Programs of Study

The School of Social Work offers programs of study leading to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) degrees.

Students are prepared to:
- Function at the beginning and advanced levels of generalist practice;
- Employ social work knowledge, skills and values;
- Practice in a variety of agency settings;
- Work with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities; and
- Apply for state licensure.

Learning through Experience

Students select their field-education experience from more than 200 social service partner agencies in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama.

Every effort is made to place students in the practice areas of their interest.

Accreditation

Both the BSW and MSW programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The MSW program has been accredited since 1974 and the BSW program in 1996.

Human Diversity

We are committed to enhancing critical thinking and providing an environment in which students are prepared to serve populations diverse in race, culture, spirituality, socio-economic status, sexual orientation and lifestyle.

Bachelor of Social Work

The BSW degree is offered at both the Hattiesburg and Gulf Coast campuses. Students gain a basic knowledge of the social work profession, social welfare systems, human behavior, policy, research and the values and skills necessary for beginning social work practice. Students enter the program at the pre-social work level, and after successfully completing two years of general education requirements, including 9 hours of core social work courses, they apply to the BSW program. A minimum of 124 hours are required for graduation.

Master of Social Work

The MSW degree prepares students for advanced generalist social work practice and is available on both the Hattiesburg and Gulf Coast campuses.

The advanced generalist preparation enables the graduate to practice autonomously and with appropriate supervision to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW).

A variety of degree plans are available to meet the needs of students. See “Degree Plan” rack card.