Three Big Things:
• Engage diversity and difference in practice
• Advance human rights and social and economic justice
• Prepare for a wide variety of careers

The School of Social Work is committed to the ongoing development of social work education which instills a core commitment to building a society based on social and economic justice and enhancing opportunities for human well-being.

The School engages students in the acquisition of critically assessed knowledge and practice skills focused on working collaboratively and therapeutically with people.

The School prepares social work professionals for practice in the public sector or in those private agencies which address the needs of oppressed and disadvantage populations. Students are provided with the necessary values, knowledge and skills to practice within a rural/regional/small urban service delivery system environment. Graduates assume key professional practice roles in human service agencies, community organizations, collaborative networks and change focused coalitions.

BASW Program
At the undergraduate level, the educational program is designed to prepare graduates for entry-level social work practice. The focus is on a problem-solving generalist model which fits the needs of the region. The objectives of the program are to:
• Prepare graduates for entry-level professional positions in the field of social welfare.
• Provide a foundation for those who wish to pursue graduate education in social work.
• Assist students who want to use a social work major as preparation for other professions and services or as preparation for civic leadership and participation in community social services.

To meet these objectives, the School offers a professional curriculum with courses in human behavior in the social environment, intervention methods, social welfare policy and services, research methods and field practicum. This professional curriculum is supported by a liberal arts foundation, with required courses in the behavioral/biological sciences. The undergraduate program emphasizes a task-centered, problem-solving approach to social work practice.

Career Opportunities
If you want a career with meaning, action, diversity, satisfaction and an abundance of options, social work is for you! Social workers are skilled professionals who work hard to empower individuals, relieve suffering and affect social change. Baccalaureate social workers are generalists who work in a variety of settings and have common core values, knowledge and skills. Social work is an excellent career choice for those who care about human dignity and social justice - and it may be just what you are looking for.

Curriculum
The curriculum prepares students to engage in processes aimed at empowering individuals to improve their life situation and to modify the organizational, community and societal conditions that prevent oppressed populations from obtaining a basic quality of life.

Through the combined commitment of the practice community and faculty, the School prepares students at the undergraduate and graduate levels for professional social work practice; serves place-bound individuals by providing structured part-time, off-campus, programs; responds to the needs of practitioners through the provision of continuing education, staff development and consultation; and undertakes research activities which contribute to the creation and dissemination of knowledge relevant to the profession.
Required Courses (73 credits)
• SOWK 273 Introduction to Social Work (5)
• SOWK 378 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (4)
• SOWK 379 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (4)
• SOWK 459 Theoretical Foundations of Microsystemic Practice (4)
• SOWK 381 Practice Theory for Social Work with Diverse Populations (3)
• SOWK 460 Methods I Social Work Engagement and Assessment (4)
• SOWK 461 Methods II Practice with Individuals and Families (4)
• SOWK 462 Methods III Practice with Groups and Teams (4)
• SOWK 463 Methods IV Social Work Case Management (4)
• SOWK 468 Research I-Research Methods for Social Work (4)
• SOWK 469 Research II-Data Analysis for Social Work (4)
• SOWK 470 Social Policy Analysis (5)
• SOWK 480 Field Preparation (1)
• SOWK 482 Practicum (16)
• SOWK 490 Social Work Senior Capstone (4)
• SOWK or ADST Elective (3)

Social Work Minor (15 credits)
Required Course
• SOWK 273 Introduction to Social Work (5)
Electives: select 10 upper division credits in SOWK.

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The University
Eastern Washington University is a student-centered, regionally based, comprehensive university. Its campus is located in Cheney, within the Spokane metropolitan area, with additional learning centers in the region and elsewhere in Washington State. With more than 100 fields of study, nine master’s degrees, four graduate certificates, 76 graduate programs and a physical therapy doctoral program, its mission is to prepare broadly educated, technologically proficient, and highly productive citizens to attain meaningful careers, to enjoy enriched lives, and to make contributions to a culturally diverse society.

Our mission to be a student-centered, regionally engaged university will be fulfilled best through a distinguished EWU academic experience that is integrated and interdependent. This vision informs and inspires our future.

Note:
Information in this guide is subject to change without notice. To learn more about the official program of study for Social Work please check the catalog online at:
http://www.ewu.edu/academics/catalog.xml