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Bachelor of Arts in
Social Work

“Education for enhancing social change
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The **Baccalaureate Social Work Program** at Prairie View A&M University prepares students for beginning level social work practice. The program educates and trains students in the integration of the knowledge, values, and skills needed for competent generalist social work practice. Generalist social work practice entails a multi-method, multi-level conceptualization, encompassing knowledge and skills for intervention, problem solving and service delivery at the micro, mezzo and macro levels (Landon, 1996, pg 1101). This program defines generalist social work practice as

(a) viewing a problem situation in terms of the person-in-environment conceptualization... (b) being willing and able to intervene at several different levels, if necessary, while assuming any number of [functions]. (and © using the problem solving process to assess and intervene with problems confronting clients [individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities] (Zastrow, 2000, pg 71)

The program utilizes the strengths, ecological and empowerment perspectives as well as systems theory in assessment, intervention and research with various client systems.

**Mission Statement**

The mission of the **Baccalaureate Social Work Program** is to prepare students as professional generalist social work practitioners and provide students with requisite knowledge for advanced study. The Program equips students with core skills and values for beginning-level professional social work practice in both urban and rural settings with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. In accordance with the University commitment to diversity, The Program educates students who will practice competently with diverse urban and rural clients including populations at-risk.

**Program Objectives**

Students graduating with the Baccalaureate Social Work Degree from Prairie View A&M University will possess the skills, competence and knowledge to be able to:

**The Social Work Program does not give credit for employment or life experiences.**