Social workers empower individuals and families to resolve problems, and work to promote social justice in our communities. Our program prepares students for social work practice in a wide range of settings; including, child welfare, health care, residential care, mental health, and nonprofit advocacy organizations. We offer specialized coursework in the field of child welfare and working with American Indian communities. Our internship program in community agencies provides students with hands-on experience. The UMD BSW 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 responsive practice
- Bachelor of Social Work graduates can complete a Master of Social Work at UMD in one year and will have advanced standing in most other MSW programs
- Emphasis on working with American Indian communities
- Extensive internship opportunities

**Acquired Skills**

- Develop skills in advocacy, communication, leadership, problem-solving, cultural responsiveness, collaboration/team work, case management, and working with community resources
- Understand the importance of developing socially just service delivery systems, and acquire knowledge of social welfare policies and programs

**Career Possibilities**

**Entry-Level Positions:**

- Adoption and Foster Care Services
- Child Protection Services
- Community Outreach
- Crisis Intervention Counseling
- Disabilities Services
- Employment Rehabilitation Counseling
- Medical Social Worker
- Nursing Home Social Workers
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Victim Advocate
- Youth Program Coordinator

**Advanced degree required:**

- Clinical/Psychiatric Social Worker
- Most Supervisory and management positions
- University teaching and research

**Scholarships**

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

- BSW Association

**Faculty Highlights**

- Outstanding, dynamic, and dedicated diverse 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

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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