The University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work is one of the top-ranked schools of social work in the United States. Founded in 1918, it was the first schools in the country to offer a program in community organization and one of the first to offer a specialization in child welfare.

The school’s three degree programs—Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, Master of Social Work, and Doctor of Philosophy—are taught by one of the most diverse faculties at the University and instill in students a commitment to social and economic justice.

The School of Social Work has a threefold mission of education, research, and service that matches a long tradition of excellence upheld by the University.

Standard of Excellence

◊ Nationally, the School is ranked 11th (top 5%) among 218 accredited graduate schools of social work (U.S. News and World Report, 2012).

◊ The School of Social Work, founded in 1918, has over 10,500 alumni; the school graduated 275 students this past year.

◊ Offers BASW, MSW and PhD degrees.

◊ Center on Race and Social Problems.

◊ Two MSW Concentrations: Direct Practice with Individuals, Families, and Small Groups (Direct Practice) and Community Organization and Social Administration (COSA).

◊ First program of Community Organization in the country.

◊ Second largest Child Welfare training program in the country.

◊ Several joint Masters degrees with other University programs, including the School of Public Health, School of Public and International Affairs and others, as well as a MSW/JD with the Law School.

◊ Direct Practice Certificate programs: Gerontology, Home and School Visitor/School Social Worker, Children, Youth and Families, Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Human Services Management Certificate (also available to COSA students).

◊ Choice of more than 500 field work opportunities.
Field Placements

- SSW students provide over 300,000 hours, collectively, of field placement hours to services agencies and organizations in the 13-county area concentrated around the University of Pittsburgh.
- The School of Social Work can estimate the cost benefit of students’ work to the community as over $7.7 million annually.

Center on Race and Social Problems:

- The Center hosts the Race Research Online Directory that includes 10 years’ worth of videos, publications, and other center information helpful for research, grant preparation, and teaching on the center’s website www.crsp.pitt.edu.
- Areas of focus include: Education; Economics; Criminal Justice; Race Relations; Health; Mental Health; and Families, Youth, and the Elderly.
- Offers Lecture Series, Summer Institutes, the journal Race and Social Problems, and pilot study funding.

Transforming Careers

- Home to a Fulbright Scholar and three Albert Schweitzer Fellows.
- Doctoral graduates go on to become deans, tenured faculty, and some of the country’s leading researchers.
- Comprehensive professional development and continuing education program.
- The Office of Career Services has face-to-face contact with 100% of students in their first year.
- Ongoing workshops and one-on-one career development meetings that are available to both students and alumni at no cost.
- 76% of SSW graduates have a job 3 months after graduation, and nearly 100% within one year.

Demographics

- TOTAL STUDENTS: 672
  - 84% female, 15% male
  - Students of color make up 23% of the graduate student body.
  - SSW students are international, representing the countries of: China, South Korea, Chile, Japan, Nigeria, India, and Viet Nam and more.
  - Over 36% of full-time faculty members are faculty of color.

Financial Assistance

- More than 75% of full time graduate students receive financial assistance through the School.
- Full tuition remission and stipends for living expenses are available for PhD students.

Research and Publications

- The SSW journal publication rate is 3rd among the top 10-benchmark schools.
- The SSW has externally funded projects totaling approximately $20 million.
- Faculty with a wide range of expertise in many topics including: mental illness, substance abuse, health behavior interventions, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, child welfare, aging, grief and loss, community practice, race and gender issues, and juvenile justice.

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