Social Work (B.S.S.W.)

Get prepared to be a licensed social worker through UND's top ranked program.

UND's bachelor's degree in Social Work (B.S.S.W.) is flexible to meet your needs with online and on-campus course options. You'll graduate with a professional degree ready to serve vulnerable people and communities with a special focus for rural settings.

Program Snapshot

Program type: Major
Format: On-campus or online
Est. time to complete: 2-4 years
Credit hours: 120 or less (depending on number of completed credits)

Why Study Social Work at UND?

Our program will provide you with the knowledge and skills to help people actualize their full potential. Those who choose a career in social work are passionate for improving the well-being of others through advocacy, partnerships, research, and addressing social problems, all from a social justice perspective. The Social Work program is nationally recognized for numerous "firsts" in online education, and a high profile in the state and region makes us a great value and a great choice.

In addition to a social work major, students often pursue related academic minors:

- Gerontology
- Chemical Dependency

Social work stands apart from other social science degrees in that most states license social workers at the bachelor's level. Only those who hold formal social work degrees can call themselves social workers.

Accreditation by CSWE

The undergraduate program in Social Work, offering a Bachelors of Science in Social Work (B.S.S.W.) degree, has been accredited since 1974, when undergraduate accreditation first began. The Department of Social Work was re-accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) in 2014. The department continues to update its curriculum to adhere to revised standards established by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education.

Top Online Social Work Program in the Nation

Every accredited social work program offers education, but not every program prepares students to make a real impact the way UND does. UND is increasingly regarded as one of the top academic and research institutions in the nation for social work. We consistently rank among the best for educational quality, affordability, and career outcomes.

#2 - Best Online Bachelor's of Social Work Degree Program

#5 - Most Affordable Online College for Bachelor's in Social Work

#23 - Best Online Social Work Degree

Leaders that Do
On campus or online, UND offers flexible programs that work with your schedule to achieve your educational and professional goals.
Priority UND Application Deadlines

FALL: FEB. 1* (FRESHMEN) | APRIL 15* (TRANSFER STUDENTS)
SPRING: DEC. 15
SUMMER: May 1

*academic scholarship priority deadline

Program Application Deadline

FALL: Apply by March 15 or June 15
SPRING: Apply by October 15

Social Work Undergrad Overview

- Complete a field internship under the supervision of a licensed field instructor.
- Get involved with our nationally-recognized award-winning student clubs, the Student Social Work Association or Phi Alpha, the social work honor society.
- Top 25% program in terms of the total number of undergraduate students enrolled at UND.
- Develop knowledge, values and skills that equip you to intervene with individuals, families, groups, communities, and in the policy arena.
- The first state university to offer a distance B.S.S.W. using web-based videoconferencing technology.

Social Work Careers

16%  Growth rate for social workers through 2026*
46K  Median annual salary for social workers*

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

A B.S.S.W. will prepare you for social work practice in a variety of settings. You will be eligible to apply to take the social work licensing exam in any states that license at the B.S.S.W. level. You’ll also be eligible to apply to any Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) programs.

Social work is a profession valued, in part, for its broad range and variety of career opportunities. You might find a career in one of these areas:

- Administration
- Adoption services
- Child welfare
- Corrections
- Disability services
- Gerontology
- Health and public health
- Mental health and substance abuse
- Schools
- Social welfare policy

When You Major in Social Work

An Social Work degree gives you the strategic skills you need, including:
● Case Management
● Crisis Intervention
● Psychotherapy
● Event Planning

**UND Social Work Major Alumni**

Social Work alumni have gone on to a variety of successful careers with:

● Altru Health System
● Essentia Health
● Development Homes, Inc.
● Department of Veterans Affairs
● Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota

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