SOCIAL WORK

The Associate Degree in Social Services is designed to prepare students for careers in social service or community health agencies as paraprofessionals. In addition, because of the large New Mexico Common Core component, the degree also helps prepare the student for a successful transition into a bachelor’s program in Social Work or other majors.

The bachelor degree requirement for a second language requires a grade of C or better through the 112 level in any foreign language. If the student is a native speaker, the requirement is met with 113, 213 and 214 sequence in the language. If the student has taken one or two years of a second language in high school, they should take the language placement test to determine the level of course in which they should begin. See an advisor. Students interested in the Las Cruces campus Bachelor Degree of Social Work program may also be interested in the Associate in Social Work. Students planning to pursue a Bachelor’s Degree of Social Work must apply for that Social Work Program. Students (particularly transfer students) should contact the Social Work Advisor in Las Cruces for advising and for the application packets.

Graduation Requirements

ENGL 111G Rhetoric and Composition with a C or higher; placement into college-level math and reading courses or completion of developmental courses with a C or higher; cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher; the last 15 credits taken at NMSU. Students must earn a grade of C or better in all General Education/NM Common Core and Social Work courses. **TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE: 60**

Social Services - Associate Degree (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/carlsbad/associate-degree-certificate-programs/social-services/social-services-associate-degree)

**S WK 221G. Introduction to Social Welfare**
3 Credits
A broad overview of current social problems and the role of social agencies and community members in addressing these problems.

**S WK 251. Women’s Issues in Social Work**
3 Credits
Examines gender-specific social problems and their identification and resolution through the use of social agencies and community resources. Community Colleges only.

**S WK 253. Case Management**
3 Credits
Introduction to case management for social- and human-services workers. Overview of typical duties and responsibilities of a case manager, including setting goals, performing assessments, writing progress notes, and linking clients with other resources in the community. Recommended for students considering a career in social work or human services. Community Colleges only.

Prerequisites: PSY 201G and S WK 221G.