

# Social Work

CONCORDIA COLLEGE, MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA



## At a Glance

Receive solid preparation for a career as a licensed social worker, while also earning an education grounded in the liberal arts and faith-based values. At Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., our social work program, offered through the sociology and social work department, will give you the classroom knowledge and hands-on experience you need to make a difference in the lives of others. You'll benefit from early advising (as early as your freshman year) and close mentoring (once you're admitted to the program as a sophomore).

Concordia's social work program offers one major, carefully tailored to your interests and skills. Work closely with **community agencies and organizations**, travel with a **Justice Journeys** group, join our **honor society**, or team up with other social work students to address a need in the campus community. It's all possible in Concordia's social work program.

## Professional Experience

Our faculty know what it's like in the social work field — because they've been there. You'll benefit not only from their top teaching skills, but their years in practice. They know what you will need to succeed. Our faculty are presenters at conferences and have a wide variety of specialties, including **human rights education, children's and family services, social policy, medical social work, end-of-life issues, mental health** and ongoing **professional development for social workers**.

Study social leadership among social work professionals with our Bush Leadership Fellow, a recipient of a competitive regional honor. Work in agencies and organizations throughout the Fargo-Moorhead area while being mentored by a consultant for a statewide effort addressing the mental health of the aging.

If you haven't visited with a social work faculty member yet, be sure to set up an appointment. They're eager to meet you and tell you more about social work at Concordia.

## Distinctions and Special Opportunities

If you're considering a social work major, you probably feel called to help others — and that's exactly what Concordia's program is all about. **Hands-on community-based learning** is an important component of all of our social work courses, culminating in a 480-hour internship your senior year. As early as your sophomore year, you will begin serving at a variety of agencies and businesses, such as **helping low-income families and new Americans** through local neighborhood-based family resource centers and a local volunteer income tax assistance program.

Other learning experience locations include the YWCA, the People Escaping Poverty Project, Prairie St. John's, Migrant Health Services, Cass and Clay County Social Services, Sanford Health and many others. We'll do our best to match your interests to areas of need, like a recent grad whose Spanish-speaking abilities landed her a position helping immigrants to Fargo-Moorhead.

### Other distinctions:

- Graduate with honors through our new **national honor society chapter**.
- Initiate change and help others through **Student Association of Social Workers** student-developed projects, such as Disability Awareness Week.
- Explore issues of peace and justice through the college's **Justice Journeys** trips nationally and internationally and the **Chicago Urban Studies** program.
- Study the social work discipline abroad through programs at Diakonhjemmet University College in Oslo, Norway, or United International College in Zhuhai, China.
- Once admitted to the program (typically as a sophomore), benefit from taking your social work courses in a **cohort of the same small group of students**.

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## Bright Futures

Because Concordia offers an accredited social work program, our graduates are eligible to take the national board exam to become licensed social workers. In fact, our graduates consistently pass the exam at rates exceeding the national average. They go on to an exciting variety of careers — from the social worker in Fargo Public Schools who helps integrate new Americans and their families, to a county social services child protection program worker, a social worker at Fargo's Elim Care Center and an advocate for women affected by domestic violence. The list continues with the supervisor for Clay County Social Services, a supervisor for North Dakota's Southeast Human Service Center and addictions staff at Centre Inc.

Some graduates go on to earn their master's and doctorate degrees, though many take excellent jobs right after graduation from Concordia. Others combine their social work skills with additional areas of interest, like the recent graduate accepted to five law schools and interested in public policy, or the seminary student or AmeriCorps volunteer in Washington, D.C. Our program is really about helping others and leading change, creating a vast pool of career opportunities.



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## About Concordia College

At Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., you'll find challenging academics, dedicated professors, a diverse student body, Lutheran tradition and a strong sense of community. With more than 75 majors to choose from, one-on-one research opportunities with faculty and a nationally recognized study abroad program, Concordia is committed to preparing students to make a meaningful impact in our global society. More than 2,800 students from 38 states and 40 countries representing 43 religions and denominations attend Concordia.

For more information about studying social work at Concordia, visit [www.ConcordiaCollege.edu/socialwork](http://www.ConcordiaCollege.edu/socialwork).

