Undergraduate Program in Social Work

The Baccalaureate Social Work Program was granted full accreditation status by the national professional accrediting agency, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) in 1982 and Reaffirmation of Accredited Status in 1990 and 1998.

The curriculum of the Bachelor's of Social Work Program is designed to fulfill the program's Mission, which is to prepare baccalaureate students for generalist practice at the entry level of the profession. Upon graduating from the BSW program at Delaware State University, students are prepared to demonstrate the knowledge, values and skills integrated in the ten core competencies and all 41 practice behaviors when working in diverse practice settings with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. The BSW curriculum is grounded in the Department of Social Work's five underpinnings.

Applicants seeking admission to Delaware State University are expected to follow the general admission procedures. Formal admission into the Baccalaureate Social Work Program (BSW) is decided at the departmental level. The following admissions criteria must be completed: successful completion of two years of undergraduate study with a GPA of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale; a grade of "C" or better in all social work courses and corequisites; Introduction to Psychology; Introduction to Sociology; Microcomputer Applications; a completed application form; and an interview. The Baccalaureate Social Work curriculum is structured to offer a well-integrated program in the liberal arts, socio-behavioral sciences, scientific-analytical study, and professional content courses. The foundation content areas include: Social Welfare Policies and Programs, Human Behavior and Social Environment, Social Work Practice, Research, and Field Practicum. Students must complete general education requirements as defined by the University, social work corequisites and social work courses, including twelve (12) credit hours of field practicum for a total of 124 credit hours as presented in the attached curriculum.

Students are provided individual advisement by the social work faculty from time of contact through graduation. All care is taken to ensure that student career goals and objectives are in congruence with the objectives of the social work program and the profession. NO CREDIT IS GIVEN FOR PRIOR FIELD OR LIFE EXPERIENCES. Students are encouraged to participate in student organizations of the department and University and with affiliated professional organizations. THERE IS NO MINOR IN SOCIAL WORK.

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