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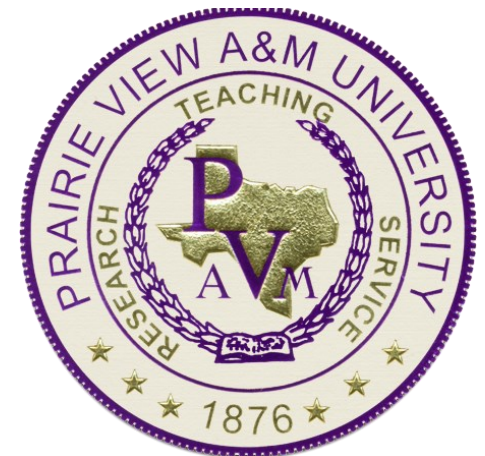
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## BASW Social Work Program

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, 1995, 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:

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### Policy

- \* Demonstrate an understanding of the historical and philosophical antecedents of social welfare and development of present social welfare policy and services.
- \* Understand the barriers and inequities inherent in society including institutional discrimination and oppression, how these impact client systems of various sizes, as well as the strategies of change that advance social and economic justice.
- \* Analyze the impact of social welfare legislation on policies that affect client systems, workers and agencies.

### Human Behavior and the Social Environment

- \* Apply knowledge and theoretical perspectives related to the biological, psychological, social, and cultural aspects of human behavior and the social environment to life situations among individuals and between individuals and social systems (i.e. families and small groups).
- \* Apply knowledge of organizations to understand the mutual impact of human behavior on service delivery systems and service delivery systems on human behavior.

### Research

- \* Evaluate social work research studies and apply those findings to generalist practice with diverse populations in rural and urban settings.
- \* Understand the research process—including methodology and ethical issues — to evaluate their own practice interventions and other relevant systems in order to add to the professional social work knowledge base.

### Practice & Field

- \* Practice professional entry-level generalist social work at the micro, mezzo and macro levels with diverse populations in rural and urban settings.
- \* Utilize the knowledge, values, ethics and skills, including effective communication and appropriate intervention, in interactions with systems of all sizes and types.
- \* Use communication skills differently with a variety of client populations and demonstrate the professional use of self in utilization of appropriate supervision.

### Professional Foundation courses including the Social Work Seminar

Pursue ongoing knowledge and skills acquisition for professional growth and development through graduate study, participation in professional conferences, and seminars.

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

## BASW Student Organizations

Social Work students are strongly encouraged to organize on their own behalf, participate in the governance of the Social Work Program, and through their organizations, publicize social work throughout the campus and the community. The following is a description of current student organizations.



**Social Work Action Club** is open to all social work majors. The club sponsors a number of events that supports the campus and local community. The Club encourages student attendance and participation in professional social work organizations and meetings.



**National Association of Black Social Workers/Texas (NABSW)** Student Chapter is open to all students. Scholarships are available for social work majors.



**Alpha Delta Mu Social Work Honor Society** is open to graduating seniors who have a minimal 3.0 GPA.



**Phi Alpha Honor Society** is open to graduating seniors who have a minimal 3.0 GPA.

**Social Work Student Advisory Committee** consists of sophomores, juniors and seniors who are social work majors. This committee operates as a liaison between the social work student body and the administration and faculty of the Social Work Program. It makes recommendations for governing the Social Work Program such as changes to the social work curriculum and program structure, among other items of importance to students.

### Other Interesting Facts

- \* Diverse faculty and student body with 160+ majors
- \* Practice experiences in rural and urban settings
- \* Acceptance to graduate school at the advanced level
- \* Employment opportunities with agencies serving children, juveniles, adults and the elderly; hospitals, schools, and other public and private agencies

### Some Examples of Placements

- \* Rural Community Centers
- \* Mental health and mental retardation agencies
- \* Drug and alcohol treatment facilities
- \* Agencies serving the elderly, juveniles, adults and children
- \* Occupational/Industrial Social Work
- \* Public Assistance/Public Welfare
- \* School Social Work Service
- \* Social Administration
- \* Aging/Gerontological Social Work