

School of Social Work Master of Social Work

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 School 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 Master of Social Work Program is available on a full- or part-time basis and may be completed through a thesis or practicum route. The MSW builds on the BSW by offering students an integrated research/policy/practice concentration in one of the key thematic areas: social work in northern and remote areas, First Nations, women and the human services, and community practice and research. The aim of the MSW is to provide students with advanced social work research, policy and practice skills. It is designed to enable students to pursue independent studies that will help them undertake a variety of responsibilities in management, policy formulation, program consultation, planning, advanced social work, clinical practice, and research within the human services

Accreditation: The MSW Program at UNBC is fully accredited and was granted the maximum 7-year re-accreditation by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE) in June 2010. CASWE is a voluntary, national, non-profit association of university faculties, schools and departments that offer professional education in social work at the undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate levels.

There are two entry routes into the MSW at UNBC:

1. Entry from a BSW leads into the Advanced Year of the MSW Program.
2. Entry from a Bachelor degree in a related area and two years (24 months full-time equivalent) human service experience. Entry at this level begins with an MSW Foundation Year of studies.

MSW Foundation Year

Required Courses:

- SOCW 630-3 Communication Skills
 SOCW 631-3 Critical Social Work Practice
 SOCW 632-9* MSW Practicum I
 SOCW 633-3 Critical Social Policy
 SOCW 634-3 Social Work Research/Policy/Practice
 SOCW 635-3 Social Work Philosophy and Ethics
 SOCW 637-3* Advanced Practice Methods
 Two 600 level Social Work electives

*Corequisites

After completing the Foundation Year, students complete the MSW Program requirements as described below.

SOCW 634-3 must be successfully completed prior to registration in SOCW 609-3 and HHSC 703-3.

MSW PROGRAM

The Master of Social Work Program requires the successful completion of 33 credit hours of course work including a practicum or thesis. The MSW course requirements appear below.

Required Courses for Thesis route:

- SOCW 609-3 Advanced Quantitative Research
 HHSC 703-3 Advanced Qualitative Research Approaches in Health and Human Sciences
 SOCW 704-3 MSW Integrative Seminar
 SOCW 700-12 MSW Thesis

Required Courses for Practicum route:

- SOCW 609-3 Advanced Quantitative Research
 HHSC 703-3 Advanced Qualitative Research Approaches in Health and Human Sciences
 SOCW 704-3 MSW Integrative Seminar
 SOCW 732-9 MSW Practicum II

All students must take at least two of the following courses:

- SOCW 601-3 Issues in Northern/Remote Social Work
 SOCW 602-3 First Nations: Advanced Social Work Practice
 SOCW 603-3 Women: Policy/Practice Issues
 SOCW 605-3 Community Work/Politics of Change

Elective Courses *

- **Thesis students must take two electives. Those two electives are normally Social Work courses taken from the list below, or the list immediately above (SOCW 601, 602, 603, 605), but may on occasion also be courses from other UNBC graduate programs, and/or from other accredited Canadian universities via approved transfer agreements.**
- **Practicum students must take a total of three electives. One must be a Social Work course and come from the list below, or the list immediately above (SOCW 601, 602, 603, 605). Two may on occasion come from other UNBC graduate programs, and/or from other accredited Canadian universities via approved transfer agreements.**

- SOCW 604-3** Directed Readings
 SOCW 610-3 Wellness: Alternate Approaches
 SOCW 613-3 Clinical Social Work Practice
 SOCW 615-3 Multi-Cultural Social Work Practice
 SOCW 620-3 Policy Making/Human Services
 SOCW 621-3 Comparative Welfare Analysis
 SOCW 640-3 SW Supervision and Leadership
 SOCW 651-3 Legal Issues for Women
 SOCW 698-3 Special Topics
 SOCW 701-3 Research Practicum

*Not all electives are offered in a given year.

** May be taken once only.

The MSW Foundation Year and the MSW Year requirements are detailed below:

MSW Foundation Year		
Courses	Fall Term	Winter Term
Required	SOCW 630-3 SOCW 631-3 SOCW 633-3	SOCW 634-3 SOCW 635-3
	SOCW 637-3 SOCW 632-9	
Electives		2 MSW Electives
Foundation Year	33 Credit Hours	
MSW Year		
Courses	Thesis Option	Practicum Option
Required	SOCW 609-3 SOCW 704-3 HHSC 703-3 SOCW 700-12	SOCW 609-3 SOCW 704-3 HHSC 703-3 SOCW 732-9
	Take at least 2 of: SOCW 601-3 SOCW 602-3 SOCW 603-3 SOCW 605-3	
Electives	2 Electives	3 Electives
MSW Year		
Course Work	21	24
Practicum	0	9
Thesis	12	0
Total required for MSW Year	33 Credit Hours (Either Option)	
Total Required for Foundation Year and MSW Year	66 Credit Hours	

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www.unbc.ca/graduateprograms
www.unbc.ca/calendar/graduate

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

Susan Burke, RSW, Lecturer

BA (Trinity Western) MSW (UNBC)
Social Work with and by Aboriginal People, Social Work Health, Indigenous Learning, Kinship Care, Adoption/Permanency

Dawn Hemingway, RSW, Associate Professor, Chair and MSW Coordinator

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

Nancy Jokinen, RSW, Associate 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, RSW, Associate Professor

BA (Guelph) MSW (Wilfrid Laurier) PhD (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto)
Spirituality in Practice, Arts/Movement Therapy, Girls' and Women's Embodiment, Arts-based Inquiry

Heather Peters, Associate Professor

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

Joanna Pierce, RSW, Associate Professor and Field Education Director

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, RCSW, Professor

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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 Stubley, RSW, 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, RSW, 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

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