The mission of the School of Social Work is to prepare professional social work practitioners who

- Recognize the importance of human relationships by valuing difference, sustaining dignity, and fostering self-worth.

- Provide ethical and effective social work services to individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities;

- Engage with stakeholders and colleagues in the development of practices that reduce marginalization and oppression and solve problems;

- Collaborate with stakeholders, colleagues, community members, and organizations to enhance overall health, wellness, and quality of life; and,

- Advocate for social and economic justice.

Learning takes place in a student-centered environment which promotes the success of all students, including first-generation, non-traditional, military, minority scholars, and caregivers of children and older adults. The School contributes to the development and dissemination of knowledge and develops tomorrow’s leaders by preparing graduates with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to inspire positive change and to succeed in a global, multicultural society. Our signature pedagogy is field education.