

Winthrop University

DEPARTMENT OF

Social Work

The Department of Social Work offers a challenging and rewarding curriculum taught by national caliber faculty dedicated to student learning. When you complete the program you'll earn the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree. The social work program prepares you for professional social work practice with diverse clients in a variety of settings, including hospitals, nursing homes, hospice agencies, schools, group homes, homelessness service agencies, child welfare agencies, and others. After graduation, you are prepared to engage in assessment and intervention with individuals, families, groups, and communities. The BSW degree is a versatile degree that develops critical thinking skills, interpersonal communication skills, and cultural competence skills that are essential to the professional workplace.

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Welcome to the Department of Social Work, where we care about preparing professional social workers who will make a positive difference in the world. Social work is the profession of people helping people. If you are committed to improving human lives, if you value human diversity, and if you believe in the importance of person-centered service systems, then social work may be the profession for you. I invite you to join the social work learning community at Winthrop, where we are dedicated to state of the art social work education in a student-centered learning environment. Excellence matters at Winthrop social work—come join us!

Quick Facts

5 years means you could complete both your B.S.W. and your M.S.W.

50+1 Graduates of the social work program are eligible to practice in every state plus Canada!

1 program is nationally accredited by the Council on Social Work Education

Degree Programs

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

Minor in Social Welfare

Master of Social Work (MSW)

"As a non-traditional student, earning my BSW degree from **Winthrop prepared me** to pursue an MSW degree as an advanced standing student. **I will have earned both a BSW degree and an MSW degree in just five years.**" - Amber Paige, BSW 2016 and Advanced Standing MSW Student

Co-Curricular Experiences Open To All Social Work Majors

- Social Work Internships
- Study Abroad
- Undergraduate Research

Extra-Curricular Activities Open To All Social Work Majors

- BSW Club
- Phi Alpha Honor Society

Freshman Class Schedule

ACAD 101	Introduces first-year students to the concepts, resources, and skills necessary for successful higher learning and facilitates the student's adjustment to the learning academy.
WRIT 101	Introduces students to college-level, thesis-driven, research-based writing. Focus on planning, organizing, and developing persuasive essays.
SCWK 200	Introduction to the social work profession and the nature, goals, and many different arenas of social work practice.
PSYC 101	Introduction to the field of psychology.
SOCL 201	Analysis of social problems and policies and programs directed toward their resolution.

“My experience in the social work major has been most eye-opening. The rigorous program prepared me to excel in a professional social work setting.”

- Brittany Cannon,
BSW 2016

Scholarship and Award Opportunities

The Linda M. Ashley Scholarship: A competitive award made to a nontraditional age student (age 30 or older) in social work.

BSW Field Excellence Award: This award represents exemplary achievement in BSW field education including excellence in the performance of field internship duties and distinction in upholding the high standards of the social work profession.

BSW Academic Excellence Award: This award represents exemplary academic achievement as a student in the BSW Program, including superiority in academic performance, excellence as an engaged participant within the social work learning community, and distinction in upholding the high standards of the social work profession.

For more information: www.winthrop.edu/cas/socialwork

Potential Careers

In Social Work

- Case Manager
- Medical Social Worker
- School Social Worker
- Child Welfare Specialist
- Adoptions Social Worker
- Nursing Home Social Worker
- Mental Health Social Worker
- Community Organizer
- Hospice Social Worker
- Parole Officer
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Group Facilitator
- Peace Corps Worker



“The social work faculty and staff provided me a high quality education, they were always available to help students outside the classroom, and they provided a family-like atmosphere within the department.”

- Ashley Collins, BSW 2016

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