



Department of Social Work

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Social work is a profession committed to making positive differences in the lives of children, youth, the elderly, families, and communities. It focuses on the enhancement of psycho-social functioning, and teaches skills related to psychological and social health. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, “employment of social workers is expected to grow by 25 percent from 2010 to 2020, faster than the average for all occupations.”

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

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- Fulfills all of the educational requirements to become a Licensed BSW (LBSW) in the state of Kansas and other states.
- Provides the “generalist” social work foundations for professional practice in a variety of settings and problem areas.
- Licensed BSWs are the largest provider of social services to children, youth and families in the U.S.

Master of Social Work (MSW)

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- Fulfills all the educational requirements to become a Licensed MSW (LMSW) in the state of Kansas and other states.
- Provides an advanced level of professional specialization in the field of clinical social work practice (mental health emphasis).
- Licensed MSWs are the largest provider of mental health services in the U.S.

Highlights

- Social workers provide services in an extraordinarily wide variety of settings, including: community mental health centers, military and veteran services, public schools, nursing homes, rehabilitation programs, hospitals, family service agencies, prisons, and youth treatment centers.
- The Department of Social Work offers field practicum experiences in all of these practice settings, throughout eastern and central Kansas.
- Within the BSW & MSW programs, students may choose to receive specialty training in healthcare social work.
- Within the clinical emphasis of the MSW program, students may choose to receive specialty training in school social work.
- Excellent rate of student job placement and passage of licensing exams.
- Largest Master’s degree program at Washburn University.
- Outstanding faculty with vast professional experience and many scholarly achievements.