

# SOCIAL WORK



## Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.)

A Bachelor of Social Work is a self-fulfilling career path that will prepare and empower you to address the needs of diverse individuals in schools, hospitals, mental health facilities, juvenile justice systems, and much more. As a social worker, it is vital to demonstrate a commitment to both the *case* and the *cause*. The case being the service to individuals; the cause being the service to social reform, locally and globally.

- Learn to perform a variety of tasks such as case management, client advocacy, and counseling.
- Possess the cultural understanding and requisite skills to effectively work with diverse populations, particularly underserved and immigrant.
- Make tangible difference in the lives of individuals and communities by understanding social issues and policies from a local and international perspective.

This is a career that requires compassion and dedication where you can truly make a difference in people's lives.

## About the Program

The mission of UHD's Social Work Program is to prepare entry-level social workers for evidence-based, justice-oriented, generalist practice in an urban environment.

This is a 120-credit-hour program. Through field education and field placement, you will demonstrate mastery of the nine competencies that comprise the accreditation standards of the Council on Social Work Education.

As a competent, professional social worker, you should:

- Advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice

## Getting Started

1. **Apply for Admissions**  
[applytexas.org](http://applytexas.org)
2. **Apply for Financial Aid**  
[fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)
3. **Fulfill Testing Requirements**  
[uhd.edu/testing](http://uhd.edu/testing)
4. **Get Advised and Register**  
[uhd.edu/academics/advising](http://uhd.edu/academics/advising)
5. **Pay for Classes**  
[uhd.edu/cashiers](http://uhd.edu/cashiers)
6. **Prepare for Class**

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[uhd.edu/admissions](http://uhd.edu/admissions)

## Median Salary

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the national average salary of a social worker is **\$58,560**; whereas the annual average wage of a social worker in Houston - The Woodlands - Sugar Land, Texas is **\$80,990**.

## Earn Your Degree

- UH - Downtown

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- Engage in practice-informed and research-informed practice
- Engage in policy practice
- Assess and intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities

The social work curriculum is conceptualized as embodying three interrelated fields of study:

- Core knowledge, knowledge and information explaining the social work orientation
- Practice knowledge, knowledge of specific practice skills, techniques, environments and client circumstances
- Application, knowledge informed by the interplay between the core and practice bases and real life situations and experiences.

You will be evaluated both in terms of academic achievement and professional conduct in courses, field experience, Social Work Student Community Advocacy Network participation, and in your formal and informal interactions with staff, faculty, students, field supervisors, clients, and the community.



## Affiliated Student Organizations

**Community Advocacy Network (SWS-CAN)** is an organization that is founded on the principles of service to the community, and abides by the National Association of Social Workers code of ethics. Please email SWS-CAN at [UHDSWSCAN@yahoo.com](mailto:UHDSWSCAN@yahoo.com) for membership information.

**Phi Alpha National Honor Society-Tau Delta Chapter** fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. Our goal is to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideals.

## Career Options

A Bachelor of Social Work prepares graduates for a variety of careers:

