The Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) program is a professional program that prepares students for immediate entry into generalist social work practice in a variety of human service settings. The curriculum has a special focus on social justice and services to American Indians and their communities. Graduates are prepared to work with a variety of different groups in a culturally responsive manner. Initially admitted as pre-social work, BSW students complete a secondary application to enroll in upper level courses. Much of the BSW program can be completed online but students must be on campus for a portion of their social work courses and to satisfy their liberal education requirements. The UMD BSW Program is accredited by the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE).

Why UMD

- Prepares graduates for practice in a variety of human service settings such as schools, mental health, tribal and county agencies, child welfare, healthcare, and community organizing.
- Student-centered with diverse faculty, staff, and students.
- Commitment to culturally responsive practice.
- Bachelor of Social Work graduates can complete a Master of Social Work degree in one year.
- Emphasis on working with American Indian communities.
- Dynamic internships.

Acquired Skills

- Communication, problem-solving, empathy, cultural responsiveness, and collaboration/teamwork.
- Need to be previously or currently involved in community service or volunteer work.
- Understanding of 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
- Services to Aging Populations
- Social and Community Service Manager
- Victim Advocate
- Youth Program Coordinator

Advanced degree required:

- Executive Director
- Psychiatric Social Worker
- School and Career Counselors
- Veteran's Affairs Social Worker
Scholarships

Students are eligible for a Child Welfare Scholarship, for more information see: https://z.umn.edu/umd_cws

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 our scholarship webpage (https://z.umn.edu/scholarshipcehsp).

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 approximately 30 students who will enter the upper-level social work course sequencing for the fall semester.

Graduate Report

Recent UMD Graduates Job Placement Data & Employers

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

- Shelter Advocate - American Indian Community Housing Organization, Duluth, MN
- Social Worker - Douglas County Department of Health & Human Services, Superior, MN
- Behavior Interventionist - Northeast Metro Intermediate School District 916, White Bear Lake, MN
- Mental Health Practitioner - People Incorporated, Mendota Heights, MN
- Long Term Care Case Manager - Thomas Allen, Edina, MN

- Graduate School, Social Work, Multicultural Clinical Practice, Augsburg University
- Graduate School, Social Work, University of Minnesota Duluth

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.

Links

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