



# VCU School of Social Work

## B.S.W. program

### Goals and objectives

Guided by the principle of promoting social justice, the goals of the B.S.W. program are to:

1. Provide an integrated curriculum based on the knowledge, skills, ethics and values essential for beginning generalist social work practice
2. Offer an educational experience that facilitates the critical analysis of social work knowledge and practice
3. Provide classroom and field instruction experiences designed to promote culturally sensitive practice with diverse and oppressed groups
4. Provide an environment that encourages lifelong learning and prepares students for professional growth and development

### Core competencies of social work practice

- Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly.
- Apply social work ethical principles to guide professional practice.
- Apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments.
- Engage diversity and difference in practice.
- Advance human rights and social and economic justice.
- Engage in research-informed practice and practice-informed research.
- Apply knowledge of human behavior and social environment.
- Engage in policy practice to advance social and economic well-being and to deliver effective social work services.
- Respond to contexts that shape practice.
- Engage, assess, intervene and evaluate with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.