Imagine standing up for the rights of children.

The Robert D. McCormick Center for Child Advocacy and Policy at Montclair State University provides quality education for child advocates throughout the state of New Jersey and beyond.

The Center offers an Undergraduate Minor in Social Work that will provide a comprehensive overview of the field of social work, with a particular focus on policy and practice issues relevant to vulnerable children and their families. Students will gain the requisite knowledge and outlook in social work that will aid in the pursuit of masters and doctoral programs as well as foundational knowledge for careers in this high demand field.

Program:
Minor in Social Work
This minor consists of 6 courses for 18 credits. Undergraduate students enrolled in any major may enhance their degrees with the Social Work Minor.

Course Descriptions:

CHAD 110 Introduction to Social Work
This course provides an overview of the social work profession, its values and ethics, fields of practice, and unique models of intervention. Topics covered include the historical roots of the profession, its mission and purpose, description of client groups, and the settings in which social workers typically operate. The profession’s commitment to diverse and at-risk populations, as well as to social and economic justice will be highlighted.

CHAD 202 Cultural Competency in Child Welfare
This course identifies the three components of cultural competency in the child welfare field: value base, knowledge, and skills. The course focuses on enabling students to examine the values that are necessary for a culturally competent understanding and response to child welfare, specifically accepting the existence of biases and developing a commitment to a strengths-based model that relies on respect and working toward empowerment as a goal for intervention. Culture is defined broadly, and the course exposes students to a range of belief systems common in different groups concerning child rearing and child maltreatment.

CHAD 210 Child Abuse and Neglect
This course will provide students with an understanding of the concepts of child abuse and neglect, utilizing social science theory and research. Causes and consequences of child abuse and neglect will be explored, and multidisciplinary approaches to intervention and prevention will be addressed.

CHAD 220 Social Welfare Policy and Services
This course explores social welfare issues in the United States in the context of their history, primary rationale, and the values supporting different approaches. Emphasis is placed on policies, programs and institutional structures affecting children, and youth and families across multiple service systems.

CHAD 325 Helping and Engagement Skills
This course provides an overview of the helping process in social work, and describes the skills necessary to work with various client systems, including individuals, families, and groups. Specific emphasis is placed on engaging vulnerable children, adolescents, and their families. Ethical considerations, essential values and theories, and the "use of self" in the helping process are discussed.

CHAD 425 Seminar in Social Work
This course is designed to meet the needs of students who seek an in depth, integrative understanding of the field of social work and its relationship to other disciplines that serve the needs of children, adolescents and families. This course relies on specialists in the field to present research, knowledge of their field, career opportunities, and entry level requirements involved in becoming a social work professional.

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