

**Oral Roberts University  
Social Work Program**

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Flow Chart: Mission, Goals, Values and Generalist Practice

**Oral Roberts University Mission**

The mission of Oral Roberts University—in its commitment to the Christian faith—is to educate the whole person in spirit, mind, and body, thereby preparing its graduates to be professional competent servant-leaders who are spiritually alive, intellectually alert, physically disciplined, and socially adept. Additionally, the university seeks to synthesize the best practices of the liberal arts, professional, and graduate education with a charismatic emphasis to enable students to go into every person’s world with God’s message of salvation and healing for the totality of human need.



**Oral Roberts University Core Values**

*Christian Distinctiveness:* We are a God-centered university that upholds a Christian worldview with a charismatic emphasis. We endeavor to live in the power of the Holy Spirit and to become service-oriented leaders who go into every person’s world with healing for the totality of human need.

*Whole-Person Education:* We seek to develop the whole person in spirit, mind, and body, thereby preparing ourselves and our students to be professionally competent leaders who are spiritually alive, intellectually alert, physically disciplined, and socially adept.

*Excellence and Integrity:* We strive to operate with, and instill in our students, excellence with integrity in all personal, academic, professional, and corporate endeavors.

*Caring Community:* We are dedicated to providing a safe, caring, and Godly environment that encourages unity in diversity. We believe that all people have been created in the image of God and deserve to be respected.



**ORU Social Work Program Mission**

The mission of the social work program is to prepare students with a strong Christian grounding—a whole-person education emphasizing excellence, personal integrity, caring for all mankind, and professional competence—to enter beginning social work practice in a variety of social work settings on the baccalaureate (BSW) level, to prepare for pursuit of graduate education in social work (MSW), and licensure on the baccalaureate level in states with licensure laws.



**Social Work Program Core Values**

The values of the Oral Roberts University Social Work Program are consistent with those of the social work profession: “...the social work profession is rooted in a set of core values. These core values, embraced by social workers throughout the profession’s history, are the foundation of social work’s unique purpose and perspective: service, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence” (NASW Code of Ethics, Revised 2008).



**ORU Social Work Program Goals**

Develop students, grounded in the Christian faith and competently prepared to practice generalist professional social work in a variety of settings, who meet entry qualifications for graduate social work education, and are qualified to apply for licensure on the baccalaureate level in states with licensure laws.



**Generalist Social Work Practice**

Generalist practice is grounded in the liberal arts and the person and environment construct. To promote human and social well-being, generalist practitioners use a range of prevention and intervention methods in their practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. The generalist practitioner identifies with the social work profession and applies ethical principles and critical thinking in practice. Generalist practitioners incorporate diversity in their practice and advocate for human rights and social and economic justice. They recognize, support, and build on the strengths and resiliency of all human beings. They engage in research-informed practice and are proactive in responding to the impact of context on professional practice. BSW practice incorporates all of the core competencies. (Council on Social Work Education, Inc., 2008)