

# MOUNT MARY UNIVERSITY

## SOCIAL WORK 3+1

### SCHOOL OF GRADUATE HEALTH AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS



**Mount Mary offers an outstanding undergraduate program to prepare students for successful and fulfilling careers in social work and other helping professions.**

Social workers assist people by helping them cope with issues in their everyday lives, deal with their relationships and solve personal and family problems. Some social workers help clients who face a disability or a life-threatening disease, or a social problem, such as inadequate housing, unemployment or substance abuse.

People in this profession also assist families that have serious domestic conflicts, sometimes involving child or partner abuse. Some social workers conduct research, advocate for improved services, engage in systems design or are involved in planning or policy development. Many social workers specialize in serving a particular population or working in a specific setting.

#### Fieldwork

Students complete 450 hours of fieldwork before graduation. Students complete three semesters of field placement within two different agencies. These placements provide students with a greater understanding of social work as a profession and give them opportunities to achieve professional practice and competence, and to develop rich professional networks.

#### Accreditation

Holding a long tradition of excellence, Mount Mary was the first private University in Wisconsin to have a social work baccalaureate program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Mount Mary's program has been accredited since 1974.

Students who wish to take the licensure or certification exams in Wisconsin must graduate from an accredited program. In addition, some employers may be required to hire graduates from accredited colleges and universities. Because Mount Mary's program is accredited, graduates are immediately eligible to take licensure/certification exams necessary for employment in the field.

#### Certification/Licensure

Social workers may be certified or licensed. Students who graduate with a social work degree from Mount Mary are eligible to take the State of Wisconsin BSW level certification exam for entry-level professional practice. In order for one to use the title "social worker," he or she must be licensed or certified by the Wisconsin Department of Professional Services.

#### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The demand for social workers has never been greater and is still growing. In fact, some social service agencies are finding it necessary to recruit social workers from outside the area because they cannot meet their social work staffing needs. Social workers work in mental health clinics, schools, hospitals and private practices. Examples of employment opportunities for social workers include:

- American Red Cross
- Child protective services
- Community services for older adults
- Justice system
- Family and children's services
- Health care programs
- Homeless and domestic violence centers
- Hospice programs
- Mental health and community support programs
- Substance abuse programs
- Schools

#### SOCIAL WORK CLUB

The Social Work Club is an active student organization on campus. The club regularly holds food drives, clothing drives, bake sales and community service events to benefit community organizations.

#### PHI ALPHA HONOR SOCIETY

Eligibility for initiation includes a minimum of junior status, a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and major GPA of 3.25 or higher, completion of at least nine credits in required social work courses, demonstration of leadership ability and dedication to social work practice.

# EXAMPLE THREE-YEAR PLAN

# SOCIAL WORK 3+1 | 96 CREDITS

MAJOR

CORE

ELECTIVES

## YEAR ONE

FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
FYS 100 First Year Seminar	3	ENG 120 College Research Writing	3
ENG 110 Intro to College Writing	4	PSY 103 Intro to Psych	3
COM 105 Professional Presentations	3	BIO 105 Current Concepts in Biology	3
MAT 105 Algebra I	4	SWK 200 Ethics & Service Learning	3
SWK 231 Intro to SWK	3	SWK 210 Race, Gender and Class	3
		SWK 232 Social Welfare Policies	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	17 credits	<b>TOTAL</b>	18 credits

## YEAR TWO

FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
Human Connection Core	3	PSY 310 Statistics	4
PSY 214 Developmental Psych	3	SWK 342 Field Education I	5
SWK 330 HBSE	3	SWK 343 Generalist Practice II	3
SWK 340 Generalist Practice I	3	SOC 101 Intro to Sociology	3
SWK 362 SWK Research	3		
<b>TOTAL</b>	15 credits	<b>TOTAL</b>	15 credits

## YEAR THREE

FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
Theology Course	3	Artistic Inquiry Core	5
Global Perspectives Core	3	SWK 492 Field Education III	3
PSY 325 Psychopathology	3	SWK 494 Senior Seminar	4
SWK 453 Field Education II	5	BUS 205 Personal Finance	3
SWK 455 Social Policy & Generalist Practice	3		
<b>TOTAL</b>	17 credits	<b>TOTAL</b>	14 credits

## FOURTH YEAR MSW

SWK 625 Advanced Psychopathology <i>or</i> SWK 635 Practice with Families & Children	3	SWK 627 Mental Health Systems, Organizations, & Policy <i>or</i> SWK 637 Children & Family Systems, Organizations, & Policy	2
SWK 626 Substance Use Disorders <i>or</i> SWK 636 Child Abuse & Neglect	2	SWK 628 Clinical Social Work with Foster & Kinship Care <i>or</i> SWK 638 Clinical Social with Children & Adolescents	3
SWK 640 A <i>or</i> 640 B Practicum & Seminar	5	SWK 641 A <i>or</i> 641 B Practicum & Seminar	5
Elective	3	SWK 662 Qualitative Research	3
		Elective	2 <i>or</i> 3 credits
<b>TOTAL</b>	13	<b>TOTAL</b>	15 or 16

