Social Work

Objectives

Goal 1: To prepare undergraduate students for employment as generalist social work practitioners with individuals, groups, families, organizations, and communities.

Goal 2: To provide students with an undergraduate generalist social work curriculum which results in the ability to:

1. Apply critical thinking skills in social work practice with clients.
2. Understand the value and ethical base of social work and demonstrate ethical practice.
3. Practice without discrimination and demonstrate a respect for diversity in work with all clients.
4. Understand why oppression and discrimination occur and demonstrate advocacy for social and economic justice.
5. Understand the history of social work as presented in Introduction and Policy courses and its influence upon current social welfare programs and policies.
6. Demonstrate knowledge and skills of generalist social work practice with systems of all sizes.
7. Use theory about human behavior across the life span and human behavior in interaction with such environments as families, groups, organizations and communities in social work practice.
8. Analyze, formulate, and influence social policies.
9. Demonstrate the ability to understand and evaluate research, apply research to practice, and evaluate practice effectiveness.
10. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills in practice.
11. Use supervision in social work practice effectively.
12. Function effectively as an employee in social work organizations and seek organizational change when necessary.

Goal 3: To conduct and disseminate research which contributes to the knowledge base for effective social work practice.

Goal 4: To provide professional service which benefits communities in North Carolina.
The Social Work Program at UNCG requires that students master a specified body of social science, biological and professional knowledge as a base. Students then move into learning situations in which they must demonstrate the ability to integrate this knowledge with their total personal resources enabling them to relate in a helpful way to others. Classroom learning, then, must be supplemented by personal maturity, commitment and readiness to effectively understand and use oneself in the helping relationship.

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the ability to problem solve effectively through the use of social work theory and practical experience
· the ability to assess client situations comprehensively
· the ability to intervene effectively to improve clients’ situations
· the ability to access the information and resources, including use of the Internet, needed to practice social work effectively
· the ability to advocate for clients, vulnerable populations, and oneself
· the ability to work as a productive member of a team
· the ability to work with people from other disciplines
· the ability to form positive relationships with clients and others
· the ability to communicate effectively with others
· the ability to write clearly
· the ability to speak in public satisfactorily
· the ability to understand how the environment affects the well-being of humans
· the ability to understand how public policies affect social work and its clients
· the ability to be an informed consumer of research
· the ability to produce useful social work research
· the ability to appreciate the strengths of diverse cultures
· the ability to be tolerant of the values of others
· the ability to practice as a culturally competent and globally aware social worker
· the ability to take care of oneself, mentally and physically

1. student course evaluations
2. student employment data
3. alumni surveys
4. results from student focus groups
5. admissions information
6. enrollment and retention information

Mission
1.2 Department of Social Work Program Objectives
As presented in the previous section, three categories of goals, which stem from our program mission, have been identified by our program: providing quality social work education for students; professional service; and research and scholarship. Our program objectives, which are identified below, are specific, measurable statements which serve to
help us reach our program goals. Under each objective, we have identified the measurement indicator and procedure. The actual results of our measurement for each objective are presented later in this section.

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The mission statement of the Department of Social Work reads as follows:

"Our mission is to use our Departmental expertise to improve the lives of people throughout the world. We accomplish our mission in three ways: by educating social workers to have the highest level of skills; by providing leadership and expertise to the public which significantly improve the interaction of people and society; by conducting change-oriented research to promote social and economic justice and to ensure the well-being of all people.

We are passionately committed to encouraging students' personal and professional growth, to appreciating diversity, to using a global perspective to view the world, and to preparing students to be highly regarded social workers."

Attainment of the goals outlined in question #6 will result in students who possess the highest level of skills needed to produce effective social work.