CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Inspiring faculty, high-impact field placements, collaborative projects — at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work (SSW), you have all the resources to thrive academically as you prepare for a social work career in direct or macro practice.

Ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a top school of social work, our School enrolls nearly 300 M.S.W. students annually. Our program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

At SSW, you’ll learn from educational leaders who are among the best in their fields — including nearly 30 tenured and tenure-track faculty members (10 are distinguished and chaired professors) and nearly 50 clinical and research faculty members.

You’ll be eligible for field experiences in more than 120 different state, national and international agencies, where you’ll explore career paths and interests, develop professional skills and receive guidance from supportive mentors.

You’ll be well prepared for North Carolina’s licensing exam in clinical social work (LCSW) — SSW graduates have achieved extremely high pass rates. You’ll develop a solid foundation of knowledge that will serve you well in any state or nation.

Although each student’s path is unique, SSW introduces students to some of the most pressing social issues of our time, including child welfare, school support, developmental disabilities, aging, family and youth violence, mental health, military family support, poverty and asset development, behavioral health and more.

Some SSW students collaborate with other UNC students in medicine, public health, physical therapy, dentistry, pharmacy and nursing to serve the local community through SHAC (Student Health Action Coalition), the oldest student-run interdisciplinary free health clinic in the United States.

Accelerate your career at our top-ranked university

Dual-degree M.S.W. partners
- Duke University Divinity School
- UNC School of Government – Public Administration
- UNC School of Law
- UNC School of Public Health – Maternal and Child Health

Certificates, licensures and other specialized programs
- Certificate, International Development and Social Change
- Certificate, International Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Licensure, North Carolina School Social Work
- Specialization, Substance Use & Addictions Specialist
- Traineeship, Leadership in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders
- Traineeship, UNC-PrimeCare on Integrated Behavioral Health

Our Mission
The mission of the School of Social Work is to expand knowledge regarding social problems and programs, to educate social workers for advanced practice, and to provide leadership in the development of socially and economically just policies and programs that strengthen individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.
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Earn your M.S.W. here

SSW offers several paths to the Master of Social Work degree:

- Full-time studies (2 years)
- Part-time studies through site-based distance education in Chapel Hill (Triangle) and Winston-Salem (3 years)
- Advanced standing (1 year, including summer course and field work, for students with BSW degrees)
- Dual-degree options

You may concentrate in either direct practice or community, management and policy (macro) practice. You may choose to emphasize a field such as geriatrics, child welfare, family and children's services, behavioral health and health care, school social work, human services management or evidence-informed practice. Your academic advisor will help you identify a personal plan for study that will support your professional development.

Earn your Ph.D. here

If your career goals are in academic and research settings, prepare to become a leader in the social work profession with a Ph.D. in Social Work. Our School enrolls approximately 25 students in doctoral studies each year, offering an intensive and supportive academic setting where students help develop new approaches to social interventions, conduct innovative research and disseminate their work through scholarship and teaching.

SSW alumni influence the field of social work at all academic levels, including faculty appointments and post-doctoral research positions at universities including Boston College, Brown University, Columbia University, Duke University, University of Chicago, University of Kentucky, University of Michigan, UNC, University of Pennsylvania, Virginia Commonwealth University, Washington University and Yale University, among others.

Enjoy your academic hometown

Chapel Hill is a beautiful college town, nestled in North Carolina's Research Triangle (the “triangle” is marked by UNC, Duke University and North Carolina State University). There's plenty for individuals and families to see and do here—multicultural festivals, outdoor recreation, world-class museums and a thriving arts scene. Plan a day trip to the beach or the mountains, easy to reach via Interstate 40. Cheer for the UNC Tar Heels in more than a dozen sports (locals say UNC is the University of National Champions). Choose a favorite cause and meet new friends while volunteering.

UNC offers exceptional value, unmatched by any public university in the nation. With unique academic opportunities and a diverse student body, UNC has earned a reputation as one of the best universities in the world.