



Social Work



Special Points of Interest

- Students will gain skills in critical thinking, research, and leadership to use in the professional workforce.
- Opportunities to join professional programs for networking.
- Large selection of internship opportunities within Norman and Oklahoma City metropolitan area.

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Interested in Social Work?

About the Major

Students in the Social Work program gain hands-on experience through projects sponsored through the school. In the Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program, students work with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and the Family Services Division. Students counsel children and families who are at risk for abuse or neglect. In the Social Work Aging Program, students with supervision from professionals work in the field to develop the expertise needed to work with the elderly and their caretakers.



What does a Social Worker do?

Social workers are dedicated to helping the people around them improve their lives. Students in OU's School of Social Work learn the skills needed to work with individuals, families and communities to ensure that each person is able to flourish within society. Social workers are needed in numerous positions and in a plethora of organizations including hospitals, schools and government services. Students are prepared to work in numerous areas, including child, family and school social work.



Jobs of Experienced Alumni

- Social worker, Prevention Point Philadelphia
- Resource coordinator, Oklahoma State
- Department of Education
- Community planner, Oklahoma Child Care
- Resource and Referral Association
- Development director, Mental Health Association
- Social worker, State of Oklahoma

Phi Alpha

The purpose of the Phi Alpha Honor Society is to provide a closer bond between students of social work that promotes humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites members who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work.

Social Work Curriculum

All students begin as Pre-Social Work, and once they have completed all prerequisite courses and have at least the minimum GPA and Junior standing, can apply for full admission to the program. Acceptance into the Social Work Program is based upon an assessment of the student's capability in several areas:

- Academic success
- Possessing a value base consistent with social work values and ethics
- Interest in, and commitment to, social work
- Personal characteristics which underpin the ability to work with diverse clients.

In order to remain in the program and to graduate with a BA in Social Work, students must maintain a 2.50 overall minimum GPA in required social work courses and make at least a grade of C in every required social work course. Students also must maintain a commitment to social work ethics and demonstrate personal characteristics necessary to address social issues that impact the poor, disadvantaged, oppressed, and persons at risk.