

The mission of the program is to prepare students for leadership roles as scholars in social work education and research who will advance knowledge about social work and social welfare to assist in resolving urban and rural issues facing families, communities, and society in general.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

The student learning outcomes of the program are consistent with the missions of the School, College, and University. Students are required to demonstrate the following:

1. knowledge of the history, philosophy, and organization of social work education, related contemporary issues, and design, implementation and assessment of social work social welfare curricula;
2. knowledge of social work perspectives and behavioral and social science theories and skills to analyze and assess their application to social work research;
3. knowledge of social work and social science research/statistics and skills to conduct rigorous scientific inquiry;
4. knowledge and skills required to synthesize, analyze, and evaluate social problems and social welfare policies, with emphasis on populations facing discrimination and oppression in the global society;
5. knowledge regarding a substantive research area of interest;
6. knowledge of the characteristics of higher education and related issues and strategies to enhance professional roles as scholars and educators.