



## Social Sciences Division

# Social Work

Mount Mary offers an outstanding undergraduate program to prepare students for successful and fulfilling careers in social work and other helping professions. Social work is a wonderful career for those with a strong desire to help improve people's lives and to empower them.

Social workers assist people by helping them cope with issues in their everyday lives, deal with their relationships, and solve personal and family problems. Some social workers help clients who face a disability or a life-threatening disease or a social problem, such as inadequate housing, unemployment or substance abuse.

People in this profession also assist families that have serious domestic conflicts, sometimes involving child or spousal abuse. Some social workers conduct research, advocate for improved services, engage in systems design or are involved in planning or policy development. Many social workers specialize in serving a particular population or working in a specific setting.

Holding a long tradition of excellence, Mount Mary was the first private college in Wisconsin to have a baccalaureate program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Mount Mary's program has been accredited since 1974.

Mount Mary's curriculum provides students with skills useful in diverse settings and in working with individuals, families, small groups, organizations and the wider community. Emphasis is placed on learning from practice.

## Fieldwork

Students complete 500 hours of fieldwork before graduation. Fieldwork allows students to gain hands-on experience within a real-world environment. Students complete three semesters of field placement within two different agencies. These placements provide students with a greater understanding of social work as a profession and give them opportunities to achieve professional practice, competence and develop rich professional networks.

## Evening Program

Mount Mary College offers an evening program in social work. This flexible option offers students the opportunity to earn a professional degree by taking evening courses or by taking a combination of day and evening courses. The evening program in social work is an attractive option for students who wish to complete a degree while working.

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### Did you Know?

Since 1974 Mount Mary College has offered an outstanding program to prepare students for successful and fulfilling careers in the profession of social work. A bachelor's degree is the minimum requirement, although a master's degree in social work or a related field has become the standard for many positions.

### More on the Web

Visit [www.mtmary.edu/div\\_socialscience.htm](http://www.mtmary.edu/div_socialscience.htm) for additional information about the Social Sciences and Related Disciplines Division at Mount Mary College and its academic programs and formats including:

- Anthropology/Sociology (minor)
- Behavioral Science (evening and day)
- Counseling – community, school, and clinical mental health counseling (graduate)
- History (certificate, minor and day)
- Justice (evening and day)
- Peacebuilding (certificate)
- Political Science (minor)
- Pre-Law (day)
- Psychology/Behavioral Science (evening and day)
- Social Work (evening and day)
- Broadfield Social Studies Education (certificate and day)
- History Education (certificate and day)

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## Career Opportunities

The demand for social workers with a bachelor's degree has never been greater. Examples of employment opportunities for social workers include:

- Family and children's services
- Homeless and domestic violence centers
- Mental health and community support programs
- Criminal justice system
- Community services for older adults
- Substance abuse programs
- Health care programs
- S.E.T. Ministry
- Child protection centers
- American Red Cross
- Hospice programs

## Certification/Licensure

All social workers are certified or licensed. Students who graduate with a social work degree from Mount Mary are eligible to take the State of Wisconsin BSW level certification exam for entry-level professional practice. In order to use the title "social worker" or refer to yourself as a social worker, you must be certified by the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.

## Social Work Club

The Social Work Club is a very active student organization on campus. The club holds food drives regularly and has a newsletter announcing upcoming events, providing information about field placements, continuing education, state certification, and updates from graduates on their professional work and activities. Check out the recent newsletter edition online at [www.mtmary.edu/socialwk\\_resources.htm](http://www.mtmary.edu/socialwk_resources.htm).

## Alpha Delta Mu Honor Society

Eligibility for initiation includes completion of 60 or more credits with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better, completion of at least six credits in required social work courses, and demonstration of commitment to social work ethics and values.



## Employment Outlook

Employment opportunities for social workers are expected to increase faster than the average for all other professional fields during the next several years. In fact, some social service agencies are finding it necessary to recruit social workers from outside the area because they cannot meet their social work staffing needs.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the growing elderly population and the aging baby boom generation will create greater demand for health and social services, resulting in rapid job growth among gerontology social workers. Employment of social workers in private social service agencies will also increase.

## About Mount Mary College

Discover what the more than 1,900 current Mount Mary graduate and undergraduate students already know. Mount Mary offers an engaging and transformational education. Here students explore and expand their hopes and dreams. We invite you to be one of them.

Mount Mary's residential campus is home to a diverse student body. Be a part of our gorgeous suburban campus, just 20 minutes from downtown Milwaukee.

For over 90 years Mount Mary College has been educating women in the Catholic tradition – we are committed to your success. Nearly 100% of our full-time undergraduate students receive a scholarship. Mount Mary is dedicated to making a college education affordable for you.

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