MISSION + DISTINCTIONS

At Boston College, we prepare students for an effective and meaningful practice of social work. By respecting and promoting dignity, diversity, and distributive justice in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition, we instill in social workers the knowledge, values, and skills to be visionary leaders and to contribute to the transformation of people and communities.

The School of Social Work is at the very heart of BC’s mission to be women and men for others. We live up to this call by reaching out to vulnerable communities at home and abroad. To ensure that our partnerships are sustainable, our actions are guided by humility, mutual learning, and evidence.

Our social work program, ranked in the top ten by *U.S. News and World Report*, is constantly on the move. Innovation and entrepreneurship drive our teaching, research, and practice. We blend classroom teaching with advanced technology and we offer selected courses in English and Spanish. Moreover, students have the opportunity to participate in cutting-edge studies led by distinguished faculty.

Our unique diversity and social justice initiative promotes an inclusive and vibrant community that is supportive and safe. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends come together to address current and emerging challenges. Finally, field placements in local agencies and internships across the globe provide unparalleled learning opportunities for new generations of professional social workers.
FIELD PLACEMENTS

As an intern in a wide range of social service agencies, you will learn from advisors and field supervisors, as well as from the clients and communities you serve.

TEACHING

Our teachers have extensive practice and research experience. Our students learn skills that enable them to empower vulnerable families and communities. Together we tackle real-life case studies and develop innovative responses to pressing social issues.

LIBRARY

To facilitate learning and research, BC Social Work is fortunate to be one of only a very few schools of social work in the U.S. and the only one in New England to maintain its own Social Work Library.
STUDENTS
MSW 500
PhD 40
Class size 10-20

DEGREES
MSW
PhD

DUAL DEGREES
MSW/JD
MSW/MBA
MSW/MA (Pastoral Ministry)
BA/MSW

SPECIALIZED PRACTICE
• Clinical
• Macro

MSW FIELDS OF PRACTICE
• Children, Youth & Families
• Global Practice
• Health / Mental Health
• Older Adults & Families

Each concentration is offered as a clinical or macro practice

CERTIFICATES PROGRAM
• Child Welfare
• Latino Leadership
• Neuroscience + Social Work
• Policy + Community Organizing
• Refugees + Immigrants
• School Social Work
• Trauma
• Veterans + Military Families

APPLICATION DEADLINES
Advanced Standing/Transfer
January 15
Full-time MSW Program
March 1
3-Year and 4-Year MSW Programs
Rolling Admissions

INFORMATION + APPLY ONLINE
www.bc.edu/socialwork
METHODS + OFFERINGS

Clinical Practice
Known for our academically rigorous and in-depth clinical program, we both challenge and prepare students to integrate evidence-based interventions and culturally competent practice with individuals, couples, families, and groups. We offer students the opportunity to learn effective interventions such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Solution Focused Therapy, Narrative Therapy, Internal Family Systems, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Play Therapy, Couples Therapy, Family Therapy, and Group Therapy. With an emphasis on resiliency and empowerment, we offer courses in trauma treatment for adults and children, as well as emerging practice areas in neuroscience, public health, Latino populations, and refugees and immigrants.

Macro Practice
Our macro program prepares students to acquire social innovation and leadership skills with a focus on planning, development, administration, policy, financial analysis and entrepreneurship. We have taken a leadership role in this vibrant academic and practice field by developing a program that involves students in courses that promote innovation and provides experiential learning opportunities at human service organizations. The macro curriculum blends core management skills with an emphasis on creating sustainable social change.

Certificates Program
We offer students a Certificates Program within the MSW Program that gives students the opportunity to engage in concentrated study in subject-specific areas of social work practice and expertise, allowing for enhanced skill sets and practice options. Certificate course offerings are subject to change each semester. Check the website for a current listing.

Curriculum Flexibility
Our school offers a five-elective curriculum which means that students not only have more variety in their course selection, but faculty also have additional opportunities to develop advanced courses in their areas of expertise.

Research Centers + Institutes
Our innovative research centers and institutes anticipate demographic and socio-economic trends, develop policies based on sound evidence, leverage interdisciplinary collaborations, and build bridges between academia and broader society. The latest school initiatives resulted in the establishment of the Center for Social Innovation (CSI), Immigrant Integration Lab (IIL) and Latino Leadership Initiative (LLI).
Field Placements
Field education is where you translate the knowledge learned in the classroom into skills applied in the real world. Your field experience will give you opportunities to develop a professional social work identity through apprenticeships with experienced supervisors who provide mentoring and preparation for a career in social work. In addition, all students are assigned an advisor to monitor and support them in their placements. Field agency placements include sites such as mental health centers, schools, family services, hospitals, prisons, nursing homes, and policy institutes.

Career Services
Ours is one of only a few graduate social work programs to have its own Career Services office. Services are available to our students and alumni to assist in identifying career goals and conducting a successful job search. Our network of over 6,000 alumni worldwide provides an invaluable resource for seeking career advice and making professional connections. In recent years 96% of our graduates have succeeded in finding jobs within 3 months of the start of their job search.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of social workers is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2020. The U.S. News and World Report also cites medical and public health social work as one of the 50 best careers.

Social Media
The Boston College School of Social Work has an active online community on our school’s social media websites. Visit us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest and YouTube where we promote social and professional networking as well as highlight school news and events. We hope you will use the social media card below to “Get Connected” to our School and community.
We are committed to ensuring access and affordability to all qualified students. Our student services, advising, and admissions offices will work together with prospective and current students to find possible resources and funding opportunities to offset tuition costs.

Our school awards tuition scholarships that recognize academic merit, experience, and diversity. There are graduate assistantship opportunities within the School as well as graduate assistantships available in a number of other programs on campus. We maintain an extensive database of external funding opportunities for social work students. Some field internships offer student stipends. The University Office of Financial Aid administers federal direct student loans, Perkins loans, and work-study awards.

All applicants are considered for scholarship awards during the admission process. No additional application is required for BC Social Work Scholarships.

www.bc.edu/gsswfinancialaid

We strongly encourage you to apply for financial aid as soon as, or soon after, you apply. We recommend you visit the University website for budget information, including tuition and fees and costs of attendance.

Visit our website to find out more about scholarships, fellowships, grants, university and federal aid resources. There you will find answers to frequently asked questions and an online application with process guidelines and a checklist.

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