



B.S. Degree Completion Program in Social Work*

2024-2026

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Asnuntuck Community College and Elms College
B.S. Degree Completion Program in Social Work

Program Prerequisites: An associate's degree from an accredited college with a minimum 2.5 G.P.A. and Life Span Development course (ACC PSY 201).

A total of 120 earned college credits are required to receive an Elms College Bachelor's degree. You must earn a minimum of 42 credits at Elms College.

Additional Requirements: Macroeconomics, Philosophy, Introduction to Sociology, General Psychology, U.S. History 1, Theater, Art or Music; English 1 and Literature. A college-level math is strongly recommended.

Description: The social work degree completion program is designed for the adult learner who already has an associate's degree in any field, including Human Services, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, General Studies, and Liberal Arts. A bachelor's degree can be completed in 20 months with classes held 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., on Saturdays in 10, 8-week sessions, beginning in late August/early September. Students will join a cohort and remain in that group throughout the program. Most classes will be held at Asnuntuck Community College. Some will be held online. Synchronous Zoom with low-residency option available. In addition, graduates may be eligible, depending on GPA, for advanced standing in many social work graduate programs.

Job Outlook: Overall employment of social workers is projected to grow 7 percent from 2022 to 2032, faster than the average for all occupations. Employment growth will vary by specialization. About 63,800 openings for social workers are projected each year, on average, over the decade.

ACCELERATED 10, 8-WEEK SESSIONS AT ASNUNTUCK

2024-2025
ACADEMIC YEAR
(YEAR ONE)

Session 1 Fall 1	Session 2 Fall 2	Session 3 Spring 1	Session 4 Spring 2	Session 5 Summer 1
<p style="text-align: center;">SWK 2101 Professional Communication in Social Work</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SWK 1001 Introduction to Social Work</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SWK 3002 Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SSD 2002 American Government and Public Policy <i>Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SWK 3001 Social Welfare Policy and Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SWK 3003 Mental Health/ Mental Illness <i>Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SWK 3105 Social Work Practice with Communities</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAT 1009 Statistics <i>Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SWK 2005A Human Behavior in the Social Environment II</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SWK 3007A Social Group Work</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BIO 1005 Biology: Human Applications <i>Online</i></p>
<p>2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR (YEAR TWO)</p>				
Session 6 Summer 2	Session 7 Fall 1	Session 8 Fall 2	Session 9 Spring 1	Session 10 Spring 2
<p style="text-align: center;">SWK 2005B Human Behavior in the Social Environment II</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SWK 3007B Social Group Work</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REL 2105 World Religions <i>Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SWK 4002A Advanced Social Work Practice</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SWK 3100A Social Work Research</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SWK 4001 D Field Work Experience*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SWK 4002B Advanced Social Work Practice</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SWK 3100B Social Work Research</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SWK 4001 E Field Work Experience*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SWK 4004 Survey of Social Work Issues (Capstone)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SOC 3106** Racial and Ethnic Groups <i>Online</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SWK 4001 F Field Work Experience*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SWK 4004B Survey of Social Work Issues (Capstone)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SWK 4001 G Field Work Experience*</p>

60 Credit Program. Courses, sequence, and dates subject to change. Tuition is subject to increase every July 1.

*400 HOURS OF FIELDWORK OUTSIDE OF THE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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**SOC 3106 may also be taken Session 3, if preferred.

TABLE OF EQUIVALENT COURSES	
ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE	ELMS COLLEGE
PSY 1011 General Psychology I	PSY 1001 General Psychology
PSY 2001 Life Span Development (prenatal through old age)	SWK 2004 Human Behavior in the Social Environment
PSY 2045 Abnormal Psychology	SWK 3003 Mental Health/Mental Illness
MATH 1200 Statistics 1	MAT 1009 Statistics
BIO 1100 Principles of the Human Body	BIO 1005 Biology: Human Applications
HIST 1015 US History 1	HIS 1005 Early American History
ECON 1001 Principles of Macroeconomics	ECN 2101 Economics I
PHIL 1101 Ethics	PHI 2402 Ethics
SOC 2020 Racial and Ethnic Diversity Or SOC 2021 Social Inequality	SOC 3106 Racial and Ethnic Groups

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The number in parentheses denotes the credits awarded for the course.

BIO 1005 Human Biology (3)

An introductory course for non-science majors that introduces the student to biology through current issues and areas of study that are important today, especially as they relate to human health and decision-making in the future. This course fulfills a Global Awareness requirement. (This course can be taken to fulfill the natural sciences core requirement.)

ECN 2101 Economics I (3)

This course involves the macro-study of the American economic system. Topics include concepts of national income and employment theory, determinants of unemployment rates, inflation rates, GNP, and public policy tools that can be used to promote macroeconomic goals.

MAT 1009 Statistics (3)

General statistical techniques (e.g. descriptive statistics, probability theory, frequency distributions, hypothesis testing, and correlation theory). An introduction to the use of the computer, but not computer programming, will also be given.

REL 3002/2105 World Religions (3) Online

Using both theological and sociological approaches, this course will attempt to enter into the thought and experience of the traditions commonly identified as Western. Judaism, Christianity and Islam will be studied, Sacred texts will be read and analyzed as well as secondary sources and electronic media materials.

SOC 3106 Race and Ethnicity (3) Online

Students will examine the relationships between dominant and subordinate groups in the United States. Concepts of cultural and racial pluralism, immigrant experiences, and adaptation will be included. Selected groups will be studied in depth.

SSD 2002 American Government and Public Policy (3)

This course gives you an opportunity to study the history, structure, and process of American government. The course examines the constitutional basis of the U.S. government and forms of government at the federal, state and local levels. The powers, functioning, and relationship among Congress, the Presidency, and the Judiciary are presented. You will become familiar with the political parties, current elections and candidates, the role of media in reporting on government policy, and the political process. This course satisfies the civics outcomes of the liberal arts core.

SWK 1001 Introduction to Social Work (3)

This course introduces you to the profession of social work. You will learn about the history of social work, how the profession has grown and changed, and current issues and developments.

This course presents the values and ethics of the profession and supports you in examining your own values and how they may influence your choice of social work as a profession. You will have the opportunity to participate in field activities that include visits to agencies.

SWK 2005 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (3)

This course expands on theory related to human behavior in the macro social environment, which includes communities, organizations and groups. Human behavior is examined within the context of social system theory with a goal of learning how systems affect and are affected by human behavior. Theories and knowledge are presented about the range of social systems in which individuals live with special emphasis on groups, organizations, institutions, and communities. The course examines the effect of social, cultural and economic forces upon human behavior. The course emphasizes empowerment and the promotion of economic and social justice in the macro social environment.

SWK 2101 Professional Communication in Social Work (3)

This course focuses on communication skills that are essential for professional social workers: clear exposition, persuasive argument, effective synthesis, mastery of mechanics, and confident delivery. Students will write most weeks, in class or in take-home assignments. Peer editing and group work is a part of this course, and there will be oral presentations as well. The use of APA style will be emphasized.

SWK 3001 Social Welfare Policy and Services (3)

In this course you will learn about the history and current structure of social welfare services, and the role of government, the legislative process and policy in social service delivery, social work practice, and attainment of individual and social well-being. Course content provides students with knowledge and skills to understand major policies that form the foundation of social welfare, and the relation of the governmental process to policy development. The course introduces the student to policy practice skills in regard to economic, political, and organizational systems.

SWK 3002 Social Work Practice With Individual and Families (3)

This course introduces you to the generalist skills and values of culturally competent social work practice with individuals and families. Through lectures, role-plays, and video recordings, you learn how to interview clients and assess functioning and mental status, and how to engage clients in effective social work practice. This course also teaches specific practice skills with populations at risk, such as survivors of trauma, children, and elderly.

SWK 3003 Mental Health and Mental Illness (3)

In this class, you are introduced to the history and study of mental illness. By using the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV-R, you learn to understand and make descriptive assessments and diagnosis of mental illness, such as mood and psychotic disorders. You also focus on how race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, and other social variables can impact mental health.

SWK 3007 Social Group Work (3)

In this course you are introduced to the theory and practice of contemporary social work

practice with groups. During this class you participate in lectures as well as a semester-long experiential group. This class prepares you to provide services to different groups, such as adolescents, elderly, and ethnically diverse racial groups in a variety of setting

SWK 3100 A/B Social Work Research (3)

This course introduces you to research theory and methods that will inform your practice of social work. In addition to learning about the basic research process, you will also develop skills in applying research methods. The course will include both quantitative and qualitative methods and will emphasize ethics in research.

SWK 3105 Social Work Practice With Communities (3)

The goal of this course is to give students an understanding and appreciation of the role of the social worker in the community. The course is concerned with understanding and analyzing communities. Important components of the community are discussed, including: the political power structure and representation, population groups, educational and health systems, housing, the economic base, and the social service network. Social work roles in dealing with injustice and oppression are presented. Students learn skills of empowerment, advocacy, citizen participation, and community organization. These include the ability to communicate with community groups through public speaking, writing clearly, and the utilization of technology to make community presentations.

SWK 4001 D Field Work Practicum (3)

This course will promote an understanding of the relationship between psychology and the law by showing how psychological research and theory inform the legal system. Topics include psychologists in the court, ethics in practice, criminal profiles, and assessment and rehabilitation approaches for criminal offenders.

SWK 4001 E Field Work Practicum (3)

This course continues a supervised practicum experience in a social work setting. The field practicum provides you with an opportunity to put into practice the knowledge, values, skills, and research that you have learned in your social work classes. You are required to be in practicum for 100 hours. You will work with a range of diverse populations, and will make community connections. A major piece of the practicum is the start of a research project that contributes to the practicum setting.

SWK 4001 F Field Work Practicum (3)

This course continues a supervised practicum experience in a social work setting. The field practicum provides you with an opportunity to put into practice the knowledge, values, skills, and research that you have learned in your social work classes. You are required to be in practicum for 100 hours. You will work with a range of diverse populations, and will make community connections. During the practicum, you will intervene with individuals and families, but will also develop an understanding of sociopolitical issues, oppression, discrimination, injustice, and their impact on clients. A major piece of the practicum is the continuation of a research project that contributes to the practicum setting.

SWK 4001 G Field Work Practicum (3)

This course continues a supervised practicum experience in a social work setting. The field practicum provides you with an opportunity to put into practice the knowledge, values, skills, and research that you have learned in your social work classes. You are required to be in practicum for 100 hours. You will work with a range of diverse populations, and will make community connections. During the practicum, you will intervene with individuals and families, but will also develop an understanding of sociopolitical issues, oppression, discrimination, injustice, and their impact on clients. A major piece of the practicum is the completion of a research project that contributes to the practicum setting.

SWK 4002 A/B Advanced Practice (3)

This course is taken during the same semester as the field practicum. Students leave their agencies to attend one three- hour class that is held in seminar fashion. This is an advanced generalist practice course that integrates all of the learning from previous practice classes. You will apply this learning to experiences in your practice settings. The class also functions as a supervision group, where you discuss problematic cases and learn from one another.

SWK 4004 A/B Survey of Social Work Issues (3)

This is the capstone course for social work majors. You will examine the CORE competencies required of social workers and develop reflection papers on each area. The students complete the development of the portfolio in this class. This is a seminar course, with students taking major initiative to research and present materials for discussion.