

Social Work (Joint with UNCG), Ph.D.

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North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro offers a joint doctoral degree in social work (Ph.D.). Grounded in two richly historic universities, one a historically Black college or university (NCATSU) and the other the historical women's college of the University of North Carolina system (UNC Greensboro), the program is built on the cornerstones of diversity, multicultural responsiveness, and community engagement. Students in the program will receive the benefits and privileges of being enrolled on both campuses and the degree will include the seals and official signatures from both universities. The curriculum encourages students to explore several aspects of research including quantitative, qualitative, and community-engaged approaches. Additionally, students are encouraged to use electives to explore other areas or specialization in a particular area. Using the teacher/scholar model, the joint Ph.D. program encourages students to prepare for careers in academia and as leaders in the community.

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the Joint Ph.D. in Social Work must have earned a master's degree and usually have earned a master's degree in social work from an accredited institution and demonstrate potential for doctoral studies.

Program Outcomes

Upholding a commitment to the values and ethics of the social profession, joint Ph.D. students have four learning outcomes.

Learning Outcome 1: Written Communication - Students will be able to apply and communicate understanding of the importance of research approaches and methods that are culturally responsive at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels

Learning Outcome 2: Analyze Models - Students will be able to critically analyze models of research and evaluation

Learning Outcome 3: Integrate Social Work Ethics - Students will be able to integrate ethical decision-making skills to issues specific to social work research and evaluation

Learning Outcome 4: Participate in Research - Students will be able to design responsive research and evaluation methods to evaluate programs and/or generate new knowledge

Degree Requirements

Total credit hours: 48 (full-time and part-time)

- Full time – 9 credits hours per semester for coursework (4 semesters); 3 credit hours per semester once in candidacy (48 credit hours total)
- Part time – 6 credit hours per semester for coursework (4 semesters and 4 summer sessions); 3 credit hours per semester once in candidacy (48 credit hours total)

Full-time option (9 credits hours in fall and spring semesters)

- Required Courses: Take 15 credit hours: SOWK 851, 853, 854, 855
- Elective Courses: Take 24 credit hours: choose from SOWK 885, 886, 890, open electives from other disciplines with at least 3 credits being a research elective
- Dissertation: 12 credit hours: SOWK 997 (3 credit hours per semester - must be in candidacy)

Part-time option (6 credit hours in fall and spring semesters and 6 credit hours in summer sessions)

- Required Courses: Take 15 credit hours: SOWK 851, 853, 854, 855
- Elective Courses: Take 24 credit hours: choose from SOWK 885, 886, 890, open electives from other disciplines with at least 3 credits being a research elective
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