Who Can Become a Social Worker?

To become an effective social work professional, the student should:

Want to make a difference in his/her community.

Believe that people have the capacity to change.

Enjoy learning creative ways to help people through life challenges.

Have good communication and personal interaction skills.

Manage time and professional stress effectively.

For additional program information on a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) please contact:

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Social Work (BSW) Program

Students who are formally admitted to Cleveland State University may declare social work as their major at any time. Faculty members are available to provide advising for students in the area of academic achievement, professional development, and careers in social work.

Cleveland State University social work courses are offered during the three academic semesters (Fall, Spring, and Summer) with sections during the day, evening and online.

More than 300 social service agencies serving diverse populations in the Greater Cleveland area provide internship opportunities to CSU social work students.

During the senior year, social work majors complete two semesters of internships at one of these health or human service agencies.

A majority of General Education and Social Work courses can be taken online.

Faculty

All full-time faculty members have Doctoral degrees and are well-known at the local, state, national, and international levels.

Faculty members have received university-wide awards in teaching and community service.

Career Opportunities

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, social work is one of the nation’s fastest growing careers, and the need for social work services is expected to continue to increase.

Completion of the social work degree is the only avenue to meeting the requirements for the Ohio Social Work Licensure.

Students work with individuals, families, small groups, neighborhoods, and large communities.

Cleveland State University social work graduates work in hundreds of private and public health/human service agencies and organizations in the Greater Cleveland area, across the state, and the country.

Large numbers of our graduates with bachelor degrees in social work pursue their master’s degree.

University Partnership Program in Child Welfare

If you are interested in working in the field of child welfare, you might be interested in our collaborative partnership program with the Ohio Department of Children and Family Services. Being part of this program, students receive between $5,000 and $10,000 in financial reimbursement.

There are also opportunities to become involved through social work student organizations, including the NASW Student Club, and Phi Alpha, social work’s honor society.