



NC CHILD WELFARE COLLABORATIVE

Students admitted to the Social Work Program, with an overall GPA of 2.5 and 3.0 in their major, and a minimum grade of B in the Child Welfare course (SWK 3750), are eligible to apply to be Collaborative Scholars. Upon acceptance as a scholar, completion of a 400-hour field internship in an N.C. County Department of Social Services Public Child Welfare Agency, and graduation, students are eligible to work in all aspects of child welfare.



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Class of 2018

LICENSURE IN SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK

Methodist University is certified by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to grant the BSW license in school social work (K-12). To be licensed in school social work, a student must: 1) complete SWK 3400, EDU 2510 and EDU 4070; 2) complete all other courses required for the social work major; 3) be admitted to the social work and teacher education programs; and 4) complete field education in a school social work setting.



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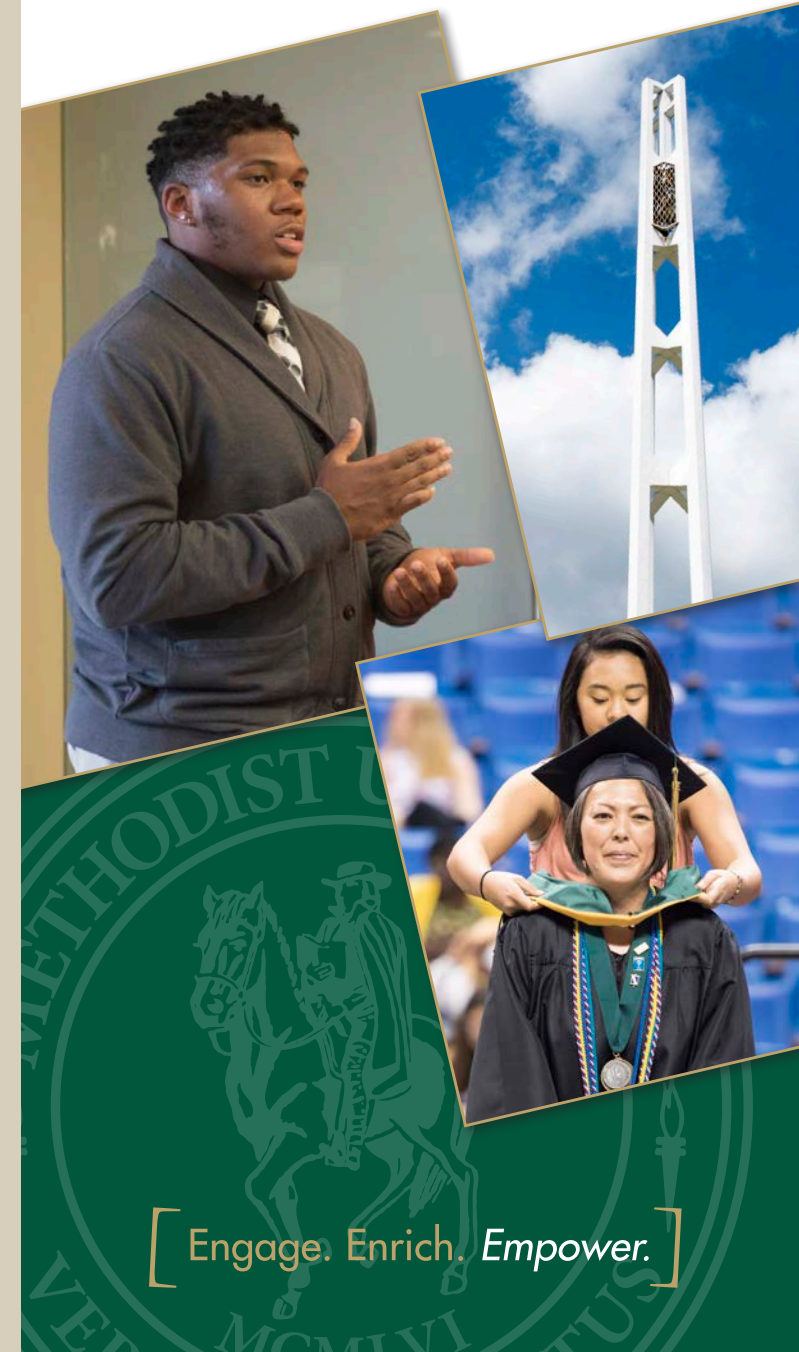
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK



Engage. Enrich. Empower.



THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION

Social work professionals assist individuals, groups, families, communities and organizations to improve their quality of life and ability to function well in a world filled with challenges. Historically, social workers have advocated on behalf of the poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged.

THE SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

Methodist University offers a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree program, which is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The program prepares students for entry-level employment as general social work professionals in public and private agencies. General social work practitioners possess a broad range of knowledge, critical thinking, and culturally sensitive practice skills based on ecosystems theory and the strengths perspective. They are committed to professional values and ethical standards of practice based on principles of human rights and social justice.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Employment for social workers is expected to increase 16 percent by 2018. Job opportunities will increase even greater in child services, gerontology and health-related fields. Social workers can find rewarding careers in:

- ◆ Child service agencies
- ◆ Mental health agencies
- ◆ Social service departments
- ◆ Health departments
- ◆ School systems
- ◆ Hospitals
- ◆ Nursing homes
- ◆ Correctional facilities
- ◆ Homeless shelters
- ◆ Assisted living facilities
- ◆ Public safety

Completion of a Bachelor of Social Work from an accredited program makes a student eligible for advanced standing in many Master of Social Work (MSW) Programs. Our Bachelor of Social Work graduates may receive 15-30 credits toward their Master of Social Work.

THE CURRICULUM

The Bachelor of Social Work curriculum consists of a strong liberal arts foundation provided by the general education core requirements. Social work content includes human behavior, social welfare policy, research, human diversity, social and economic justice, populations at risk, practice, poverty, values, and ethics.

THE COURSE WORK

Required Non-Social Work Courses

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| PSC 1510 | Political Science |
| PSY 1010 | General Psychology |
| PSY 3410 | Abnormal Psychology |
| SOC 1510 | Principles of Sociology |
| SOC 2200, PSY 2500,
or MAT 2200 | Statistics |

Required Social Work Courses

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| SWK 2310 | Introduction to Social Work |
| SWK 2400 | Professional Writing and
Critical Thinking |
| SWK 3000 | Human Behavior I |
| SWK 3020 | Human Behavior II |
| SWK 3150 | Helping Processes |
| SWK 3320 | Methods of Social Research |
| SWK 3500 | Human Diversity and
Populations-At-Risk |
| SWK 3700 | Social Welfare Policy I |
| SWK 3720 | Social Welfare Policy II |
| SWK 4200 | Social Work Practice I |
| SWK 4240 | Social Work Practice II |
| SWK 4750 | Field Education |
| SWK 4800 | Capstone Seminar |

SOCIAL WORK FIELD EDUCATION

For the field internship, students are selectively placed in community social service agencies to actively learn with the guidance and support of a qualified field instructor. Additionally, the weekly Capstone Seminar affords students the opportunity to process their internship experiences.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL WORK MINOR

Fifteen semester hours (five courses), including SWK 2310 and four other social work courses (excluding practice courses, SWK 4200, 4240, 4750, and 4800).

REQUIREMENTS FOR GERONTOLOGY MINOR

Eighteen semester hours including GRN 3010 and SWK 3450; BIO 3060; GRN 4500 or 4700; and six semester hours from the following: SOC 3880; SWK 3020, 3050, 3150, or 3800. A student completing a senior-level research project or internship in his or her major field may substitute that course for GRN 4500 or 4700 if it focuses on senior adults and meets the approval of the director of the Gerontology Program.

