

Undergraduate Programs

The learning processes of Social Work are, as future providers of establishing a better welfare society, to expand the capacity for sympathy for others facing difficult social issues, to criticize an exclusive society, and to address social problems with knowledge and skills based on firm evidence. With the establishment of the Bachelor of Social Work program in Child Education and Social Work in 2008, SCU offers various social work programs that specialize in meeting the needs of all ages, from infants to the elderly at undergraduate level. Students will be qualified to take the national exam to become certified social workers after completing each program.

The Bachelor of Social Work Programs in School of Social Work aim to enable the students to:

- ◆ Understand human dignity and the values taught in the Bible
- ◆ Analyze problems scientifically and coherently to advance and evaluate social work practice
- ◆ Promote and provide opportunities for ongoing professional development
- ◆ Recognize the role of the social work profession in the healthcare field, and work collaboratively with healthcare professionals in other areas.
- ◆ Understand a variety of different cultures and values, and perform social work practice with international perspectives.

Bachelor of Social Work in Social Work

The social work profession is concerned with preventing and ameliorating social problems, and enhancing the QOL in the community. Emphasis is placed on educating graduates with Christian values to promote the well being of individuals, families, and communities. The Social Work program offers basic social work knowledge and skills with an understanding of the achievements and history of Seirei. It assists students in learning the reality of welfare for all clients and patients in any situation and to practice medical social work, psychiatric social work, community social work, and international social work. In addition to the qualification to take the national exam to become certified social workers, the graduates of this program will also be qualified to take the national exam to become certified psychiatric social workers.

Bachelor of Social Work in Social-Care Work

The Social-Care Work program differs from Social Work program with regard to emphasis on support individuals who require assistance with daily activities. The Social-Care Work program follows thirty years of teaching experience in care work of Seirei since its predecessor established in 1978. It assists students to learn the reality of welfare for all clients and patients in assisted living, and to prepare to be professional certified care workers who are competent in providing both clinical and managerial skills.

Bachelor of Social Work in Child Education and Social Work

Recently, rapid changes in society have led to various, complex child-care issues, and the proper method of child-raising has become a matter of serious social concern due to an increase in the occurrence of child abuse. To address these issues, professionals who can provide skilled care to children, as well as support families in raising their children and create a friendly child-rearing environment, are strongly in demand in society. The BSW in Child Education and Social Work program in SCU offer classes that enable students to understand the complexities of social work, support parents in raising their children, and take leadership roles as nursery and kindergarten teachers at facilities in various communities. The graduates can choose to work not only in nursery schools or kindergartens, but also in child-welfare consultation centers or child welfare institutions. The goal of the program is to impart onto students the knowledge, skills, awareness of the social issues involved when caring for children, and the wisdom to deal with these issues in a compassionate and sensitive manner.

Graduate Programs

SCU is the first and only university in Shizuoka Prefecture, which offers Master's Programs and PhD Programs in Social Work. The graduate programs in the School of Social Work were opened in 2004. There are two different courses; one is a two-year course and the other is a three-year course for students working full-time. Students select one specialty from Social Work and Care Work as shown below.

Areas of Study	Areas of Concentration	
	Master's Programs	PhD Programs
Social Work	Social Work Theory	Social Work Theory
	Social Work	Social Work
Care Work	Care Work	Care Work

Each graduate program is focused on practical skills for social work and leading them to become high-caliber professionals as well as educators in the field of social work. It consists of practice-oriented instruction for advanced social workers. Both Master's and PhD programs prepare graduates to lead in academic and health care settings which meet the needs of today's complex society, to collaborate with other health care workers, and to integrate theoretical frameworks and practice. The curricula prepare students for careers in advanced practice, management, education, and research.



BSW in Social Work program



BSW in Social-Care Work program



BSW in Child Education and Social Work program