

THE UNIVERSITY: Located near downtown Chattanooga, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is one of a growing number of institutions characterizing themselves as "metropolitan universities." The metropolitan university mission includes a dedication to meeting the general and professional educational needs of area residents, strong community involvement and leadership, and emphasis on applied research and public service. UTC had been a private institution for 83 years when it joined the University of Tennessee's system of statewide campuses. UTC retains the best aspects of that private tradition, yet offers all the resources of a modern public university.

THE PROGRAM: The Social Work Program at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) is designed to utilize the strengths of the liberal arts perspective and an innovative, learner-centered/ability-based curriculum with enhanced cultural competence training for work with the largest diverse population groups in southeast Tennessee. Furthermore, the UTC Social Work Program incorporates specialized training in child welfare knowledge and skills into the curriculum to address the personnel needs in the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. Specifically, the program's focus is on generalist social work practice with emphasis on strengths and systems perspectives in the context of local and global diversity. The UTC BSW Program seeks to be at the forefront of innovative undergraduate social work programs through its integrated, ability-based curriculum, its integration of social work practitioners as mentors in the curriculum and field experiences, its high academic standards, its use of a learner-centered E-Portfolio, and its continuous program outcomes assessment process.

THE PROFESSION: A social work professional must be comfortable with many different kinds of people and must be able to deal with the realities of people's every day life objectively while maintaining their compassion and caring. Social workers perform many different types of tasks in their communities which may include:

- working with families in the child welfare system who are at-risk for having their children removed from the home.
- working with the caregiver of an older adult to find the right assisted living or nursing facility.
- facilitating a support group for parents of children with cancer.
- working with a neighborhood to institute an after-school tutoring program.
- collaborating with the police department to educate police officers about domestic violence issues.
- facilitating the translation of social service agency materials into Spanish to meet the needs of that population.
- collecting data and writing reports to document the need for better mental health resources in the community.

Three specific areas of social work (child, family and school social workers; mental health and substance abuse social workers, medical and public health social workers) are expected to have an "excellent" job outlook through 2012 meaning there is an expectation of more job openings than qualified candidates and the annual growth rate for these jobs is above average (TN Job Outlook , 2005, June). These statewide statistics indicate a healthy and growing job market for BSW graduates in several areas of social work practice. **Effective July 1, 2006, professional social workers in TN will be protected by title**

protection legislation which requires that positions listed as "social work" must be filled by either a BSW or MSW trained social worker.

PREREQUISITE COURSES: The UTC Social Work Program requires specific prerequisite courses in addition to the general education courses required by the university. The required pre-requisite courses for the Social Work Program are: PSY 101, SOC 151, BIOL 121, SOCW 110, and SOCW 207 in addition to the general education requirements (see course catalog for course descriptions). Students must have either completed these courses or be in the process of completing these courses when applying for formal admission to the program. Students must meet the admission requirements of the University prior to submitting a formal application to the Social Work Program. All students interested in social work as a career choice should contact the Social Work Program at (423) 425-4266 to schedule an appointment with a social work faculty. Prior to being formally accepted into the Social Work Program, all students majoring in social work are considered pre-social work majors.

TRANSFER STUDENTS: The Social Work Program has formal articulation agreements with Chattanooga State Technical Community College and Cleveland State College for students interested in obtaining a BSW degree. These articulation agreements are available on the program's website.

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM: Admission to the University does not guarantee acceptance into the Social Work Program. Selection by the admissions committee is based on information gathered through the Application to the Social Work Program packet. Pre-social work majors seeking admission to the Social Work Program must complete the following admission process by October 15th of the sophomore year; transfer students must complete the following admission process PRIOR to the beginning of the fall semester in which they plan on attending:

- Complete the Application to the UTC Social Work Program available on the program website: www.utc.edu/socwk
- Have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.00 or higher on a 4.0 point scale.
- Have a social work major Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher on a 4.0 point scale in SOCW courses.
- Earned a grade of "C" or better in the following pre-social work courses: SOCW 110 or an equivalent introductory social work course and SOCW 207 or an equivalent Interviewing Skills course.
- Completed the following cognate courses with a passing grade: PSY 101 (Introduction to Psychology), SOC 151 (Introduction to Sociology), BIOL 121 (Principles of Biology I) NOTE: The following courses must be completed prior to the senior year -- ANTH 208 or ECON 101, POLS 101(American Government).
- Complete a criminal background check process.
- Discuss the above application materials in a scheduled interview with the Social Work Program faculty.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (BSW) DEGREE CURRICULUM SEQUENCING
NOTE: A grade of "C" or better must be obtained in ALL SOCW courses

YEAR 1-2 (50-60 hours)	Credit Hours	Year 1-2 Cognate Courses	Credit Hours	YEAR 3 Fall Semester	Credit Hours	YEAR 4 Fall Semester	Credit Hours
<u>Pre-Social Work Courses: (required for admission to the program)</u> SOCW 110: Introduction to the Social Work Experience SOCW 207: Interviewing Skills <u>Other required SOCW courses:</u> SOCW 201: Introduction to Social Welfare Policy & Programs	3 hrs 3 hrs 3 hrs	PSY 101: Introduction to Psychology SOC 151: Introduction to Sociology BIOL 121: Principles of Biology POL 101: American Government ANTH 208: Cultural Anthropology OR ECON 101: Economics NOTE: 16 hours, but 10 hours already counted under general ed requirements	(3 hrs) (3 hrs) (4 hrs & lab) 3 hrs 3 hrs Or 3 hrs	SOCW 306: Social Work Practice I SOCW 312: HBSE I **SOCIAL WORK ELECTIVE COURSE SOCW 333: Social Work Practice with Special Populations SOCW 308: Social Work Ability Seminar I	3 hrs 3 hrs 3 hrs 4 hrs 1 hr	SOCW 407: Social Work Practice III SOCW 417: Applied Research SOCW 412: Field Education I SOCW 413: Integrative Field Seminar I	4 hrs 3 hrs 4 hrs 1 hr
TOTAL HOURS	9 hrs	TOTAL HOURS	6 hrs	TOTAL HOURS	14 hrs	TOTAL COURSE HOURS	12 hrs
UTC GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES: *courses fulfill social work cognate requirements							
Rhetoric & Composition (6 hrs): English 121, 122 Mathematics & Statistics (6 hrs): Math 123, or higher; *approved statistics course Natural Sciences: (7or 8 hrs with at least one 4-hr course that includes a lab) : *Biology 121, Environmental Science 110 Humanities & Fine Art (6 hrs with at least 3 hrs. in Fine Arts): One course selected from Art 111, Music 111, AND one course selected from English 133, 219, 331, History 203, Religion 236 Cultures & Civilizations (9 hrs): Choose Option A or B (option A is preferred) Behavioral & Social Sciences (6 hrs): *Psychology 101, *Sociology 151							
Total Required General Education Hours:							40 hrs
ELECTRONIC PORTFOLIO SELF-ASSESSMENT PROJECT CORE PROJECT CHECKLIST				YEAR 3 Spring Semester	Credit Hours	YEAR 4 Spring Semester	Credit Hours
CORE PROJECT	COURSE	Date Completed	SOCW 307: Social Work Practice II SOCW 342: HBSE II SOCW 376: Introduction to Applied Research & Professional Writing SOC 305: Minorities in American Life **Approved Statistics course SOCW 408: Social Work Ability Seminar II TOTAL HOURS Approved statistics course not counted in major hours since it is counted in the 40 general elective course hours	3 hrs 3 hrs 3 hrs 3 hrs (3 hrs) 1 hr	SOCW 410: Social Work Policy & Practice SOCW 490: Senior Seminar SOCW 476: Data Analysis ANY ELECTIVE COURSE SOCW 442: Field Education II SOCW 441: Integrative Field Seminar II TOTAL COURSE HOURS	3 hrs 2 hrs 1 hr 3 hrs 4 hrs 1 hr	
Agency Service Learning Hours History & Impact of Social Policy Social History Literature Review/Evidence-Based Intervention K-5 Mentoring Project Best Practices Resource Groupwork Portfolio Developmental/Cultural Perspective Literature Review/Professional Writing Project Program Evaluation Project or Community Visitation Experience Field Educationp Research Proposal Field Education Student Learning Agreement I Group Policy Analysis Caregiving Families Field Education Student Learning Agreement II E-Portfolio/Senior Showcase	SOCW 110 SOCW 201 SOCW 207 SOCW 306 SOCW 312 SOCW 333 SOCW 307 SOCW 342 SOCW 376 SOCW 407 SOCW 476 SOCW 412 SOCW 410 SOCW 423 OR SOCW 460 SOCW 442 SOCW 490		TOTAL HOURS 13 hrs	TOTAL COURSE HOURS 14 hrs			
TOTAL REQUIRED HOURS							108 hrs
ELECTIVE HOURS NEEDED							12 hrs
TOTAL HOURS NEEDED TO GRADUATE							120 hrs

** social work majors who participate in the TN Child Welfare Stipend and Certification Program, SOCW 323 and SOCW 423 are required courses as part of that program's certification process