

**The University of Tennessee College of Social Work  
Professional Code of Conduct  
BSSW Program**

The mission of the BSSW program focuses on the education and training of students for entry-level generalist practice. There is the expectation that students in the program uphold the core values and ethical standards of the social work profession. These values and ethical principles are identified and discussed in the NASW Code of Ethics. As part of the requirement for entry into the major, a student is asked to read and sign the following code of conduct derived from the Code of Ethics.

1. Social work students are expected to uphold the values, ethics, and standards of the profession (5.01, Code of Ethics).
2. Social work students are expected to treat their peers, faculty, and staff with dignity and respect (2.01A), and avoid unwarranted negative criticism and demeaning comments of these constituencies (2.01B).
3. Social work students should strive to enhance their competence and recognize the need for continuous professional growth (4.01).
4. Social work students should not practice, condone, facilitate or collaborate with any form of discrimination (4.02).
5. Social work students should not participate in, condone, or facilitate any type of dishonesty, fraud or deception (4.04).
6. Social work students whose personal problems, psycho social distress, legal problems, substance abuse, or mental health difficulties interfere with their abilities to meet classroom and field practice requirements are expected to take appropriate remedial action (4.05).
7. Social work students should not permit their private conduct to interfere with their classroom and field practice responsibilities (4.03).
8. Social work students engaged in research are expected to protect the confidentiality of human subjects, obtain voluntary informal consent, and inform participants of their right to withdraw from the study (5.02).

**Statement of Understanding**

Being admitted into the BSSW program, requires students to adhere to the professional values, ethics and standards identified in the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics. If faculty determine my professional development is less than satisfactory, the program has the responsibility to review my suitability for the social work profession.

The student's signature indicates the student has read and received a copy of this code of conduct.

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_