



## empowerment { practice }

Graduate credentials are becoming increasingly important in the social work profession. Social workers practice in schools, businesses, hospitals; mental health, child welfare, substance abuse treatment and criminal justice agencies. In addition, veterans' services, family support, aging, community and non-profit organizations are settings where social workers are frequently employed. The employment outlook for social workers is projected to grow by 19 percent by 2022.

Consistent with the purposes of social work and Catholic Social Teaching, the St. Ambrose University School of Social Work seeks to advance the well-being of people, to promote social and economic justice and to protect human rights. Emphasizing client system empowerment, the School prepares graduates to practice competently, ethically and with critical understanding of diversity, human behavior and social contexts. It is our mission to prepare competent and ethical social work professionals who enrich lives and advocate a just society.

- > Full-time, part-time and advanced standing curriculum
- > Small classes
- > Online learning options
- > Concentration on empowerment practice
- > Focus on a wide range of practical skills for maximum career flexibility



## **advocates** } for a just society

### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- > Application guidelines at [www.sau.edu/msw](http://www.sau.edu/msw)
- > Official transcripts from all institution(s) of enrollment
- > Social Work application
- > Three letters of reference
- > Personal statement

### For more information

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### Goals and Objectives

The program emphasizes work with diverse populations in a variety of social service settings. This provides opportunities to learn and test a range of empowerment social work practice approaches. The MSW program is committed to the education of empowerment practice social workers with an obligation to serve the oppressed. Other valuable advantages of choosing St. Ambrose University for graduate social work education include:

- > The empowerment practice approach focuses on a wide range of practice skills, allowing for maximum social work career flexibility.
- > The social work faculty includes internationally known empowerment scholars.
- > The program's pedagogical approach encourages students to be actively involved in shaping their learning experience.
- > Energetic faculty are committed to guiding student development and providing quality education. Their scholarly research interests reflect a broad range of social work issues.
- > Area and regional agencies and organizations offer a full range of field placement options.
- > Students with a BSW degree may qualify for an accelerated 10-month advanced standing program.
- > A part-time program allows for completion of courses through flexible weekend scheduling.

The material presented here is for informational purposes and does not substitute for the catalog. Consult the official university catalog for complete program requirements.