

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
Master of Social Work

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Social Work Program at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke seeks to prepare students for professional social work practice within a generalist (BSW) and advanced generalist (MSW) model and to become leaders in enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of this region. In keeping with its rural setting and needs of the region’s populace, the program attempts to impart to and teach students the skills necessary for implementing solutions to rural problems. It is particularly concerned with the consequences of injustice, and thus focuses on the empowerment of populations-at-risk and the advancement of economic, political and social justice in all communities.

Goals	Program Objective
To offer a comprehensive foundation and advanced curriculum, based upon the liberal arts perspective, that effectively addresses social work values and ethics, diversity, the promotion of social and economic justice, populations-at-risk, human behavior and the social environment, social work practice, social welfare policy and services, research, and field practicum.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply critical thinking skills within the context of professional social work practice. 2. Understand the value base of the profession and its ethical standards and principles, and practice accordingly. 3. Practice without discrimination and with respect, knowledge, and skills related to clients’ age, class, color, culture, disability, ethnicity, family structure, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, and sexual orientation. 4. Understand the forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination and apply strategies of advocacy and social change that advance social and economic justice. 5. Understand and interpret the history of the social
To draw upon the generalist perspective and professional experiences to offer a comprehensive, integrated advanced generalist concentration curriculum.	
To promote the active involvement of faculty and graduate students in scholarly production, including basic and applied research.	
To offer a focus on social work generalist practice at all levels: individual, family, community, state, national, and international, with an emphasis on rural and Native American communities.	
To prepare graduates for participation in advanced level education beyond the MSW degree and to promote life-long learning among North Carolina social workers by	

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<p>providing quality continuing education opportunities.</p>	<p>work profession and its contemporary structures and issues.</p> <p>6. Apply the knowledge and skills of generalist social work practice with systems of all sizes.</p> <p>7. Use theoretical frameworks supported by empirical evidence to understand individual development and behavior across the life span and the interactions among individuals and between individuals and families, groups, organizations, and communities.</p> <p>8. Analyze, formulate, and influence social policies.</p> <p>9. Evaluate research studies, apply research findings to practice, and evaluate their own practice interventions.</p> <p>10. Use communication skills differentially across client populations, colleagues, and communities.</p> <p>11. Use supervision and consultation appropriate to social work practice.</p> <p>12. Function within the structure of organizations and service delivery systems and seek necessary organizational change.</p>