

College of Education and Human Services

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Faculty of the college take full advantage of UIS' location in the state capital by maintaining close ties with the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Human Services. Faculty serve on a variety of professional advisory boards and on the boards of local social service delivery agencies. Due to the large number of state government employees, educators, and human service professionals in Springfield, the college's academic programs are vital to the city's economic and employment base.

Students enrolled in the college's programs prepare for professional careers as social workers, researchers and teachers. Programs in the college are closely involved with the Internship and Service-Learning Programs and the Career Development Center to ensure that students receive field and/or clinical experience in their chosen professional areas and have realistic career objectives.

The Social Work department is nationally accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Students earn a Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) and may receive advanced standing when applying to Masters of Social Work (M.S.W.) programs. The B.S.W. is a generalist degree that gives students the education and skill necessary to provide direct services to clients in a wide variety of human service settings.

Generalist practice social work encompasses all client groups and all levels of service, from individuals to international social policy. The program is based on an empowerment model dedicated to the achievement of social justice and human rights for all.

The Department of Teacher Education Program provides an Elementary Major and a Secondary Minor that lead to state-approved licensure when combined with an appropriate academic content major and fulfillment of general education, campus, and state requirements.

Elementary education candidates are required to choose an appropriate academic disciplinary content area as a second major, and secondary education candidates must major in one of several programs leading to licensure in the areas of English, mathematics, science or social science. The purpose is to prepare licensed elementary and secondary teachers who are competent in subject matter and who understand the psychological and socio-cultural characteristics of learners.

College faculty use a variety of innovative teaching strategies and technologies in the classroom and apply their research and scholarship to the course work that they teach. Many of the faculty have national and international reputations in their areas of expertise.