

# Bachelor of Science in Social Work

## Empowering others, effecting change

YOU WANT TO MAKE  
THE WORLD  
A BETTER PLACE.

Start by earning a Bachelor of Science in Social Work degree accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Social workers play an important role in the lives of people of all ages and advocate for social and economic justice locally and globally.

Whether you are interested in working with children, youth, families, older adults, or diverse populations, you will gain the knowledge and skills necessary for a rewarding career in a wide range of practice fields including child and family services, school social work, health, and mental health services, aging services, substance abuse, domestic violence, military social work, and other practice fields.



### THE CURRICULUM

The 120-credit curriculum provides content in human behavior and the social environment, social welfare policy and services, practice theory and skills, and research. The field education component (450 supervised hours) provides students with a hands-on learning experience in social service agencies throughout New Hampshire. The curriculum integrates content on values and ethics, human diversity, populations-at-risk, and the promotion of social and economic justice. Options are available in aging services, child and family services, health services, mental health services, and social services for Spanish-speaking communities.

### REQUIRED COURSES

	Credits
General Education	35
<b>Social Work Prerequisites</b>	
SW2200 Introduction to Social Work	4
SW2500 Human Biology for Social Workers and the Social Sciences	3
PS2010 Introduction to General Psychology	3
SO2220 Foundations of Sociology (DICO)	3
Complete one of the following:	3
MA2300 Statistics I (QRCO)	
SS3700 Social Statistics (QRCO)	
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<b>Social Work Requirements</b>	
SW3050 Perspectives on Aging (WECO)	3
SW 3340 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
SW3350 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
SW3450 Social Welfare Policy and Services	3
SW3510 Theory and Practice of Social Work Intervention I	3
SW3520 Theory and Practice of Social Work Intervention II	3
SW3530 Theory and Practice of Social Work Intervention III	3
SW4000 Social Work Research Methods	3
SW4430 Social Work Practicum*	12
SW4550 Social Work Seminar (WRCO)	3
<b>Children and Families Elective</b>	
Complete one of the following:	3
SW3130 Child Welfare and Family Services	
SW3150 Child Maltreatment	
SW3250 Families, Schools, and Community	
<b>Health and Mental Health Elective</b>	
Complete one of the following:	3
SW3300 Mental Health and Society (GACO)	
SW3500 Health and Society (GACO) (WECO)	
Electives	26-24
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>120</b>



## ADMISSION

Students accepted by the University must also meet the requirements of the Department of Social Work for admission. To apply, students must complete the department's application and interview with a member of the faculty. Once admitted, students must earn a grade of C or better in SW 2200, SW 3340, SW 3350, SW 3450, SW 3510, SW 3520, SW 3530, SW 4000, and SW 4550 and maintain a minimum major GPA of 2.5.

## FINANCIAL AID

Federal financial aid is available to students attending at least half-time (6 credits per semester). The priority deadline for filing the FAFSA for financial aid consideration is March 1. For more information, visit [plymouth.edu/finaid](http://plymouth.edu/finaid).

## CHILD WELFARE PARTNERSHIP

The Child Welfare (IV- E) Educational Tuition Partnership is a collaboration between the Department of Social Work and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Children, Youth, and Families. The partnership provides full in-state tuition and an annual stipend (approx. \$2,500). Upon graduation, participants have a service commitment to DCYF. For more information, contact Dr. Kristina Lind at (603) 535-3077 or [ksl1010@mail.plymouth.edu](mailto:ksl1010@mail.plymouth.edu) or visit [plymouth.edu/departments/social-work/projects](http://plymouth.edu/departments/social-work/projects).

## ACCREDITATION

Plymouth State University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The Bachelor of Science in Social Work degree program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the national educational policy and accreditation standard setting organization for BSW and MSW degree programs in the United States. Accreditation indicates that a program has achieved academic excellence by meeting the thresholds for professional competence established by CSWE.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

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## ABOUT PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY

Plymouth State University is a regional comprehensive university offering a rich, student-focused learning environment for both undergraduate and graduate students. The University offers more than 45 majors and 60 minors in programs that include education, business, humanities, arts, and natural and social sciences. Located in a beautiful New England setting, Plymouth State University has been recognized as one of the "best in the Northeast" by The Princeton Review.