



Social Work

You have a heart for people, especially people in need. You're a listener, a problem solver, a person others can count on. You feel the need to act when you see economic or social injustice. If this is you, consider a career in social work.

Major caring

Our goal is for you to be emotionally and spiritually strong enough to offer help and comfort to a broken world. Your social work courses will teach you both theory and practical skills for meeting the needs of individuals and communities, while your liberal arts classes will help you understand the physical, social, political, economic and personal environments of your future clients. In addition, you'll learn how to integrate your faith with all areas of your life, including your career in social work.

CSWE accreditation

Northwestern's social work department is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). That gives you an advantage if you want a Master of Social Work degree because you won't have to repeat in graduate school the classes you took as an undergrad.

Faculty

You'll get plenty of personal attention from Northwestern's social work professors, who have extensive experience as social workers in settings like group homes, domestic violence programs, governmental and nonprofit agencies, and therapy and counseling centers.

Real-world experience

An important part of your social work preparation will be hands-on experience in the field. Early in the program, you'll spend time volunteering at agencies and shadowing social workers to learn about different social work careers and clients. During your senior year, you'll complete a 400-hour required practicum to ensure you're ready for the demands of the field. You may complete your practicum locally, elsewhere in the U.S., or overseas through NWC study abroad programs or partnerships like these:

- Denver Urban Semester
- Mexico Semester

Hard at work

Northwestern social work graduates are working in areas like child welfare, developmental disabilities, domestic violence, family services, gerontology, juvenile court and mental health. A high percentage go on to earn their Master of Social Work degrees.

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To learn more about our professors and students, and see what graduates are doing:

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