PROGRAM OVERVIEW
By mid-century, the majority of the U.S. population will be made up of minorities, predominantly Latinos and Latinas. On average, people with Latino backgrounds are disproportionally affected by low educational attainment and fewer financial resources. As a consequence, their families and communities often struggle with poverty and access to jobs and basic services. Hence, social workers are increasingly called to promote social change with and on behalf of this growing and diverse population. The prosperity of the U.S. is contingent on successfully developing Latina/o leadership.

FUNCTION
To better prepare students to work with Latino populations, BCSSW has established a Latina/o Leadership Initiative (LLI) program. The LLI bolsters students’ linguistic and cultural competencies to work with Latino communities in the U.S. and abroad. The LLI works closely with agencies and other stakeholders in the Latino network.

FIELD WORK + COURSES
Field Education: The School has affiliations with a variety of agencies that serve the Latino community across the region. Those include public schools and urban health centers as well as Latino agencies that provide services such as family support, advocacy and community organizing.

Courses: A set of foundation, method and elective courses are taught in Spanish. LLI courses taught in Spanish carry the same credits as courses taught in English. Students interested in taking an LLI course in Spanish are required to pass a Spanish proficiency exam.

Visit our website to learn more and view student testimonial videos regarding their LLI program experience and training.

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