



# Social Work

## ■ MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

Before being assigned to clinical practicums, all students in College of Nursing and Health Professions programs are required to purchase malpractice/liability coverage.

## ■ CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DRUG TESTING

Based on Arkansas legislation, students admitted to professional programs that require licensure in the state upon graduation are required to have a successful background check to complete formal admission. Information for obtaining the background check and drug test is provided by the program. Costs are borne by the students.

## ■ ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Even though students may declare a major in social work at any time in their academic career, students are required to submit a separate admissions application to the Department of Social Work at Arkansas State in order to be formally accepted into the program. Application for admission is due the second Friday in February. Entrance into the BSW program is a competitive process, and students must meet the following requirements for application consideration

- Must have completed a minimum of 45 hours at a college/university
- Have and maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher to complete the BSW program
- Successfully passed criminal background check
- Prerequisites:
  - SW 2203 Introduction to Social Work
  - ENG 1003 Freshman English I
  - ENG 1013 Freshman English II
  - PSY 2013 Introduction to Psychology
  - BIOL 1003, 1001 Biological Science and Biological Lab
  - SOC 2213 Introduction to Sociology
  - POSC 2103 Introduction to US Government
  - SW 1203 Making Connections (Grade of "C" or better on all courses)
- Writing skills that permit the student to complete the writing demands of the program



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### BSW PROGRAM

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# BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

## STUDENT AND FACULTY PLEDGE

The BSW Program at Arkansas State University upholds the National Association Social Work (NASW) Code of Ethics and the College of Nursing and Health Professions Code of Honor.

## BSW PROGRAM

The goal of the BSW program at Arkansas State University is to educate generalist practitioners who are committed to social justice and empowering individuals, families and communities specifically within rural populations. The program emphasizes the need for empathy and understanding in working with culturally diverse groups, while at all times upholding the Code of Ethics outlined by NASW.



## ■ TO PREPARE FOR A FUTURE IN BSW

### FIELDS OF PRACTICE COMMUNITIES:

- Child welfare (protective services, foster care, adoptions)
- Hospitals, nursing homes and hospice
- Geriatric services
- Addictions treatment
- Justice system (adult and juvenile)
- Mental health
- Schools
- Military and Veterans Administration
- Domestic violence
- Human trafficking and refugee/immigration services

### BSW STUDENTS TAKE PART IN:

- Advocacy
- Assessment
- Case Management
- Community Outreach
- Crisis Intervention
- Intake/Referral
- Interviewing
- Networking
- Problem Solving
- Program Evaluation
- Research
- Social Welfare Policy

### BASIC DISASTER LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPS STUDENTS WITH SKILLS TO UTILIZE IN TIMES OF DISASTER SUCH AS:

- Natural disasters like Katrina (hurricane), Haiti (hurricane), Joplin (tornado) or Japan (tsunami)
- Man-made events like Fukushima or train derailments
- Criminal acts like Jonesboro or Sandy Hook school shootings
- Terrorists incidents like 9/11 or Manchester bombing

*The Bachelor of Social Work degree is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Completion of this program prepares students for being a generalist in social work practice.*

## ■ STAR HOUSE

The STAR House is the newest addition to the BSW curriculum. It is an innovative approach to educating students, faculty and community providers in a collaborative environment. The STAR House is used to provide hands-on learning scenarios resembling real-life situations that can help students gain a competence and confidence through the art of simulation training.



## ■ BSW CURRICULUM

Students graduating from Arkansas State with a bachelor's degree must successfully complete 120 credit hours. The 120 credit hours are broken down in the manner described below for social work majors.

### General Education Requirements: 38

### Major Requirements:

PSY 4533 Abnormal Psychology .....	3
SOC 3383 Social Statistical Methods.....	3
SOC 4293 Methods of Social Research.....	3
SW 2203 Introduction to Social Work.....	3
SW 2223 Social Problems.....	3
SW 3253 Social Work Practice I.....	3
SW 3303 Human Behavior in Social Environment I.....	3
SW 3333 Human Behavior in Social Environment II.....	3
SW 3363 Cultural Diversity.....	3
SW 4263 Social Work Practice II.....	3
SW 4273 Field Experience I.....	3
SW 4283 Field Experience Seminar.....	3
SW 4296 Field Experience II.....	6
SW 4303 Social Work Practice III.....	3
SW 4313 Social Welfare Policy.....	3
Basic Disaster Life Support (College Requirement).....	No Credit
Social Work electives .....	12
Open Electives.....	22

**Total Required Hours: 120**