



Stony Brook
University

School of Social Welfare

BSW Program Goals

The goals of the BSW Program are to prepare generalist social work practitioners who:

1. integrate knowledge, values, and skills of the social work profession;
2. demonstrate sensitivity to human and cultural diversity;
3. analyze policies, procedures and practices that adversely affect services to clients;
4. understand how social, political and economic factors influence the development of social problems, policies, and programs; and
5. understand the impact of racism, sexism, ageism, heterosexism and other forms of oppression and discrimination.

The objectives of the BSW Program are to prepare students who demonstrate:

1. competence for entry level generalist social work practice that integrates social work values, knowledge and skills;
2. the commitment and capacity to practice in a culturally competent manner;
3. an understanding of the complexity of problems related to the existence and nature of oppression, especially as they relate to the cultural, political, economic, interpersonal, psychological, and physical factors that impact people's lives;
4. the use of contemporary practice skills necessary to carry out interventions with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations that reflect the organizing framework identified above as well as a commitment to appreciate human diversity, human dignity and the profession's ethics; and
5. the use of strategies that enhance people's strengths in order to overcome oppression and shape a society that fosters health, diversity, social and economic justice, and human dignity.