

Ph.D. Program in Social Work



NORFOLK STATE
UNIVERSITY

DEGREE AT A GLANCE

On Campus & Online Programs
Average class size – 5 to 8 students
Total credit hours – 54 hours
After successful completion of all
coursework, students are required to pass the
Comprehensive Examination and complete a Dissertation.

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ABOUT THE DEGREE PROGRAM

At Norfolk State University, we do indeed see the future in you. At NSU, you will begin to discover your potential and find life-changing opportunities.

In an ever-growing diverse society, the Ph.D. in Social Work will equip you to be a scholar, policymaker, researcher, or community leader. The program is unique in its focus on underserved populations, especially African American families. Students will become leaders of the profession who can facilitate change, advance social work knowledge, promote a scientific basis for social work practice, and advocate for social and economic justice in a rapidly changing and global world.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- The Ph.D. program is a fifty-four (54) credit hour program, which consists of forty-five (45) credit hours of coursework, and nine (9) dissertation credit hours.
- Coursework includes a fifteen (15) credit hour core curriculum, a three (3) credit hour elective, and twenty-seven (27) additional credit hours of coursework in research, policy, theory, and pedagogy.
- At the conclusion of coursework, students must successfully pass the comprehensive examination.
- Completion of a dissertation is the final requirement for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Social Work.



TESTIMONIAL:

“The Social Work PhD program was both challenging and rewarding. The supportive faculty helped me to develop into a scholar who can continue to enhance the field of social work. I experienced individual and professional growth as a result of my participation in this program.”

Jennifer Schweizer, Ph.D. ‘17



WHAT TO EXPECT AS A GRADUATE STUDENT IN THE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT.

Students can expect a structured sequential curriculum with proactive faculty mentoring.

- Program completion time – With full-time study, the Ph.D. program can be completed in four years, but must be completed within seven years.

WHERE WILL MY GRADUATE PROGRAM TAKE ME?

The degree will prepare you for unlimited opportunities as scholars, researchers and administrators who function as stewards of the discipline.

- **Workplaces** – Universities, government agencies, forensic settings, and policy organizations, both public and private.

GATEWAY LINKS

- The Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education in Social Work (GADE)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A master’s degree in social work.
- A minimum of two (2) years of full-time post MSW practice experience preferred.
- Completion of a graduate course in research and a graduate course in statistics.
- The Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- A personal statement and writing sample.
- Four (4) letters of recommendation.
- A personal interview.