

# SOCIAL WORK

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Department Website (<https://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-education-human-sciences/departments-programs/social-work/>)

The mission of the baccalaureate social work program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is to prepare students to engage in ethical, competent, evidence-informed generalist practice. Graduates will be committed to diversity, social and economic justice, the promotion of community well-being, and the interdependence of local and global issues. The goals of the Social Work Program are:

1. to prepare entry-level generalist social workers grounded in liberal arts educations and the person in the environment construct;
2. to prepare entry-level generalist social workers for practice in a multicultural society within the context of professional values and ethics in public and private social service agencies, especially in those services which meet the needs of diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities;
3. to prepare students to integrate research-informed practice and practice-informed research and to think critically and apply ethical principles in practice;
4. to prepare students for and instill in them a commitment to lifelong learning and the recognition, support and advancement of the profession; and
5. to prepare students for practice with diverse populations and for effective participation in community affairs in a global society through the promotion of social and economic justice.

The bachelor's degree in social work (B.S.W.) is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Graduates of the program are eligible for examination for certification or licensure at the baccalaureate level. Graduates receive advanced standing in many Master of Social Work (MSW) programs.

## Student Organizations

As members of the university community, social work students have an opportunity to participate in many student organizations, including the Association of Student Social Workers (ASSW). In addition to providing important chances for identification and socialization with the profession of social work, ASSW selects student representatives to participate actively in faculty committees. Other professional organizations open to students are the Council on Social Work Education, the National Association of Social Workers, and the Wisconsin Social Service Association.

## Caregiver Law

All individuals involved in experiential education courses for credit in the Social Work Department must complete the background check process and are responsible for the associated processing fees. Students are also advised that past or future serious crimes that are substantially related to the duties of the position may limit or inhibit the student from securing service-learning opportunities, or internship placements, or both. In addition, the student may become ineligible to receive certification or licensure as a social worker.

## Faculty

Leah Olson-McBride, Chair  
Molly Bonlender  
Alisha Meinen

Joshua Potter-Efron  
Lisa Quinn-Lee  
Jamie Tester Morfoot  
Aaron Willis

## Majors

- Comprehensive Major: Social Work, Liberal Arts - B.S.W. (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/education-human-sciences/social-work/social-work-comprehensive-major-bsw/>)

## Minors

- Minor: Gerontology, Liberal Arts (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/education-human-sciences/social-work/gerontology-minor/>)

## Certificates

- Certificate: Social Work, Child Welfare (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/education-human-sciences/social-work/social-work-certificate-child-welfare/>)
- Certificate: Social Work, Gerontology (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/education-human-sciences/social-work/social-work-certificate-gerontology/>)
- Certificate: Social Work, Mental Health and Well-Being (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/education-human-sciences/social-work/social-work-certificate-mental-health-well-being/>)