

Mission Statements

School of Social Work

The School of Social Work at the University of Georgia prepares culturally competent practitioners and scholars to be leaders in addressing persistent and emerging social problems through practice, research, and policy.

BSW Program

The mission of the Baccalaureate of Social Work (B.S.W.) Program is to prepare students for beginning generalist social work practice in a variety of settings, including nonprofit, private, and public settings. Consistent with this statement, the purpose of the B.S.W. program is to prepare competent social workers who are dedicated to advancing social work knowledge and practice and to providing services to populations at-risk. This includes, but is not limited to, alleviating social injustice, poverty, oppression, and discrimination.

MSW Program

The Master of Social Work (MSW) Program of the University of Georgia's School of Social Work prepares graduate students for advanced practice. Through our two concentrations, Clinical Practice (CP) and Community Empowerment and Program Development (CEPD), we strive to develop future leaders in the profession of social work who are able to meet the ever-changing challenges facing people of Georgia, the nation, and the world. Our aim is that our graduates are culturally competent; dedicated to social and economic justice; and committed to upholding and disseminating the core values and ethical standards of both the School and the profession.

Institute for Nonprofit Organizations

The Institute for Nonprofit Organization at the University of Georgia provides interdisciplinary graduate degree and graduate certificate programs that focus upon improving the leadership and effectiveness of nonprofit organizations. The Institute prepares students with knowledge and skills necessary for careers in nonprofit organizations, and develops and disseminates knowledge to strengthen the effectiveness of those already in leadership positions. The educational objective is to graduate students with the background, knowledge, skills and experience not only to succeed in their careers in nonprofit organizations but also to become leaders in this sector of our nation.

Ph.D Program

The University of Georgia Ph.D. Program in Social Work provides the professional social worker the opportunity to gain advanced training in scientific research and program evaluation skills, for the purposes of developing knowledge that promotes social justice. The mission of the Ph.D. Program draws upon two important areas of concern to the profession of social work: evidence-based knowledge about human behavior and social problems, and the applications of such knowledge through practice. Recognizing that M.S.W. education is designed to prepare practitioners for our field, the emphasis of the Ph.D. Program is upon the development and dissemination of evidence-based knowledge to undergird effective practice throughout the profession. Toward that end, the following objectives address the specific competencies expected of the successful doctoral student.