

BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK WITH A DUAL MAJOR IN APPLIED GERONTOLOGY

The population of Texas, the United States, and the world is aging rapidly. Responding to the needs of older Americans will require the services of more well-trained professionals than ever before, including licensed social workers with training in gerontology.

Areas of particular need include hospitals, long-term care and retirement facilities, adult day care centers, mental health/mental retardation centers, home health care agencies, hospices, senior centers and Veterans Administration facilities

The Department of Rehabilitation, Social Work, and Addictions and the Department of Applied Gerontology at UNT offer a joint program leading to the B.S.W. degree with a dual major in social work and applied gerontology for social work students wishing to work primarily with older clients.

Students pursuing this degree take 55 semester hours in social work and related required courses, and 24 semester hours in studies in aging. The balance of the student's course work is drawn from UNT's Core Curriculum to meet university-wide requirements.

SOCIAL WORK AND RELATED COURSES (55 HOURS)

Including:

RHAB 3200 Physical and Psychosocial Aspects of Disability I (3 hrs)
SOWK 3800 Social Work Practice I (3 hrs)
SOWK 3879 Social Work Research and Practice (3 hrs)
SOWK4340 Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3 hrs)
SOWK 4430 Applied Social Welfare Policy (3 hrs)
SOWK 4540 Race and Ethnic Minorities (3 hrs)
SOWK4810 Social Work Practice II (3 hrs)
SOWK4820 Social Work Practicum I (6 hrs)
SOWK4820 Social Work Practicum II (6 hrs)

APPLIED GERONTOLOGY (24 HOURS)

Including:

AGER 3480 Psychology of Adult Development and Aging (3 hrs)
AGER4550 Sociology of Aging (3 hrs)
AGER4780 Aging Programs and Services (3 hrs)
AGER4560 Minority Aging (3 hrs)
AGER4500 Long-term Care Case Management with Older Adults (3 hrs)
AGER 4450 The Family in Later Life (3 hrs)

The B.S.W. degree program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, and social work majors are eligible to take the examination for licensure as a social worker by the state of Texas.

Students may also earn a double degree (B.S.W./B.S.) in social work and applied gerontology if they choose to do so. A minimum of 158 semester hours is required for the double degree.