

Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the Livingstone College's Social Work Program offers the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) Degree, a Professional Degree. Graduates of the program are prepared for entry-level professional employment in public and private agencies, such as child welfare agencies, family service agencies, mental health centers, public assistance agencies/schools/hospitals, and service agencies for the elderly and handicapped. Careers may also involve work with the developmentally handicapped, homeless shelters, and housing programs.

The goals for students' learning and program impact are designed to enable graduates of the program to articulate a practice paradigm that emerges from a commitment to human rights, social and economic justice, and individual and collective empowerment. The following goals are rendered from this guiding programmatic commitment:

1. To provide a curriculum that prepares graduates for competent beginning professional generalist social work practice with diverse client systems guided by values and ethics of the social work profession;
2. To provide a curriculum that prepares graduates to advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice as well as engage in policy-practice and prevention activities that are designed to prepare graduates to identify, assess, and develop strategies that change conditions that impede, infringe, and deny clients these justices with the aim to promote healthy functioning;
3. To provide a curriculum that prepares graduates to engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice in order for them to undertake a scientific, analytic evidence-based research approach to practice to enable them to adapt to an ever changing practice environment;
4. To provide a curriculum that prepares graduates to utilize all stages of the general intervention model that will provide an avenue for them to practice with diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

Preparation as a generalist social work practitioner presupposes that basic cognitive learning and an underlying value ethic that will make a distinction between the social work student and the liberal arts graduate. Building on a liberal arts-general education base, the Livingstone College's Social Work Program views the B.S.W. graduate as one who can perform as a beginning social work practitioner and serve the wider community while yet maintaining an awareness for lifelong learning, continuing education, or advanced specialist study.

Social work majors must meet the forty-seven (47) hours General Education requirement of the college. A minimum total of forty-two (42) credit hours is required for the program, plus twenty-four (24) credit hours of mandated cognate (support) courses and social work electives. Additionally, social work majors must complete six (6) credit hours in Spanish, which meets the foreign language requirement of the college, and six (6) credit hours of College Mathematics, which meets the mathematics requirement of the college.

NOTE: A minimum grade of "C" is required in all social work required major courses, Cognate (support) courses, foreign language courses, and mathematic courses. Students who wish to major in social work must apply for admission to both the college and Social Work Program. There are two (2) separate

admission requirements as specified in the "Admission Procedure" section of the Social Work Program's Student Handbook. A copy of the handbook can be obtained from the Office of the Chair of the Social Work Department. After admission to the program, students must maintain a 2.5 GPA in major courses and 2.0 GPA overall.

All senior social work majors are required to pay a fifty dollar (\$50) field instruction fee at the time they register for the SWK 460: Field Instruction/Seminar course, and must make arrangements for transportation to and from their field placement prior to the beginning of the course.

Social Work majors must earn a minimum grade of "C" in the following General Education courses:

- ENG 131: Freshman Composition I
- MAT 133: College Mathematics I
- SPA 131: Elementary Spanish I
- ENG 132: Freshman Composition II
- MAT 134: College Mathematics II
- SPA 132: Elementary Spanish II
- BIO 140: Freshman Biology

All Social Work majors must take the following Cognate (support) courses:

- CRJ 130: Introduction to Criminal Justice
- SOC 130: Principles of Sociology
- SWK 230: Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences*
- REL 233: Introduction to Ethics
- SWK 237: Research Methods for the Social Sciences*

*Both SWK 230 and SWK 237 are interdisciplinary behavioral science courses and are cross referenced as CRJ/SOC/PSY 230, 237.