Our Faculty

The Master of Social Work faculty are knowledgeable in their field, work collaboratively with students and colleagues, and conduct research relevant to today’s issues. Varied in their origins, background experiences, education and interests, faculty diversity contributes to the strength of the program. Further, our credentialed faculty actively engage in professional and community service, and collaborative research in such areas as:

- Clinical social work
- Child welfare services
- School social work
- Families and domestic violence
- Substance use and abuse
- Gerontological social work
- Military-related issues
- Human trafficking

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- Whitney M. Young Jr.,
  NASW President 1969-1971,
  Civil Rights Activist
Mission of the Master of Social Work Program

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke offers a 60-credit hour program (full-time or part-time) and a 38-credit hour program (Advanced Standing, full-time or part-time) Master of Social Work Program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The mission of the Master of Social Work (MSW) Program at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke is to prepare students for professional social work practice within an advanced generalist model. Social workers prepared using an advanced generalist model have the capacity to practice in varied settings with diverse client populations. Our graduates are equipped to utilize resources available in rural areas, prepared for the challenges of working with indigenous communities, and have an awareness of both historical and contemporary social issues that are embedded in a framework of a larger, more global reality.

What does a Master Level Social Worker do?

Master Level Social Workers fill complex roles through the implementation of a diverse knowledge base and culturally-relevant skills that respond to the needs of varied populations across numerous contexts. Social workers seek to enhance the well-being of individuals through providing services including: community organizing, mental health counseling, policy development, and conducting research. Furthermore, social workers engage in lifelong learning and professional development opportunities to remain current in knowledge, engage in leadership roles, and promote social and economic justice.

Opportunities for Student Involvement:

There are multiple opportunities for graduate social work students to become involved in the local, national, and international fields of Social Work:

- Alpha Delta Mu (ADM) National Social Work Honor Society
- Graduate Assistantships
- Campus Association of Social Workers (CASW)
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- Faculty-Student collaboration on professional presentations and research

““The UNCP Master of Social Work program positively changed my life forever…socially, emotionally, as well as professionally.”

– Carolyn Manning, Master of Social Work graduate, Class of 2014