

A close-up photograph of two hands being held together. The hand on the left is dark-skinned, and the hand on the right is light-skinned. The fingers are interlaced, and the skin texture is clearly visible. The background is a blurred blue fabric.

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Social Work Are you searching for a career with meaning, action, diversity, satisfaction, and an abundance of options? Do you want to relieve suffering in the world? Are you interested in changing social conditions? Looking at individuals, groups, and entire populations from a strengths-based, solution-focused approach, the profession of social work pursues social justice and personal empowerment by drawing on human strength and individual faith experiences. The Social Work Department of Andrews University offers you the tools you'll need to make an impact.

Whether you want to work in the inner city, in the classroom, or around the world, Andrews University will prepare you with an education based on excellence, action, and Christian compassion. We will prepare you with knowledge, values, and decision-making skills that may be used in a variety of settings and situations.

Our department mission summarizes and energizes our efforts in the field of social work: *Preparing individuals for excellence during a lifetime of professional service and Christian compassion in action.* Rather than simply meeting minimal standards, we strive for excellence. We emphasize a lifetime learning partnership that will take you where you want to go. At Andrews the Christian perspective in social work comes to life. You'll develop practice skills for really making a difference in the lives of hurting people and within broken communities. It's here where you will grow professionally while making friends for life.

Degree The Social Work Department offers you a **Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)** degree. Our program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The BSW curriculum centers on preparing students for entry-level professional practice or admission to a Master of Social Work (MSW) program. Required BSW course content includes:

- Human Behavior and the Social Environment
- Social Welfare Policy
- Research
- Professional Practice
- Practicum

The program integrates concepts of professional ethics and values, critical thinking, and sensitivity to diversity, oppression, social and economic justice, and populations-at-risk.



CAREERS & RESOURCES

Careers Few occupations can match the variety offered by a career in social work. A versatile profession, social work has provided jobs in over 350 different organizational settings. Social work is projected by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics to be in the top 18 professions for the 21st century. Here are a few examples of careers in social work.

- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Child Welfare
- Public Welfare
- School Social Work
- Justice and Corrections
- Occupational Social Work
- Health Care
- Mental Health/Clinical Social Work
- Community Organization
- Policy and Planning
- Politics
- Research

Advising Your advisor will provide you with resources and assistance as you choose classes, look for jobs and volunteer work, and navigate challenges during your educational experience.

SWAT Social Workers Assembling Together (SWAT) is a student organization which encourages students to be involved in student advocacy, community outreach, social planning, and spiritual growth. As a BSW student, you are a member of SWAT. It provides an opportunity for all students to become better acquainted with other social work students and faculty while participating in activities which enhance academic life. Elected officers represent you and plan activities throughout the year.

International Projects The mission of Andrews University is to serve the global audience. Hence, both faculty and students are involved in many international social work projects. Some of the international experiences that faculty and/or students have been involved with include travel to Mexico, Guatemala, Thailand, Costa Rica, Albania, Kenya, Solomon Islands, India, Romania, Peru, Belize, and Brazil. Social work students have worked internationally with orphans, foster families, refugees, displaced peoples, health projects, research and evaluation, policy and advocacy, and community building. Each year new opportunities are available.

Professional Affiliations We are affiliated with:

- The National Association of Christian Social Workers (NACSW)
- The National Network for Social Work Managers
- The National Association of Social Work

Counseling and Testing Center To help you better explore options, our Counseling and Testing Center offers a number of professionally certified aptitude, personality, and psychological tests. You should take several tests, rather than just one. This will allow you to receive a more complete picture of your preferences, profile, and career options. In the end, you should be able to combine your test results with your intuitive feel and reach some very important decisions.



Student Success Center A vital support unit of Andrews University, this office coordinates a variety of services to help students reach their full potential. This includes tutoring, testing, academic counseling, and a support system to help you find your way successfully through college.

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