



## The School of Social Work

### BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

The need for social workers is growing and will continue to grow as society requires more trained professionals to confront persistent social problems. Monmouth University's Bachelor of Social Work degree program equips graduates to build useful and rewarding careers in the field. The program also provides a foundation of knowledge for advanced study.

Figures tell the story. Placement for graduates of Monmouth's baccalaureate program in social work has been very successful for those who choose not to enter graduate school immediately after graduation. The welfare reform movement will create new career opportunities in human-needs assessment, job training and placement, and child care.

What kind of person chooses a career in social work? Ideally it is someone who enjoys working with people, is committed to helping people in need, and is not afraid to tackle society's most persistent problems. Social workers provide services for children, teens, families, and the elderly, and deal with problems such as healthcare, substance abuse, and family issues. Monmouth's Bachelor of Social Work degree opens the door to these opportunities through public agencies, schools, or private organizations. It is also a strong foundation for graduate school. About 85 percent of graduates from Monmouth's social work program enter graduate school at some point in their career.

#### The Monmouth Advantage

Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the Monmouth program prepares students for advanced standing in graduate school. Advanced standing allows a student to earn a Master of Social Work degree in one

year, rather than the usual two years. More than 95 percent of Monmouth graduates who go on to graduate school are accepted with advanced standing. Monmouth graduates who choose not to get their advanced degree at Monmouth University have been accepted to graduate programs at Rutgers, the University of Pennsylvania, Fordham, New York University, Bryn Mawr, Boston University, and other prestigious universities.

While the Monmouth social work program is a foundation for further study, its aim is to prepare the student for actual practice. To that end, field practice is required for graduation. Hands-on experience connects classroom theory to the real world. Internships begin as early as sophomore year with 30 hours per semester of volunteer work. In the second semester of the junior year, students receive 100 hours of field experience by observing treatment at a social service agency. During senior year, students spend 16 hours a week in a social service agency, receiving 12 credits for working directly with clients.

The Monmouth program also allows students to earn partial certification hours from the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Certification Board of New Jersey toward state drug and alcohol certification.

Monmouth's small average class size encourages interaction and discussion. It also allows more direct contact with senior faculty members who act as mentors. At Monmouth, students are given the individual attention necessary to develop professional skills.

The faculty members in the Department of Social Work combine strong academic credentials (as teachers and researchers) with practical experience. Research interests include social welfare policy, health policy, counseling techniques, veteran's policy, international social work, marriage and the family, children and adolescents, learning theory and cognitive-behavioral methods of intervention, occupational safety, and women's health.

Monmouth University is the right place for the student who wants to work directly with senior faculty members and expects to interact one-on-one with researchers and practitioners in the field. Monmouth is small enough to permit close student-faculty interaction and large enough to provide the diversity and resources of a large state university.

#### valuable online resources

- Apply Online
- Curriculum Charts
- Department Faculty Members
- School of Social Work Web Site
- [www.monmouth.edu](http://www.monmouth.edu)

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