North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro offers a joint doctoral degree in social work (JPhD). Grounded in two richly historic universities, one a historically Black college or university (NCATSU) and the other the historical women’s college of the University of North Carolina system (UNC Greensboro), the program is built on the cornerstones of diversity, multicultural responsiveness, and community engagement. Students in the program will receive the benefits and privileges of being enrolled on both campuses and the degree will include the seals and official signatures from both universities. The curriculum encourages students to explore several aspects of research including quantitative, qualitative, and community-engaged approaches. Additionally, students are encouraged to use electives to explore other areas or specialization in a particular area. Using the teacher/scholar model, the JPhD program encourages students to prepare for careers in academia and as leaders in the community.

Applicants to the Joint Ph.D. in Social Work must have earned a master’s degree in social work from an accredited institution and demonstrate potential for doctoral studies.

In addition to the materials required by The Graduate School, applicants must submit:

- GRE scores (if requesting a waiver, explain why in the personal statement).
- A resume/cv that demonstrates the student’s:
  - Education
  - Substantive areas of expertise or interest
  - Professional positions
  - Teaching or training experiences
  - Research or grant experiences
  - Professional publications and presentations
  - Professional affiliations, honors, awards
  - Service
- A personal statement describing their:
  - Professional goals
  - Previous professional/academic experience as evidence of potential for engaging in doctoral-level scholarship
  - Interest in the Joint Ph.D. in Social Work program
  - Research interest they would like to pursue in the doctoral program and a tentative plan for research
- A sample of professional writing that demonstrates intellectual potential such as a:
  - Research proposal
  - Grant application
  - Professional report or publication

- Three academic or professional references that attest to the student’s academic ability, nature of work performance, commitment to social work values, and ability to conduct scholarship.
- An interview may be required.

### Degree Program Requirements

**Required:** 48 credit hours

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Select one additional course (3 credits) in research methods, which may be from the following or another similar course:

- CST 602 Engaging Communication Scholarship II
- ELC 664 Introduction to Qualitative Inquiry: A Social Justice Approach
- ELC 767

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Total Credit Hours 48
Students should work with their advisor and committee to select coursework that facilitates their dissertation method needs. Additional methods courses taken beyond the required credits may count as part of the electives requirement.

Students should meet with their advisor to select courses that meet their professional interests and development. Students may select courses from UNC Greensboro and NC A&T to fulfill the electives requirement. SWK 885 Issues and Trends in Social Work may be repeated one time for a total of 6 credits. NC A&T courses that may count as an elective include:

- ADED 716 Research in Adult Education
- COUN 709 Statistics and Research Methods
- COUN 770 Applied Research in Counseling
- COUN 810 Descriptive & Inferential Statistics
- COUN 830 Design Methodology & Implementation
- COUN 865 Analysis of Qualitative Research
- LEST 815 Research Design and Methodology
- LEST 860 Qualitative Research
- LEST 862 Quantitative Research

**Qualifying Examination**

Once students have completed 18 credits of coursework, they must successfully complete a qualifying process in order to move forward in the program.

**Comprehensive Examination**

All students must complete a written and oral comprehensive exam after coursework is completed.

**Dissertation Proposal and Defense**

All students must complete a dissertation proposal, oral defense of the proposal, and an oral defense of the completed dissertation.