Social workers empower individuals and families to resolve problems, and help them to thrive. With our focus on social justice and working with American Indian communities, the UMD Social Work Program will prepare you to promote well-being in our diverse world. Graduates work as professional social workers in advocacy, crisis counseling, and mental health settings. The UMD B.S.W. Program is 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 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 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
- Connect Forward Coach - Community Action Duluth, Duluth, MN
- Guardian & Conservator - Thomas Allen, West St. Paul, MN
- Member - AmeriCorps, True North, Duluth, MN
- Graduate School - Social Work, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN
- 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.

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