

Title IV-E Grants

Title IV-E grants provide qualified Social Work majors stipends and tuition awards through funding from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WVDHHR). Student grants are based on the following criteria:

- Be formally admitted into the Social Work program with 60+ credit hours.
- Carry a minimum of 12 hours of coursework per semester with a GPA of 2.3 or better.
- Submit an application with a current transcript and resume with names/addresses of two references.
- Sign a BINDING contract with the WVDHHR agreeing to stipulated academic standing, course work, field placement in a child welfare agency and a commitment upon graduation for employment with the West Virginia Office of Social Services.
- Students unable to meet the conditions of the Title IV-E contract must pay back the stipend received with interest.

Student Organizations

- Alpha Delta Mu
National Social Work Honor Society
- Social Work Student Organization
A service organization



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Mission of the Social Work Department

The mission of the Social Work Program is to prepare students for the beginning level of professional practice as social work generalists in a wide range of settings with diverse populations. Students pursuing a career in social work follow a prescribed course of study leading to a Bachelor of Science in Social Work and the opportunity to move on to a Master's degree program, if so desired.

Accreditation

West Virginia State University is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The WVSU Social Work Program is fully accredited by the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE).

Curriculum

The curriculum includes 39 hours of required social work courses, 9 hours of social work electives, 45-47 general education, 16 hours of cognate courses, and 9-11 free electives— to total 120 hours to complete the program.

About the program

The profession of social work is committed to the enhancement of human well-being and to the alleviation of poverty and oppression. Social work is a profession that is practiced in a wide variety of settings, such as hospitals, schools, hospice, nursing homes and returning military veterans and their families.

Social workers help people overcome:

- Poverty
- Discrimination
- Abuse
- Addiction
- Physical illness
- Divorce
- Unemployment
- Educational problems
- Disability
- Mental illness

Program Level Outcomes (PLOs)

At the end of the Social Work Program, each student will be able to:

- 2.1.1** Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly;
- 2.1.2** Apply social work ethical principles to guide professional practice;
- 2.1.3** Apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments;
- 2.1.4** Engage diversity and difference in practice;
- 2.1.5** Advance human rights and social and economic justice;
- 2.1.6** Engage in research-informed practice and practice-informed research;
- 2.1.7** Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment;
- 2.1.8** Engage in policy practice to advance social and economic well-being and to deliver effective social work services;
- 2.1.9** Respond to contexts that shape practice; and
- 2.1.10** (a) Engage, (b) assess, (c) intervene, and (d) evaluate with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.

