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**BACHELOR OF
SOCIAL WORK**

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SOCIAL WORK



Social workers help people. Working in myriad settings, from early intervention centers and schools to counseling centers, hospitals and nursing homes, social workers help people to live and work at their highest potential. Adhering to the **National Association of Social Work Code of Ethics**, social workers work with individuals, couples, families, groups and organizations. They function as counselors, educators, advocates, case managers, policy analysts and researchers. Social workers initiate social change. In addition to working directly with people, they work with organizations and policy makers to eliminate poverty and oppression.

BSW PROGRAM OF STUDY



The **Social Work** program demands excellence, and students receive the support they need to achieve that. The student body is strengthened by its diversity, and social work students at Kutztown University form a close, supportive community. In addition, faculty help students to achieve demanding standards through living and learning communities, leadership opportunities, small group and individual exchange with faculty, and careful introduction to a vast array of university support service.

Curriculum: Students experience intensive coursework in social work practice, social welfare policy, and research. They participate in a one-year internship program. As a result of this classroom and experiential learning, students are well prepared for work in social services. Graduates are eligible to sit for BSW licensure in Pennsylvania. In addition, graduates may apply for Advanced Standing in MSW programs.

Transfer Students: Students who have earned an associate's degree in social work are eligible to complete the program in just 60 credits.

Internships: Students spend 400 hours in an internship program where they work and learn in a variety of settings such as health and mental health treatment, child welfare, substance use, intimate partner violence, schools, legislative offices, criminal justice, and aging.

EMPLOYMENT

Employment of social workers is projected to grow 12% through 2024 – faster than the average for all occupations.* The average salary for an individual who holds a BSW degree in Pennsylvania is \$42,000, with earning potential to \$61,000. Adding an MSW degree increases the average by \$15,000.

**Bureau of Labor Statistics*

DEGREE CONTINUUM

BSW students at Kutztown University study in a nationally accredited program.* At any time during the four-year program, students may develop a plan to complete both the BSW and the **Master of Social Work (MSW)** in as little as five years. KU also offers a **Doctor of Social Work degree (DSW)** to advance your social work career.

**Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education
The DSW is a joint Kutztown University/Millersville University program*



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