SERVICE LEARNING

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM



WHY SERVICE LEARNING?

Undergraduate Social Work students complete service learning in a community agency as a part of Generalist Social Work Practice, integrating civic engagement and experiential learning with classroom instruction.

GENERALIST SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE: KNOWLEDGE, VALUES, & SKILLS

The course builds foundational knowledge in values, ethics, and skills relevant for generalist social work practice. Students apply the skills they learn in the classroom through supervised service learning placements in Austin during their first two semesters in the program, preparing them to explore a wide range of career paths.

Questions? Email sswservicelearning@ austin.utexas.edu

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

- 30 hours of service learning
- Arrange service learning placement with agency
- Set learning objectives and goals
- Log hours through official platform
- Reflect on experience alongside course content

AGENCY REQUIREMENTS

- Provide supervision and training
- Provide a experience that:
 - complements
 classroom curriculum
 and deepens learning
 - Includes contact with clients or community members

STUDENT OVERSIGHT

- Student supervision required by agency
- Agencies approve student hours and complete student evaluations
- Social worker oversight is recommended but not required.

