

ALVA J. CALDERWOOD SCHOOL OF ARTS & LETTERS

## **PROGRAM FACULTY**

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The Social Work Program at Grove City College provides various classes which have helped me to prepare for going into the world and helping those in need. A big part of that is the faculty who are always welcoming, easy to talk to, and have a desire to know their students on a personal level.

– Elaina Reuther '20



# SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Courses leading to a Bachelor's degree in Social Work (B.S.W.) provide an extensive background in micro and macro-level social work practice on the domestic and international levels. Small class sizes, highly experienced faculty, and individually tailored field placements equip our graduates with the skills to meaningfully contribute within a wide range of practice areas.

### MAJOR

Bachelor of Science in Social Work

This degree is oriented toward service, particularly service to those in greatest need and at greatest risk of the detrimental effects of social injustices. Students complete 53 credit hours of course requirements in addition to the College core curriculum. As a part of their training, students complete a 400-hour field placement in a reputable social service agency where they gain valuable, hands-on training in social work practice.

### MINOR

Minor in Social Work

Students complete 21 credit hours of course requirements to minor in social work. Students in the minor take foundational courses in the discipline and complete a 3 credit hour practicum field placement.

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

The social work program offers students opportunities to conduct meaningful, relevant research. The ability to understand, evaluate, and perform research is an integral component of an excellent undergraduate education. Students majoring in social work learn to use SPSS to analyze data in a Research Methods course and further their research experience by taking a Social Work Capstone course in their senior year.

### **FIELD PLACEMENTS**

Bethany Christian Services	The Lighthouse Foundation
George Junior Republic	Foster Love Project
AWARE	Haven Professional Counseling Center
DCI Dialysis Clinic	The Pittsburgh Project
Butler and Lawrence County Children	Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption
Youth and Families Agency Alpha Omega PRC	Children's Aid Society
	City Mission

### CAREER AND GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES

Upon graduation, B.S.W. students are well-prepared for employment in several areas of social work practice including child welfare, mental health, and policy advocacy. Upon completion of a B.S.W. at Grove City College, a CSWE-accredited institution, students will have Advanced Standing placement in any accredited M.S.W. program. This allows students to complete their graduate degree on a significantly expedited schedule.

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