

Discover a path with heart...



It's not what you think...

Social workers provide leadership to change lives and change society.

As a social work practitioner, you will discover endless career opportunities. You can have a rewarding and satisfying job helping others improve their lives, their families and their communities!

BSW graduates follow diverse career paths, and have the opportunity to become licensed professionals with only a BSW, and/or go on to complete an MSW in one post-BSW year!

A BSW degree is the only human service degree that can be licensed at an undergraduate level.

- Demand for social workers is on the rise! According to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, social work is projected to grow faster than average for all occupations through 2018.
- A BSW is often the preferred human service major, a first choice by agencies when hiring, because it is a professional degree.
- Social workers work at all levels: individuals, families, small groups, organizations and communities!
- Social workers help people overcome some of life's most difficult challenges: poverty, discrimination, abuse, addiction, physical illness, divorce, loss, unemployment, educational problems, disability.
- Choose from an expanding variety of career paths: Counseling • Education • Resource Management • Hospital • Community Advocacy • Schools • Hospice • Clinics • Day Care • Disaster Relief • Adoption • Foster Care • Domestic Violence • Substance Abuse • Mental Health • Families • Groups • Veterans • Corrections • Mediation • Lobbying • Geriatrics • Fundraising • Research
- Loan forgiveness is available when you graduate with a BSW degree.

Why Choose an Avila BSW?

- Excellence in social work education for over 35 years
- Continuous accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) since 1974
- Strong reputation of Avila students in the social service community
- Practice-focused professional knowledge and skill development
- Completion of a 500-hour field experience, supervised by a social worker
- Individualized faculty and staff attention to your learning goals and needs
- Catholic tradition supporting the social work values of service and social justice
- The Avila Guarantee provides a minimum scholarship of \$10,000 per year for students graduating from Catholic high schools, making Avila affordable

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