

Welcome!

Social Work



Dr. Charlene Lane, PhD, LCSW *chair and associate professor*

- Licensed clinical social worker in NY and PA.
- More than 20 years of clinical and administrative experiences.
- Taught on both the undergraduate and graduate levels in NY and PA

Education:

- M.S.W.- New York University Concentration: clinical social work across life spectrum
- Ph.D. – Adelphi University (Garden City New York) Concentration: geriatric mental health and aging-in-place

Interests:

- Researching the lived experiences of older adults in their respective communities
- Diversity studies, integration of faith in clinical practice and field work, synergy between social work and criminal justice

Michelle Dixon George, M.S.W., LCSW, BCD *field director; associate professor of social work*

- More than 30 years engaged in clinical practice with children, adolescents, adults, families and couples
- Maintains an outpatient counseling practice to keep skills fresh.
- Her passion is working with social work students engaged in their field experiences.

Education:

- M.S.W. (1994) Temple University School of Social Administration (clinical concentration)

Interests:

- Clinical social work from a faith perspective
- Spiritual formation
- Diversity and issues of reconciliation
- Treatment of clinical mental health disorders



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assistant chair and associate professor

- PA licensed social worker for over 25 years
- Enjoys academic research
- Over a decade of experience in undergraduate and graduate education

Education:

- B.A. & M.S.W - State University of New York at Buffalo
- D.S.W - Millersville University

Interests:

- Intentional dialogues
- Racial reconciliation
- Caring for human trafficking survivors
- Integration of social work and faith
- Relational healing
- Church trauma



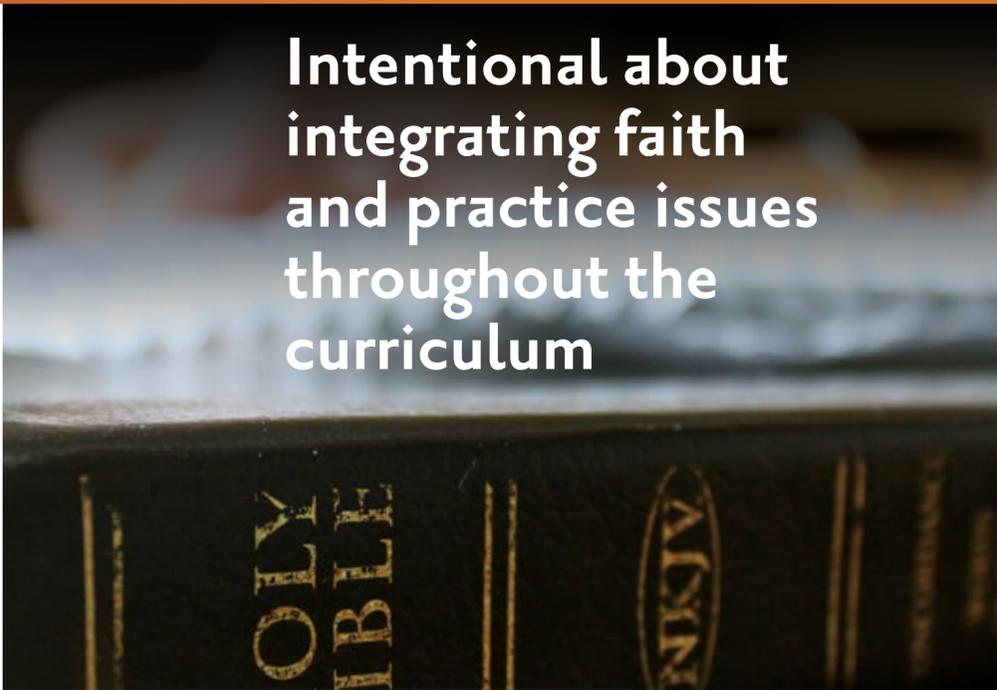


Classroom learning balanced with practical experience

Grads can earn an MSW in **one YEAR**



Harrisburg, Philadelphia and international experiences



Intentional about integrating faith and practice issues throughout the curriculum

Messiah social work program: *distinctives*



Students may spend their senior field placement in an international social work agency

Nationally accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)



Students must graduate from accredited social work programs to be licensed in each state to practice social work.



Advanced Standing for MSW

- Our BSW grads qualify for **advanced standing** status in an accredited Master of Social Work (MSW) program.
- Our BSW grads can go on to earn MSW in just **one year**.*

**Non-BSW grads enrolled in an accredited MSW program require two years, full-time to receive MSW.*

1

Develop competent social workers who critically evaluate, self-reflect and are self-aware of how their Christian faith informs their practice, while performing the duties of their vocation in a professional and ethical manner.

Program Goal

2

Develop social workers who engage the world to facilitate change through enhancing community and through actively engaging in issues to address social and economic justice in rural, urban and international settings.

Program Goal

3

Develop effective Christian social work leaders in the provision of micro, mezzo and macro programming who value integrity, service and the importance of human relationships in addressing human needs and the issues of the disenfranchised.

Program Goal

4

Develop Christian social workers who value empowerment and the strengths perspective in the application of skills and knowledge of generalist social work with systems of all sizes, while ensuring respect for clients' age, class, color, culture, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex and sexual orientation.

Program Goal



Social work: *courses and curriculum*

- Professionalism in Social Work
- Intro to Social Work
- Human Behavior
- Social Work Practice with Individuals
- Social Work Practice with Families
- Social Work Practice with Groups
- Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations
- Field Experience and Practice
- Engaging Diversity and Inequality
- Topics in Social Work
- Social Welfare Policies
- Intro to Social Work Research
- Seminar in Social Work Practice



Fall

- SOWK 099: Professionalism
- SOWK 120: Introduction to Social Work

Plan of study



Spring

- SOWK 221: Human Behavior



Fall

- SOWK 250: Social Work Practice with Individuals
- SOWK 251: Field Experience
- SOAN 356: Social Inequality

Plan of study

————— *Year 2* —————>



Spring

- SOWK 360: Social Work Practice with Families
- SOWK 361: Field Experience



Fall

- SOWK 372: Practice with Groups
- SOWK 385: Intro to Social Work Research

Plan of study

————— *Year 3* —————→



Spring

- SOWK 382: Topics in Social Work
- SOWK 420: Social Welfare Policies



Fall

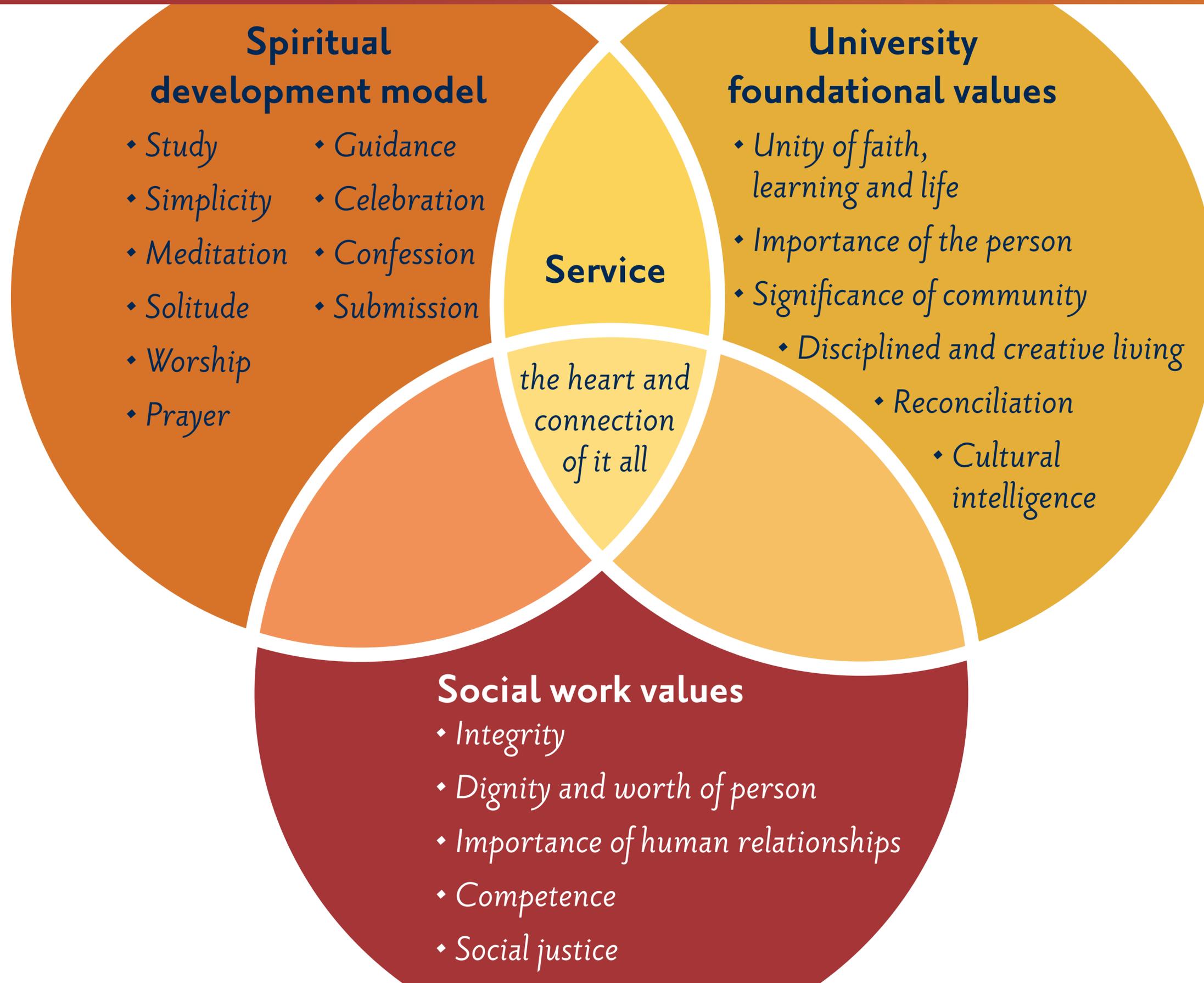
- SOWK 475: Social Work Practice with Communities
- SOWK 476: Field Experience with Communities and Organizations
- SOWK 484: Prep for Field Practice

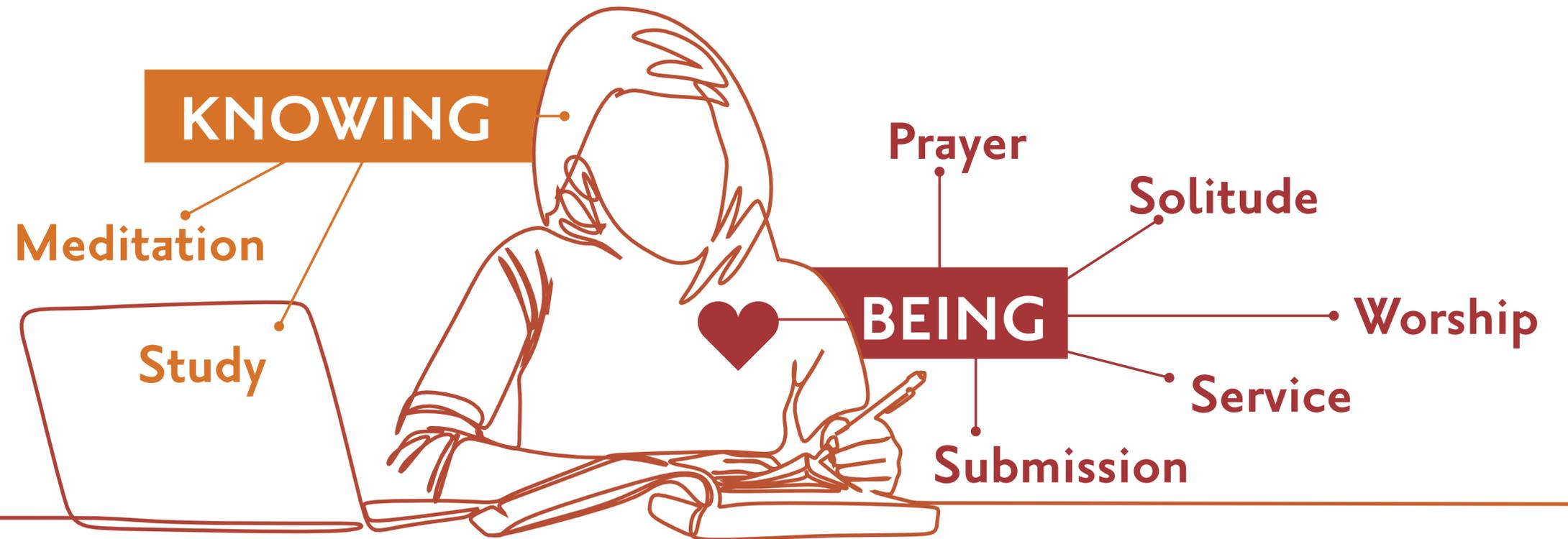
Plan of study



Spring

- SOWK 485: Seminar in Social Work Practice
- SOWK 490: Field Practice in Social Work





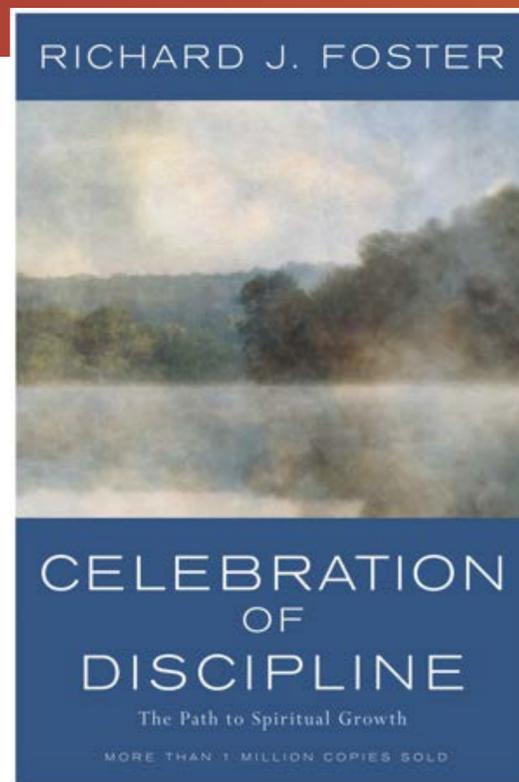
Preparing for a social work profession

spiritual formation and development





Student-led, department bible study



Each class incorporates a spiritual development assignment that allows students to engage with Richard Foster's book, "**Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth.**"

Faith integration

A clear focus on the ways Scripture supports the
six core values of social work

- 1.** service
- 2.** social justice
- 3.** dignity and worth of the person
- 4.** importance of human relationships
- 5.** integrity
- 6.** competence



Service learning *and* social work

- ☑ Seven required courses *SOWK120, SOWK221, SOWK251, SOWK361, SOWK476, SOWK372 and SOWK490*
- ☑ Developmental model
- ☑ Over 600 hours of community engagement
- ☑ Each component is tied directly to curriculum

Messiah has been nationally recognized by the **Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching** and the **President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll** for its commitment to service learning, community service and civic engagement.



First-year experience *in the community*

Volunteering *in collaboration with the Agapé Center for Local & Global Engagement*

- Paxton Ministries
- Salvation Army
- New Hope Ministries
- Messiah Lifeways
- Bethesda Men's Mission
- Center for Champions



Preliminary Practice

- Halifax School District
- New Hope Ministries
- YWCA
- Bethany Village

Second-year experience *in the community*



- Capitol Area Pregnancy Center
- Bethesda Women's Shelter
- Compass Immigration
- Baer Foundation



Third- and fourth-year experience

social work practice

Groups

- Observing multiple sessions of community educational and treatment groups
- Developing and implementing groups serving the Messiah campus and surrounding communities



Third- and fourth-year experience

social work practice

Communities and Organizations

Developing and implementing community projects

- ☑ Grant writing
- ☑ Program development and implementation
- ☑ Community assessment
- ☑ Community education programs



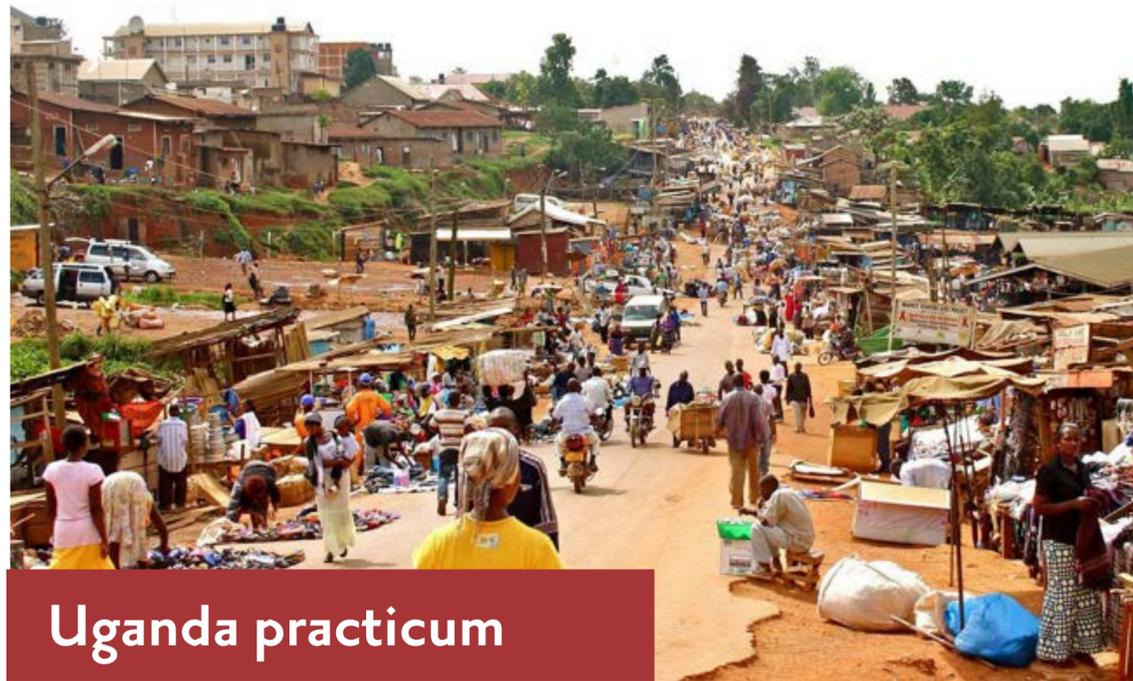
Fourth-year experience *social work practice*

Engaged in 450 hours of practice

- Milton Hershey School - *Hershey, PA*
- Dauphin County area social service agencies - *Harrisburg, PA*
- Pennsylvania Counseling Services of Central Pennsylvania



Chicago semester



Uganda practicum



Local and international opportunities

- Third year engage communities locally or abroad
- Senior field placement internationally in Uganda or Ecuador, or domestically in Chicago

Learn more at

messiah.edu/study-abroad.



Our social work program *delivers excellent career outcomes*

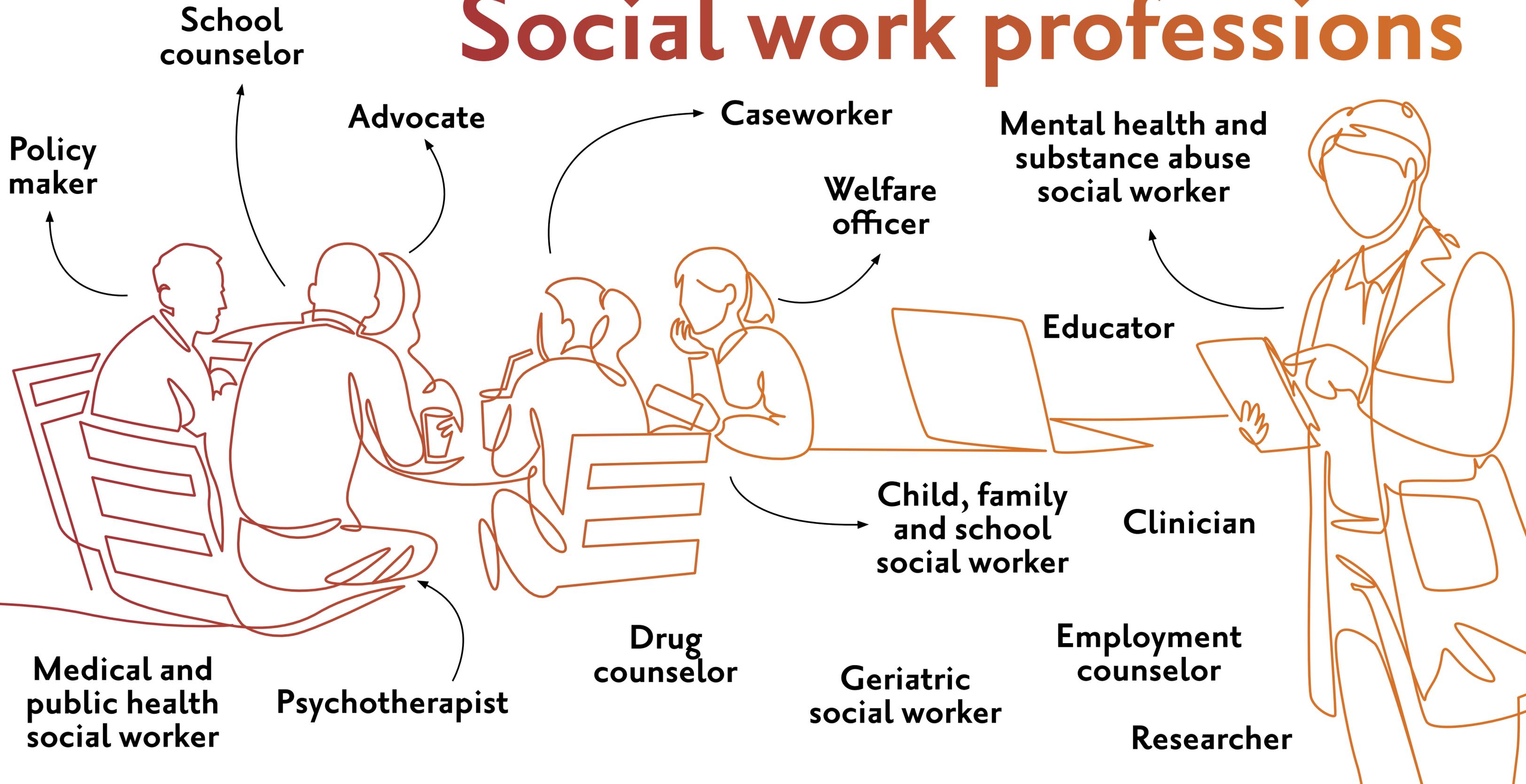


“...I am forever grateful for how the department prepared me to always present myself as a confident professional.”

Lindsay Terry '20

Caseworker at Dauphin County Children and Youth

Social work professions



Recent employers of Messiah's social work graduates

AmeriCorps: National Health Corps, Philadelphia, PA

Church World Service, Lancaster, PA

Clark County Food Bank, Portland, OR

COBYS Family Services, Lancaster, PA

Dauphin County Children and Youth Services, Harrisburg, PA

Harrisburg School District, Harrisburg, PA

Where our graduates work

ManorCare Health South, York, PA

Mennonite Disaster Services, Lititz, PA

Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, Philadelphia, PA

The Bair Foundation, Harrisburg, PA

Victim Services Division, Cumberland County District, Carlisle, PA

York County Children, Youth & Families Services, York, PA

Graduate schools recently attended by Messiah's social work graduates

**Auburn University
Edinboro University
Fordham University
Kutztown University
Millersville University**

**Simmons University
Stony Brook University
Temple University
University of Louisville
University of Michigan
School of Social Work**

Where our graduates go to grad school

**Monmouth University
Morgan State University
Rutgers University
Shippensburg University**

**University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of South Carolina
University of Tennessee**



+\$13,000

average additional salary
if you have a MSW

Job growth for social work grads

Faster than the average growth for most occupations.

15%

Mental health and substance abuse social work

13%

Child, family and school social work

12%

Overall social work

Projected Growth in Social Worker Employment
from 2020-2030



Social work *at Messiah University*

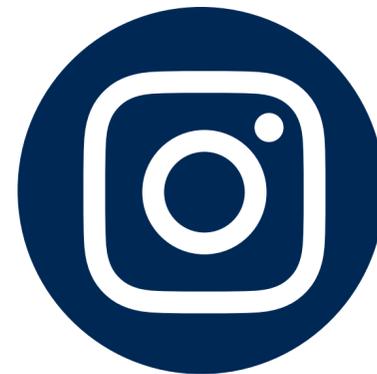
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NEW!

Master of Social Work (MSW) degree at Messiah!

- Proposed start date: Fall 2024
- Students who meet the GPA criteria can earn MSW degree with just *one additional year* after completing their BSW.

