

SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA is committed to a program of studies that is informed by a central concern for human rights, personal empowerment, community change and social justice. It has as its foundation an analysis of power in relation to class, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age and abilities. Incorporating critical social thinking including structural, feminist and anti-racist analyses, the Program focuses on social work in northern and remote areas, aboriginal and cross cultural issues, women and human services and community practice and research. It continues to develop in collaboration with regional, national and global communities.

The School of Social Work seeks to provide its graduates with intellectual, practical and professional skills and knowledge rooted in progressive values that promote beneficial change. By acknowledging the holistic, interdisciplinary and activist nature of social work and its commitment to social justice, the curriculum and governance of social work education at UNBC will strive to provide a self-reflective balance between theory and practice; research, teaching and community service; and critical self-awareness and respect for the ideas of others. The School of Social Work will seek to ensure a safe and stimulating educational environment for faculty, staff and students.

THE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE AT UNBC is designed to prepare students for beginning level, generalist social work practice with individuals, families, groups, and communities. As mandated by its accrediting body, the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE) and by the Social Work Code of Ethics, Social Work at UNBC provides a professional program that advocates for social justice and equality and equips graduates with the intellectual, practical and professional skills needed to promote beneficial change.

Accreditation: The BSW program at UNBC has been fully accredited with the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE).

SOCIAL WORK AT UNBC offers programs of full and part-time studies leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Social Work (BSW). The Prince George campus offers a two year program of study for full-time students. Because of the smaller number of students studying at the three Regional campuses, the program of study is delivered over a period of three years. The Social Work program includes a Child Welfare and a First Nation specialization stream. For additional information on the Specialization streams, please consult the BSW Student Handbook and Program Guide or Undergraduate Academic Calendar.

ADMISSION to the Bachelor of Social Work program is by selection. To begin the Bachelor of Social Work application process, please download and complete the BSW Application Form and BSW Reference Form (please print three copies) which is located at http://www.unbc.ca/socialwork/application_forms.html. Students will normally complete 60 credit hours of study and achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.67 (B-) (calculated on a student's most recent 60 credit hours of study) and meet other selection criteria prior to program entry. More information about these criteria can be found in the BSW Supplementary Application for Admission form.

APPLICATION DUE DATE (PRINCE GEORGE): Formal Application to the School of Social Work must be made prior to January 31st for a September admission into the program.

APPLICATION DUE DATE (REGIONAL): Intake admission into the three Regional Programs is offered every two years. Students wishing to make application to one of the Regional programs should contact the Office of the Registrar or their respective Regional UNBC office.

Entry Routes

ROUTE 1	ROUTE 2	ROUTE 3
2 Years General University Studies	Recognized Community College Social Service Worker Program Diploma	Bachelor Degree in related discipline

Pre-Requisite Courses (some equivalents apply)

UNBC Core Courses	WMST 100 Intro. to Women's Studies FNST 100 The Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	SOCW 200 Intro. to Social Work Practice SOCW 201 Intro. to Social Welfare
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3rd Year Required SOCW Courses

300-3 SW Communication Skills 301-3 Critical Social Work Practice	302-6 SW Field Education * (300, 301, 310 and 320 required prior to 302) 310-3 First Nations SW Issues	320-3 Critical Social Policy 330-3 SW Research/Policy/Practice 336-3 SW Philosophy and Ethics
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4th Year Required SOCW Courses

401-3 Northern/Remote SW Practice	402-15 SW Field Education 2 * (all 300 and 400 level required prior to 402)	420-3 Family/Child Welfare Policy
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SOCW Elective Courses Social Work students are required to take five (5) electives in addition to the core course offerings. Students who have not taken a Human Growth and Development course in their first 2 years of university study are required to take SOCW 421 as one of their five electives.

421-3 Human Growth and Development (cross-listed as PSYC 345) 422-3 Child Welfare Practice 424-3 Child Welfare/Sites of Resistance 426-3 Current Issues in Child Welfare Practice 432-3 Unemployment and Social Work 433-3 Women in the Human Services 435-3 Community Social Policy 437-3 SW with Groups and Communities	438-3 Comparative Welfare Analysis 439-3 SW/Law and the Justice System 440-3 SW in Mental Health 441-3 Social Work and Substance Abuse 442-3 SW with Victims of Abuse 443-3 Medical Social Work 444-3 SW: Critical Issues in Aging 445-3 SW and Cross-Cultural Practice 448-3 Inequality and Income Security	449-3 Gender and Sexuality 450-3 SW and Family Practice 452-3 SW/Crisis Intervention 454-3 Disability Issues 455-3 First Nations Governance and Social Policy 456-3 Family Caring Systems 457-3 Individual and Community Wellness 498-3/6 Special Topics 499-3 Directed Readings
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* Social Work Field Education offers students an opportunity to develop their social work practice skills within an agency or community setting. A variety of placements are available, locally and in the region, and whenever possible the student's interests and learning needs will be matched with a suitable placement opportunity.

School of Social Work Faculty and Research Interests

Bruce Bidgood, Associate Professor

BA (Brock) MSW PhD (Wilfrid Laurier)
Family Violence, Child Welfare, Social Policy, Social Administration, Social Planning, Applied Social Welfare Research

Dawn Hemingway, Associate Professor, Chair and MSW Coordinator

BA (Simon Fraser) MSc MSW (Northern British Columbia)
Adulthood/Aging (Care-giving, Psychogeriatrics, Empowerment/Self-Advocacy), Disability Issues, Community Development/Community-Based Research, Women & Health, Northern/Remote Community Health

Nancy Jokinen, Assistant Professor

BA HBSW MSW (Lakehead) PhD (Calgary)
Aging, Disability, Health, Dementia, Familial Relations and Support, Quality of Life, Age-Friendly Communities, Qualitative and Mixed methods Research

Indrani Margolin, Assistant Professor

BA (Guelph) MSW (Wilfrid Laurier) PhD (Toronto)
Holistic Social Work Practices (spirit, mind, body), Expressive Arts Therapies (authentic movement), Girls' and Women's Sexual Health and Well-Being (bodyself), Narrative Inquiry, Arts-Based Research Methodologies

Heather Peters, Associate Professor

BA (Saskatchewan) BSW (British Columbia) MSW (Carleton) PhD Candidate
Homelessness, Women and Housing Issues, Youth, Community Development, Social Policy, Aboriginal Self-Government, Housing Policy

Joanna Pierce, Assistant Professor

BSW MSW (Northern British Columbia)
Mental Health, Community Development, Cross-Cultural Communication, Remote/Northern Practice Development, Child Welfare, and Social Policy

Dave Sangha, Assistant Professor

BA BSW MSW (British Columbia)
Social Policy, Community Development, Human Rights, Anti-Racism, Diasporic Communities, Child Welfare

Glen Schmidt, Associate Professor and BSW Coordinator

BA BSW (Manitoba) MSW (British Columbia) PhD (Memorial)
Social Work Education Outcomes, Mental Health Services, Services to First Nations People, Remote and Northern Practice Issues, Child Welfare Practice and Policy

Tammy Stuble, Assistant Professor

BA (University College of Cape Breton) BSW (UVIC) MSW (UBC)
Child Welfare Practice and Policy, Mental Health, Family Violence, Social Work and Spirituality and Disability Issues

Si Transken, Associate Professor

BA Hons BSW (Laurentian) MA PhD (Toronto)
Cultural Studies, Creative Writing, Criminal Harassment, Incest, Sexual Assault, Violence Against Women, Expressive Arts Therapy, Feminist Social Work, Anti-Racism, Mediation, Sexual Expression and Identities

University of Northern British Columbia has a particular focus on the social and economic issues of the North. The main campus is in Prince George, which is located at the confluence of the Fraser and Nechako Rivers in central British Columbia. The campus is set atop Cranbrook Hill overlooking the city and the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, and just a few minutes drive from the heart of downtown Prince George. "BC's Northern Capital" is a growing city of 78,000 and serves as the educational, economic, and cultural hub for northern BC.

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