



# School of Social Work

**FIU**

Robert Stempel College  
of Public Health  
& Social Work



## Social Work

The field of social work allows practitioners the opportunity to improve the lives of people in society and engage in varying communities. By helping people function the best they can, social workers strive to improve lives on a daily basis or to change policies for the greater good.

Social workers may lead the charge for social justice, affect policies that improve neighborhoods or work one-on-one with clients who need assistance and direction.

At Stempel College, studying social work is an opportunity to learn from renowned faculty who are on the frontlines of social change as well as community engagement and research.

In 2017 and 2018, FIU's School of Social Work had the highest licensure pass rate in South Florida!

The School of Social Work  
is ranked among the

**Top 50**

programs at public universities by  
*U.S. News and World Report* (2020).

## Endless Opportunities

The employment growth  
is projected at

**12%**

This is between 2014-2024  
significantly higher than the  
average 7 percent increase  
projected for other fields.

# Degrees Offered

Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BSSW)

Minor in Social Welfare

Master of Social Work (MSW)

Master of Social Work (MSW) with Advanced Status Standing

Master of Social Work (MSW) / Master of Public Health (MPH)

Master of Social Work (MSW) / Master of Public Health (MPH) with Advanced Status Standing

Master of Social Work (MSW) / Juris Doctorate (JD)

Ph.D. in Social Welfare

## Certificate Programs

In addition to the degree programs, Stempel College School of Social Work offers a variety of certificate programs to complement and augment each degree so that students may specialize their knowledge and prepare to enter the field of social work:

Certificate in Child Welfare Services

Graduate Certificate in Social Work Practice with the Elderly

Graduate Certificate in Management in Social Work

Graduate Certificate in Child Welfare

Graduate Certificate in Addictions

Post-MSW Certificate in Clinical Practice

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK (BSSW)

Accredited since 1974 by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the BSSW degree prepares students for generalist practice social work with individuals, groups, communities and organizations. Students learn to use critical, ethical thinking while engaging, assessing and intervening with clients. Students approach these diverse populations within the context of their social environment, advocating for human rights and social and economic justice.

### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW)

The program is designed to give the student a professional education for advanced clinical social work practice. The curriculum applies a biopsychosocial model within the context of a social systems framework to understand client systems, address problems and develop interventions. The MSW is ranked among the top 100 programs by *U.S. News and World Report* (2018).

The Master of Social Work program is a 60 hour program composed of a 30 hour foundation followed by 30 hours of clinical concentration courses in the second year.

*The program provides a curriculum which meets the current educational requirements for clinical licensure in Florida.*

### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) WITH ADVANCED STATUS STANDING

Eligible students interested in the MSW with Advanced Status Standing benefit from completing the MSW in one-year (33 credits) instead of the traditional two-year (60-credits) program.

### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) / MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)

An interdisciplinary, three-year program incorporating knowledge and skills from social work and public health, with a concentration in clinical social work and health policy & management or health promotion & disease prevention – the MSW/MPH brings together two closely aligned disciplines, allowing students to gain knowledge and skills critical to succeeding in the strategic area of health/behavioral health.

### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) / MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) WITH ADVANCED STATUS STANDING

Eligible students interested in the MSW/MPH with Advanced Status Standing benefit from completing the program in two years instead of three.

### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) / JURIS DOCTORATE (JD)

The MSW/JD is an interdisciplinary program incorporating knowledge and skills from social work and law that bring together two complementary disciplines and allow students to gain knowledge and skills critical to succeeding in areas such as human service administration, public interest law, social work and/or legal practice in child welfare, gerontology or mental health.

*Students must be enrolled in the two-year program for the MSW/JD.*

### PH.D. IN SOCIAL WELFARE

Ph.D. level social workers are in increasing demand to develop and lead efforts to create the most advanced approaches to social work interventions, and to lead social work agencies and units. At Stempel College, students have access to cutting-edge research on substance abuse, immigrant and minority social problems, health disparities, HIV/AIDS, mental health, aging, as well as clinical trials of evidenced-based clinical techniques for use with individuals, families and groups.

# What our alumni say

*"The program included caring faculty who were always willing to help."*

## **Bachelor of Science in Social Work, '18**

*"Professors were always available with flexible office hours."*

## **Bachelor of Science in Social Work, '18**

*"The advising staff was the best that I encountered in all my years attending school. I asked questions and I was offered the help that I needed. When I became discouraged, I was given strength. For that, I am grateful and thankful."*

## **Bachelor of Science in Social Work, '17**

*"At FIU's School of Social Work, I was exposed to a variety of opportunities that shaped me into a professional who is ready to tackle the challenges facing our world. Learning from experienced and passionate professors; having opportunities to conduct research and advocate for policy changes; and putting into practice what I was learning in the classroom through outstanding field placements gave me a unique skill set to be an agent of change in the community."*

## **Master of Social Work, '17**

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