BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK (BSSW ONLINE PROGRAM)
THE ONLINE BSSW PROGRAM is specifically designed for transfer students who have earned 60 transferrable credit hours and an Associate of Art (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree from a regionally accredited community college. Applicants who have not yet finished their A.A. or A.S. are eligible for admission as long as their A.A. or A.S. and 60 transferable credit hours are completed by the fall semester. Transfer students who complete the Tennessee Transfer Pathway in Social Work are highly encouraged to apply.

All curriculum and program requirements for the BSSW Online Program are identical to those required for the BSSW Knoxville Program. All required social work courses are delivered exclusively online using real-time, or synchronous, video conference software. Courses also feature asynchronous teaching methods to facilitate learning using online learning resources outside predetermined time constraints. The BSSW online program offers cutting-edge electives including courses on trauma, forensic social work, crisis intervention and suicidology, and social work with military and veteran populations.

“I have lived my life hearing the legends of the University of Tennessee. I remember how excited I was when the College of Social Work announced their online BSSW program. I knew at that point it was the only place I wanted to be. It felt like a dream come true.”

*Cat Steele, BSSW online student*
Social workers are employed in a wide variety of fields. Depending on the route you choose, employment is available with schools, hospitals, outpatient clinics, mental health facilities, colleges & universities, non-profit agencies, the legal profession, government agencies, corporate HR & finance, and athletics, just to name a few.

Social workers change the world and if you are looking for a career with diversity and meaning, we would encourage you to consider social work. The fundamental mission of the social work profession is to serve people needing assistance and to work to make social institutions more responsive to human needs. Social work is distinguished from other helping professions by its person-in-environment focus and its strong commitment to social and economic justice.
WHAT IS FIELD PLACEMENT?

Field education is a required critical component of your academic program. Social work practice requires integration of knowledge, values, ethics, and skills. The field education experience enables students to apply knowledge from the classroom to real-life practice settings. In addition, the completion of field education is a requirement of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the accrediting body for BSSW and MSSW programs.

ALL STUDENTS will work with their field coordinator to secure their required field practicum placements that occur in a real-world practice setting under the supervision of a professional social worker.

WHAT TYPES OF SETTINGS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FIELD PLACEMENTS?

The College of Social Work partners with a wide variety of public, private, not-for-profit, and for-profit organizations throughout Tennessee, the U.S., and internationally. Students select from a dynamic list of organizations to arrange for placements in their areas of interest. Options include schools, hospitals, state and local government, government agencies, the criminal justice system, community organizations, mental health and substance abuse facilities, treatment centers, and many more.
WHY UTK?

- Network of over 6000 CSW alumni living in Tennessee
- Collaboration with two research centers
- Four-year program with leading-edge curriculum
- Learn from nationally renowned, cutting-edge research faculty
- Financial aid & scholarships available
- Remote, full-time program

Learn more about the BSSW online program:

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