Mission of the Department of Social Work

Our mission is to educate students to become competent, engaged social workers who demonstrate the knowledge, ethics, values, and skills of the profession. We accomplish this goal within a transformative learning community that encourages the professional development of students, staff, and faculty. We promote civil rights and pursue social justice for oppressed and marginalized people. We improve the lives of citizens of the Piedmont Triad and beyond through our signature pedagogy, field instruction; through our community-engaged scholarship and research; and through the ongoing leadership of our students, alumni, and faculty.

Department Goals

1. Prepare graduate and undergraduate students to become competent, engaged social workers who demonstrate the knowledge, ethics, values, and skills of the profession.
2. Prepare graduates to work effectively with diverse and marginalized people.
3. Prepare students to facilitate inclusion at all systems levels—individual, family, group, organization, community, and policy.
4. Create a learning community that respects diversity and encourages the exploration of difference.
5. Increase engagement with social service agencies and other community institutions to promote social change.
6. Conduct change-oriented research to promote social and economic justice.

Mission of the Bachelor of Social Work Program

Our mission is to prepare competent, ethical social workers who will become the backbone of the social services delivery system in the Piedmont Triad and beyond. We prepare students to engage with others at the intersection of person and environment, race, gender, and class, in order to promote healthy functioning for individuals, families, groups, and communities. Our goal is the transformation of personal history into professional identity through mentoring, teaching, our signature pedagogy—field education, research, and engaged scholarship. Learning takes place within an intentional, collaborative community that respects and embraces diversity and promotes inclusion.

The Joint Master of Social Work

The Joint Master of Social Work (MSW) program represents the efforts of faculty at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NCA&TSU) and The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNC Greensboro). This is a single academic program with participation in instruction by faculty from each department. Instruction is conducted on the campuses of both universities. The program is accredited by The Council on Social Work Education and the curriculum has been designed by the joint faculty to provide students with a multicultural clinical social work education. The model for the curriculum is based on CSWE social work competencies and contemporary, state-of-the-art theory and practice methods. The curriculum is organized by generalist year, specialization year, and field instruction. The primary purpose of the MSW program is to prepare students for multicultural clinical social work practice.

Each MSW student completes 1008 hours of internships in community agencies. A 42-credit hour Advanced Standing option is available for highly qualified students who have graduated from a CSWE-accredited BSW Program; these students complete a 672-hour advanced internship.

Gerontology

The mission of the UNC Greensboro Gerontology Program is to teach, apply, and create gerontological knowledge through collaborative relationships with academic disciplines, community organizations, and businesses to enrich the lives of older adults and their families. Graduates are prepared to be leaders in the profession and to serve older adults locally and nationally through the health, business, non-profit, and academic sectors.

Three goals reflect the mission of the Gerontology program:
1. Provide a transdisciplinary curriculum that gives new and seasoned professionals the knowledge and skills necessary for a successful career working with older adults.
2. Facilitate and support opportunities for students to participate in innovative coursework that further their academic and professional goals in the field of gerontology.
3. Provide professional training and experiences in gerontology in order to enhance understanding of and professional practice using research and theories on aging.

Program Administration

The Gerontology Program is proudly housed in the Department of Social Work in the School of Health and Human Sciences.

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About

The goal of the Gerontology Program is to provide opportunities for learning and practice that create competent and capable gerontologists who meet the needs of the aging population. Students are provided with a scientific, broad and integrated view of aging through collaborative relationships with academic disciplines, community organizations, and businesses in order to approach issues of aging from a truly biopsychosocial perspective. The undergraduate and graduate programs in Gerontology prepare students for careers in agencies and organizations serving older adults and their families.

The UNC Greensboro Gerontology Program offers an Undergraduate Minor in Gerontology, a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Gerontology, and a Master of Science in Gerontology.

Affiliated Faculty

Dr. Rebecca G. Adams, Gerontology Undergraduate Coordinator, Professor
Dr. Elise K Eifert, Gerontology Graduate Coordinator, Assistant Professor

Undergraduate

Rebecca Adams, Gerontology Undergraduate Coordinator
The Gerontology Program offers an undergraduate minor in Gerontology that requires 15 credit hours to complete, including a 3 credit required course, GRO 201, and 12 credits of electives outside the student’s major.

Undergraduate students who plan to undertake graduate study at UNC Greensboro, and who need no more than 12 credits of work to fulfill all requirements for the bachelor’s degree, may enroll in the Graduate School. See the Dual Registration in the University Catalog.

Please see the University Catalog for gerontology graduate programs.

Graduate

Elise Eifert, Gerontology Graduate Coordinator
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A Post-Baccalaureate Certificate and a Master of Science degree in Gerontology are offered through the Gerontology Program. The graduate programs are fully online and tailored to working, adult learners. Programs are flexible and practitioner oriented with a focus on authentic learning and developing practical knowledge and skills for the job market.

The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Gerontology curriculum provides students enrolled at UNC Greensboro in another degree earning program with the opportunity to link their primary discipline with Gerontology. The P.B.C. requires a minimum of 12 credit hours of coursework. Visit the P.B.C. program page at https://catalog.uncg.edu/health-human-sciences/social-work/gerontology-pbc/ for information about applying and admission and the certificate requirements.

The Master of Science in Gerontology curriculum provides the professional foundation necessary to prepare students for practice as a Gerontologist. Courses are designed to provide students with opportunities to master core competencies in the Gerontology discipline according to the Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education. The M.S. requires a minimum of 30 credit hours of coursework. Visit the M.S. program page at https://catalog.uncg.edu/health-human-sciences/social-work/gerontology-ms/ for information about applying and admission and the degree requirements.

Social Work Disciplinary Honors

Requirements

- A minimum of 12 credit hours as defined below.
- UNC Greensboro cumulative GPA of 3.30 or better or, for transfer students, cumulative GPA of 3.30 or better from all prior institutions.

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Recognition

Receive a Certificate of Disciplinary Honors in Social Work; have that accomplishment, along with the title of the Senior Honors Project, noted on the official transcript; and be recognized at a banquet held at the end of the spring semester.

Honors Advisor

Contact Daniel Rhodes at dtrhodes@uncg.edu for further information and guidance about Honors in Social Work. To apply: http://honorscollege.uncg.edu/forms/disc-application.pdf