

# SOCIAL WORK, M.S.W.

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## Mission

The College of Social Work MSW Program prepares graduates to become advanced practitioners who serve diverse communities in South Carolina and beyond through specialized practice competencies in one or more of the following areas: Children, Youth, and Families; Health and Mental Health; and/or Community, Social, and Economic Development. The MSW Program will provide students essential knowledge, skills, and values to practice effectively, ethically, and collaboratively to promote social well-being and social justice for vulnerable populations.

## Program Goals and Learning Outcomes

### Goal 1

The program produces Master's-level social workers who provide competent and ethical practice with, and on behalf of, diverse and vulnerable populations.

- Learning Outcome 1: Apply social work ethical principles to guide professional practice (2.1.2)<sup>1</sup>
- Learning Outcome 2: Engage diversity and difference in practice (2.1.4)
- Learning Outcome 3: Engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities (2.1.10)

### Goal 2

The program produces Master's-level social workers who demonstrate a strong professional identity and ability to advance human rights and social and economic justice.

- Learning Outcome 4: Engage in policy practice to advance social and economic well-being and to deliver effective social work services (2.1.8)
- Learning Outcome 5: Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly (2.1.1)
- Learning Outcome 6: Advance human rights and social and economic justice (2.1.5)

### Goal 3

The program produces Master's-level social workers whose professional judgment demonstrates an understanding that person-in-environment perspective requires a critical analysis of practice contexts and research findings.

- Learning Outcome 7: Apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments (2.1.3)
- Learning Outcome 8: Engage in research-informed practice and practice-informed research (2.1.6)
- Learning Outcome 9: Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment (HBSE) (2.1.7)
- Learning Outcome 10: Respond to contexts that shape practice (2.1.9)

<sup>1</sup> Numbers refer to the CSWE's 2008 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) Core Competencies.