**SOCIAL WORK ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

**(Accredited by the Council of Social Work Education, 2003)**

The Social Work core course requirements at the Junior and Senior levels lead to the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W) degree. As of February, 2003 the Social Work Program was awarded accreditation as a professional program by the Council on Social Work Education. The primary purpose of the B.S.W. Program is to prepare students from a generalist perspective as an entry level practitioner with a knowledge base and skills which include, but is not limited to, practice in social work and social welfare, maximizing human development and dignity, social justice and equality for diverse populations.

The curriculum comprises of a liberal arts base, combined with professional courses, skills and ethics. Preparation for a career as a generalist practitioner in Social Work is augmented by a supervised field practicum. Students with interest in child welfare can complete an internship with the Department of Family and Children Services. Students completing an internship with the Department of family and Children Services will receive a Child Welfare Certificate in conjunction with being a recipient of the Title IV-E Scholarship.

The major in Social Work requires:

1. Completion of 123 semester hours with a cumulative grade point of at least 2.5
2. Completion of all major courses with grades of “B” or above
3. Completion of the ACAT examination

**CHILD WELFARE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM: (TITLE IV-E)**

Students who are admitted to the Social Work Program can apply for the Title IV-E Scholarship. The student must pass the Regents exam and have a G.P.A. of 2.5. Three Social Work electives are required in conjunction with an internship with the Department of Family and Children Services. Interested student should contact the Social Work Program Director or the Title IV-E Coordinator.

The three required electives courses:

SOWK 3275: Forensic Interviewing

SOWK 3291: Family and Child Welfare

SOWK 3383: Social Work with Families

**DUAL MAJORS**

A Dual Major in Social Work is available for students interested in combining several areas of studies with the permission from the Chair of the particular area of study from which the student is pursuing a dual major. Students interested in a dual major must complete the required field practicum in Social Work. Completion of a dual major requires additional semester hours beyond the first degree. Once arrangements for a dual major have been cleared with the Chair of the Department, the student must have their Social Work curriculum cleared with the Social Work Director.