

Our nationally accredited program offers a distinctly personal touch, with small class sizes, collaborative research, and individualized advising by the same faculty member throughout the program. Our program is grounded in the mission of Providence College — scholarship, service, respect for the dignity of all people, and responsible citizenship within our society and in the global community.

B.A. Social Work

The major in social work combines 13 required classes in social work with a total of 600 hours of professionally supervised internships in community health, human service, and human service agencies.

Course work focuses on human behavior, social problems and policies, diversity, at-risk populations, and the nature of the professional-helping relationship. Theories, research methods, and skills for problem solving with individuals, families, groups, and communities are also a major part of the curriculum.

The field placement curriculum is spread throughout the junior and senior year and combines professionally supervised experience with classroom seminars. Students can work with at-risk children and youth, homeless families, survivors of domestic violence, people with developmental delays, and the elderly through a wide variety of community agencies.



Explore Courses of Study
and More





PEOPLE AND PLACES

For more than 40 years, the Department of Social Work has prepared graduates for careers that offer personal success and fulfillment while making a positive impact in the lives of others. The hallmark of our program is the ability of our graduates to not only “do well” in reaching their professional goals but to “do good” for others and to better the world around them.

Our students engage in classroom learning and community-based learning and professionally supervised internships, which provide valuable practical experiences that prepare them for advanced standing in graduate school or immediate employment.

Field education is the signature component of our program (total 600 hours), so that students are exposed to the practice of social work. Students also have the opportunity for induction and participation in Chi Eta, Providence College’s chapter of Phi Alpha, the national social work honor society.

Selected Places of Employment

Alliance House • Brown Brothers Harriman
Capital Preparatory Magnet Schools
CareOne Senior Care • Connecticut Community Care
East Hampton Youth & Family • EverThrive Illinois
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
New England Pediatric Care
Sevita • Spaulding Rehabilitation Network
Teach for America • The Home for Little Wanderers
Year Up–Rhode Island

Selected Graduate Schools

Boston College • Boston University • Columbia University
Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service
Howard University • New England Law
New York University • Providence College
Quinnipiac School of Law • Ramapo College of New Jersey
Rhode Island College • Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University • Simmons University
Southern Connecticut State University
University of Chicago • University of Connecticut

94%

of social work graduates are employed or attending graduate school

(Providence College classes of 2019 – 2023)

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