



Student Organizations

Concord Social Work Organization

The primary purpose of the Concord Social Work Organization is to give students an opportunity to organize on their own behalf. Student representatives participate on a curriculum committee which acts in an advisory capacity in the social work department. They also participate in service projects, fund raisers, attend conferences together, and play a role in governance of the campus community by attending meetings of the Student Government Association.

Phi Alpha Honor Society

"Through knowledge — the challenge to serve"

The purpose of Phi Alpha Honor Society is to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work.

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CONCORD UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Social Work



What Does It Take to Earn a Degree in Social Work?

The Bachelor of Social Work Degree (BSW) requires the successful completion of 120 semester hours, including: (1) The Program of General Studies, which includes the designated liberal arts content; (2) the Social Work Program Core Courses; and (3) a program of electives worked out with the student's advisor. Detailed admissions requirements may be found in the Social Work Student Handbook online at www.concord.edu/social-work/node/15

What Can a Social Worker Do?

Generalist social work practitioners can work in a variety of fields and settings dealing with human behavior. Below are just a few of the many career choices that are possible with a BSW.

- Children
- Adolescents
- Counseling
- Family
- Mental Health Services
- Addictions Therapy
- Protective Services
- Probation and Parole/Forensics
- Community Planning
- Social Policy and Development
- Therapeutic Recreation and Rehabilitation
- Military and Veterans
- Schools
- Gerontology/Aging
- Hospitals/Health

"At this very moment, there are people only you can reach . . . and differences only you can make."
- Mike Dooley, Writer of *Notes to the Universe*

What Will I Learn?

Concord University Social Work graduates are trained as generalist practitioners through a wide range of courses enabling them to work with a variety of issues and people.

Core Courses Include:

- Introduction to Social Work
- Group Dynamics and Interviewing Skills
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- Social Policy and Services
- Human Diversity
- Social Work Research Methods
- Three practice courses examining working with individuals and families, groups, as well as communities and organizations.
- Field Instruction/Practice Internship
- Social Work Issues Seminar

Elective Courses Include:

- Health and Human Resources Administration
- Working with Children and Adolescents
- School Social Services
- Gerontology and the Field of Aging
- Health Care
- Corrections
- Sign Language
- Advanced Community-Based Research
- Special Topics in Social Work including:
 1. International Social Work Addictions
 2. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
 3. Family Therapy
 4. Intro. to Community Service



What Can CU's Social Work Program Do for Me?

Graduates of the Social Work Program at Concord University are well-prepared to enter the profession upon graduation. The commitment to the students is exemplified by:

- Graduates are either employed in the social work field (most either during or after completion of their internship) or accepted to graduate school.
- The first program in West Virginia to be chartered by Phi Alpha, the National Social Work Honor Society.
- Continuous and ongoing contact with community agencies and organizations.
- BSW's are given special consideration for civil service ranking.
- Availability of public service scholarships with direct access to jobs with the state-wide Department of Health and Human Resources.
- Fully Accredited since 1974 by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

Want to Know More?

For more information regarding the BSW program contact us at **1-304-384-6260** or email us at socialwork@concord.edu or visit our website at www.concord.edu/social-work

"There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone's life" - Mary Rose McGeedy, President and CEO of the Covenant House
