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**Social Work**

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Joint Master of Social Work Program\*  
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The Joint Master of Social Work (JMSW) program represents the efforts of faculty and administrators at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NCA&TSU) and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG). This is a single academic program with instruction by faculty from each department. Students attend classes on the campuses of both universities and have access to all academic and support services of the two universities.

Successful completion of the degree requires 60 credit hours. The Joint Master of Social Work Program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

The JMSW curriculum has been designed by the joint faculty from both institutions to provide students with *advanced generalist* social work education. The model for the curriculum is based on contemporary, state-of-the-art theory and practice methods. Courses reflect the theme of providing effective services to families in urban and rural North Carolina communities. The curriculum is organized by foundation, area of practice, advanced generalist integrative seminars, and field instruction. The primary purpose of the MSW program is to prepare students for advanced generalist social work practice.

\* Jointly administered with UNCG

**Program goals are:**

- Goal 1: To prepare graduate students for employment as advanced generalist social work practitioners in direct and indirect practice.
- Goal 2: To provide students with a graduate advanced generalist social work curriculum that results in the acquisition and demonstration of:
- A. Knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, social welfare policy, research, practice methods, cultural diversity populations at-risk, social and economic justice, and social work values and ethics as a foundation for generalist social work practice
  - B. The professional self as reflected in an affiliation with the profession of social work
  - C. The values and ethics of professional social work practice as stated by the National Association of Social Worker's Code of Ethics
  - D. Advanced generalist social work practice skills with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
- Goal 3: To provide professional service that ameliorates social problems, provides leadership, and benefits our communities in Central and Western North Carolina.
- Goal 4: To conduct and disseminate research that contributes to the knowledge base for effective social work practice.

**CURRICULUM PLAN**

The curriculum design of the program provides students with a theoretical and applied education in social work to enhance and promote advanced generalist social work education. The two-year program is organized to insure that all students, as advanced social work practitioners, will be prepared to independently engage in social work practice with individuals, families, small groups, organizations, and communities in their chosen area of practice. Students will be prepared to serve as managers, supervisors, researchers and social planners. The concentration of the program is advanced generalist practice.