



ONLINE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

Social work is a helping profession. Social workers assess human problems and engage in problem solving. The social worker understands the process of individual development and the interaction with the social environment. The baccalaureate major in social work prepares generalist social workers at the undergraduate level for entry-level positions in social work and for graduate social work.



WHY THIS PROGRAM?

Make a difference: By the time you graduate, you'll have a network of social work colleagues and will go on to advance human rights and social and economic justice; engage in research-informed practice and practice-informed research; engage, assess, intervene and evaluate with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities; and so much more!

Experience a historically accredited program: BCU's social work program is nationally recognized, because we care about helping social work students foster their skills for changing lives. Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education since 1974, Briar Cliff University's social work program has been continuously accredited, with the most recent reaffirmation of accreditation in 2018.

Explore: Get hands on experience. Embark on mission trips across the country or internationally to Honduras and Tanzania. You and your peers will spearhead relief efforts and gain insight through culture and adventure. Students looking for experience in practicing social work in an urban setting have the opportunity to complete their practicum in Chicago with Chicago Semester.

PROGRAM ENTRY

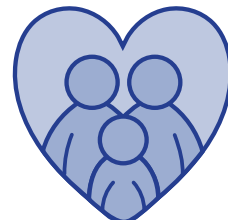
Students enrolled in this cooperative program complete their Social Work, Associate in Arts Degree at EICC and the Online Bachelor of Social Work Degree Completion Program at BCU. Assessment and advising before registration will help ensure success in program planning and completion.

CAREER OUTLOOK

Human needs in our society, whether at the individual, group, community, or national level, continue to call for the professional social worker's knowledge, values and skills in meeting them. Program graduates find employment with a variety of governmental (state and local) and private agencies that include the areas of child welfare, health care, addictions, mental health, youth services, geriatric services, criminal justice and community advocacy.

CAREER OPTIONS

- Hospital social work
- Behavioral management aide
- Case manager
- Community outreach worker
- Eligibility worker
- Human services specialist
- Juvenile court liaison
- Probation officer
- Rehabilitation case worker
- Social services employee
- Child and family social worker
- Counselor
- Adoption home study reporter
- School social worker
- Medical social worker
- Therapist pathway
- Psychologist pathway



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Iowa Central Community College

Students transferring into BCU's Online Bachelor of Social Work Degree Completion Program must complete ICCC's Associate of Arts with a 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA).

ICCC transfer students may begin BCU's Online Bachelor of Social Work Degree Completion Program with 63 credits, with the understanding additional credits will be required to meet BCU graduation standards. A total of 124 credits are required for graduation from BCU.

ICCC Equivalent Courses for BCU Foundation

LIT 114	American Literature
BIO 102	Introduction to Biology w/BIO 103 Lab
MAT 111	Math for Liberal Arts
OR MAT 157	Statistics
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology
SOC 120	Marriage & Family
SOC 200	Minority Group Relations
POL 111	American National Government
OR HIS 151	U.S. History to 1877
OR HIS 152	U.S. History Since 1877
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology
PSY 121	Developmental Psychology
PHI 145	Introduction to Ethical Conflict
ENG 105	English Composition I
ENG 106	English Composition II

Transfer Scholarships

Awards up to \$14,000

Briar Cliff University transfer scholarships are only available to first-time transfer students who are entering our student body with a minimum transfer CGPA of 2.0. The total scholarship amount awarded will be allotted throughout your time at Briar Cliff University, provided a minimum CGPA of 2.0 is maintained.

Questions?

Contact Admissions at (712) 279-5200 or email Admissions@briarcliff.edu.

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Year III, Fall Semester (10 credits)

SWRK 230	History & General Method of Social Work	3
SWRK 320	Human Behavior & the Social Environment	3
LIBS 301	Digital Research for Academic Endeavors (8 weeks)	1
SWRK Elective		3

Year III, Spring Semester (11 credits)

SWRK 370	Practice I	3
SWRK 370L	Practice Lab	1
SWRK 360	Social Issues and Policy	3
SWRK 01 IS	Introduction to Field Work	1
THEO 107	Christianity and Franciscan Traditions (8 weeks)	3

Year III, Summer Semester (9 credits)

SWRK Elective	(4 weeks)	3
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Year IV, Fall Semester (11 credits)

SWRK 14 IS	Community Organization	1
SWRK 375	Social Work Practice II	3
SWRK 340	Social Sciences Research Methods	4
Elective		3

Year IV, Spring Semester (14 credits)

SWRK 380	Social Work Practice III	3
SWRK 443	Field Work	9
SWRK 444	Field Work Seminar	2

Year IV, Summer Semester (6 credits)

Elective	(4 weeks)	3
Elective	(4 weeks)	3

Briar Cliff University Online Program Total 49

Plus any additional elective courses as required.

45+
**YEARS OF CONTINUOUS
ACCREDITATION**

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**UNIQUE
SCHOLARSHIPS**

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CONCENTRATIONS

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Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program

Minor and Concentrations

Students who transfer to Briar Cliff University's BSW program have the option of minoring in Gerontology and/or obtaining a concentration in 1. Behavioral Health and Addictions 2. Children, Youth, and Families 3. Faith-based Ministry. A concentration is a structured plan of study within a major. The minimum number of credit hours for an internal concentration is 12 credit hours. Credits for an internal concentration are in addition to the requirements beyond the core courses of the major. An internal concentration appears on the official transcript. To earn a B.S.W. with a concentration, students take all courses required for the B.S.W plus the courses required for the concentration.

Gerontology Minor

Developed by the nursing, psychology and social work departments, the interdisciplinary gerontology minor prepares students in any discipline to work with other people in a rapidly changing population. Students from all disciplines benefit from studies of the aging population. An interdisciplinary minor provides the vehicle for organized gerontological studies for any student in any of the academic programs.

Requirements for a Minor in Gerontology

The 18-credit hour interdisciplinary minor include the following:

BIOL 102 Human Biology

OR BIOL 221 Human Anatomy

OR BIOL 240 Nutrition

NURS 356 Biological and Health Aspects of Aging

PSYC 110 Introduction to Psychology

PSYC 355 Adulthood & Aging

SOCY 124 Introduction to Sociology

SWRK 465 Gerontology

Behavioral Health & Addictions Concentration

A concentration in behavioral health & addictions prepares students for practice with individuals across the life span addressing mental health, addictions and co-occurring disorders.

Requirements for a Concentration in Behavioral Health & Addictions

Required Courses (9 credit hrs.)

SWRK 335 Substance Use and Abuse

SWRK 325 Mental Health

SWRK 300 -Trauma Informed Social Work Practice

Additional Electives (3 credit hrs.)

Select 1 of the following:

CJUS 252 – Corrections

CJUS 365 - Juvenile Justice

Students will complete their practicum at an agency working with individuals with behavioral health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders.

Children, Youth, and Families Concentration

A concentration in children, youth, and families prepares students for a social work career working with children and families in child welfare and family service agencies.

Requirements for the Concentration in Children, Youth, and Families

Required Courses (9 credit hrs.)

SWRK 345 Child Welfare

OR SWRK 355 Child Welfare and the Law

PSYC 354 Child and Adolescent Development

SWRK 300 Trauma Informed Social Work Practice

Additional Electives (3 credit hrs.)

Select 1 of the following:

SWRK 345 Child Welfare

OR SWRK 355 Child Welfare and the Law

SWRK 325 Mental Health

SWRK 335 Substance Use and Abuse

CJUS 365 Juvenile Justice

NURS 276 Integration of Holistic Health for Interdisciplinary Health Profession

SPAN 303 Spanish for Careers

SWRK XXX Human Sexuality

Students will complete their practicum at an agency that provide services to children, youth, and families.

Faith Based Ministry Concentration

This concentration will develop student skills in the area of social work and faith-based service. It's focus will help students develop their talents while meeting the world's needs in relations to God and neighbor.

Requirements for the Faith Based Ministry Concentration

Required Courses (6 credit hrs.)

SWRK 300 Bereavement

THEO 310 Ministry*

*THEO 110 must be completed prior to THEO 310

Additional Electives (6 credit hrs.)

Select 2 of the following:

THEO 260 Francis, Clare, and Franciscan

THEO 116 Church in the World

SWRK 325 Mental Health

SWRK 465 Gerontology

SWRK 300 Trauma informed Social Work Practice

Students will complete their practicum at an agency working with individuals in a ministry or faith-based setting.