Social Work Program: Academic Goals

**University Goal #**1: Our graduates can communicate effectively.

**Social Work Program Goal #1:** Our graduates communicate effectively as demonstrated by

* Professional demeanor in behavior, appearance, and communication
* The ability of negotiate, mediate, and advocate for clients

**University Goal #2**: Our graduates are prepared to be personally and socially responsible citizens.

**Social Work Program Goal #2:** Our graduates understand their own and other societies and cultures as evidenced by

* Enhanced awareness of the extent to which a culture’s structures and values may oppress, marginalize, alienate, or create or enhance privilege and power
* Self-awareness that is utilized to eliminate the influence of personal biases and values in working with diverse groups
* Understanding the process of making informed and ethical decisions by applying standards of the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics, and applying strategies of ethical reasoning to arrive at principled decisions

**University Goal #3:** Our graduates can think critically, solve problems, and make informed decisions.

**Social Work Program Goal #3:** Our graduates utilize appropriate quantitative skills in making decisions as evidenced by

* Distinguishing, appraising, and integrating multiple sources of knowledge including research-based and proactive wisdom
* The ability to analyze models of assessment, prevention, intervention, and evaluation

**University Goal #4:** Our students will demonstrate content knowledge and skills in their chosen field.

**Social Work Program Goal #4:** Our students will demonstrate content knowledge, ethical conduct, and skills in the practice of social work including statistical analysis and date organization.

**University Goal #5:** Our students use technology effectively.

**Social Work Program Goal #5:** Our students can effectively use electronic databases to conduct literature searches, and use the peer-reviewed articles to access and synthesize information and compose a literature review in APA format. The literature review will be composed using technology that demonstrates computer skills that reflect the APA requirements of writing such as centering, bolding, and hanging indents.