duluth, MN

For more data see the Social Work B.S.W. Graduate Follow-Up Report. For ideas about Social Work B.S.W. and other majors visit Career & Internship Services.

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**Links**

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