



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Social Work is to provide a quality educational program, including curriculum and teaching practices, that successfully prepares students for generalist practice that promotes social and economic justice and enhances human and community well-being for individuals, groups, families, and communities. For others not immediately entering the field after graduation, the program prepares students to continue their social work education at the graduate level. As an Historically Black College University (HBCU), the Department is committed to preparing African American students, and marginalized and disadvantaged students for strength-based generalist practice with other vulnerable populations. The Department develops its bachelor of social work (BSW) students' core social work competencies, leadership skills, and knowledge of the global social work context. It also instills in early career generalist practitioners the importance of evidence-based practice and the rigorous evaluation of social work practice and programs.

Vision

The Department's vision is for BSW graduates to promote social and economic justice and enhance human and community well-being for vulnerable individuals, groups, families, and communities across the state, nation, and world. As generalist practitioners they also will engage in ethical and culturally competent practice. As society undergoes radical technological, economic, and social changes, students will empower those who are left behind and do so with a compassionate heart. We believe, as University's co-founder, Booker T. Washington did, that, *"Education is not what a person is able to hold in his head, so much as it is ... skill of hand, and strength of mind and heart; and we help you in these ways."*



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Accreditation and Membership:

The Tuskegee University (TU) Department of Social Work has been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) since 1974. The Council on Social Work Education is a nonprofit national association representing more than 2,500 individual members, as well as graduate and undergraduate programs of professional social work education. Founded in 1952, this partnership of educational and professional institutions, social welfare agencies, and private citizens is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as the sole accrediting agency for social work education in this country.

The Department of Social Work at Tuskegee University is also a member of the Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors. The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Inc. (BPD) is a voluntary, individual membership association that since 1975 has represented the interests of undergraduate education and practice in social work. The association's approximately 800 members represent BSW program directors, baccalaureate faculty and field coordinators, as well as social work educators and practitioners who have an interest in BSW education and practice.

Department Goals and their Connectivity to the Program's Mission:

To prepare students for entry level generalist social work practice with individuals, families and other groups, organizations, and communities that promotes social and economic justice.

To prepare diverse students to practice social work with an understanding and respect for the value of human diversity, deliver culturally competent practice, and value the global social work context.

To develop students' core social work competencies, leadership skills, and ethical practice.

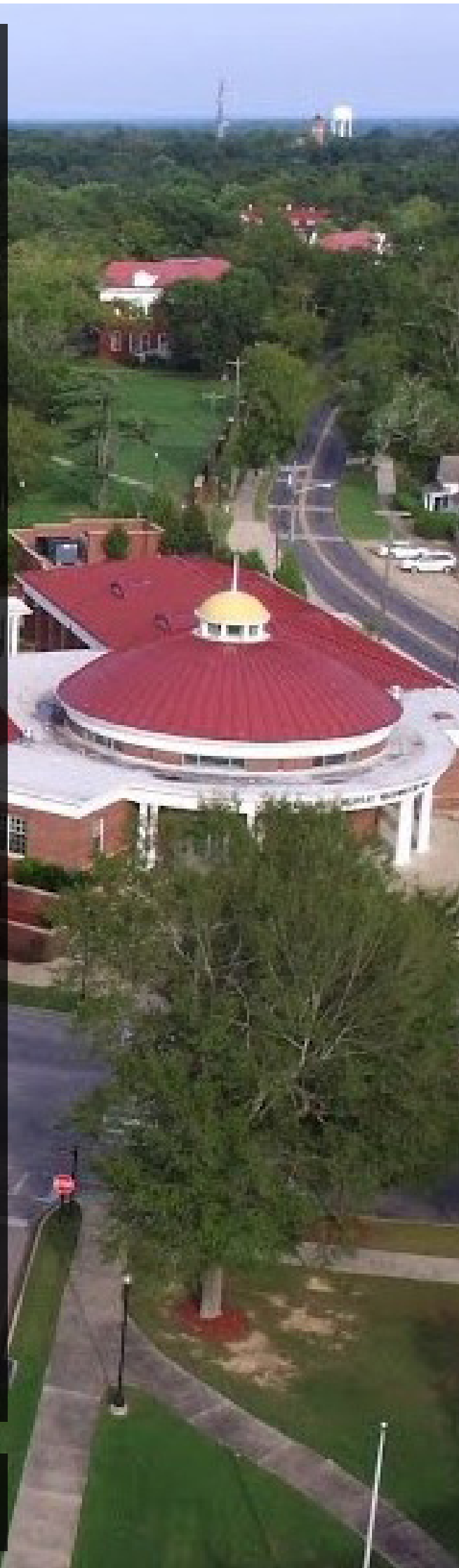
To inculcate the importance of evidence-based practice, the rigorous evaluation of social work practice and programs, and use of information technologies in generalist practice.

To prepare students to further their professional growth and development through graduate study or in other forms of continuous education.

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Social Work Program Opportunities

The Tuskegee University Experience

The program offers students the chance to study a semester abroad in social work, whether it be a two-week service-learning abroad or a semester in a school of social work abroad, or an internship abroad in up to nine countries through Tuskegee University's Global Office. TU's exchange program is available to students as well to study at another university for a semester or year. Students can also take part in a certificate program, Peace Corp PREP, an international development work and global citizenship program through coursework and experiential learning. There is the opportunity to minor or double major in social work for students looking for an interprofessional academic experience. In addition, students can take advantage of our ongoing partnerships with various graduate schools for advance standing MSW programs with scholarship opportunities for Tuskegee students only. Also, there are professional development and licensure exam preparation courses available to students through the Department's courses, and for professional learners through the Continuing Education Academy (CEA).



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Associations available to students are the National Social Work Honor Society, Phi Alpha Honor Society, and a student lead organization, the Social Work Alliance. In addition, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and the Black Association of Social Workers (NABSW) is available for student membership.

Department of Social Work Faculty all have an MSW and/or doctoral degree in social work or closely related profession with most being licensed social workers with diverse practice expertise within the profession. Staff give the motherly feeling of TU by supporting faculty and students with their academic needs.

Learn more about the curriculum requirements and the department



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