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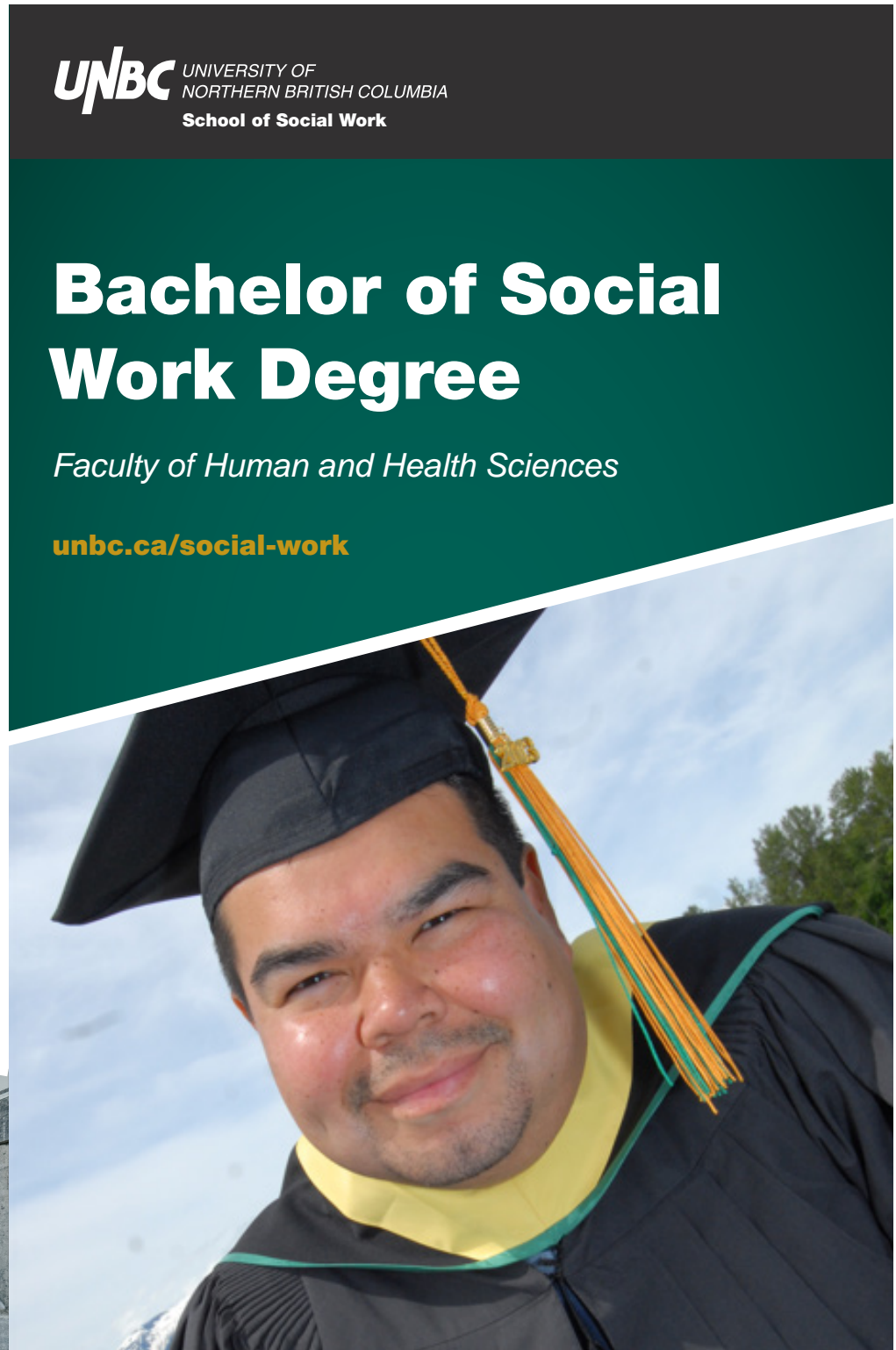
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UNBC UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA
School of Social Work

Bachelor of Social Work Degree

Faculty of Human and Health Sciences

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Social Work Education at the University of Northern British Columbia is committed to a program of studies that is informed by a central concern for human rights, personal empowerment, community change and social justice. It has as its foundation an analysis of power in relation to class, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age and abilities. Incorporating critical social thinking including structural, feminist and anti-racist analyses, the Program focuses on social work in northern and remote areas, Indigenous and cross cultural issues, women and human services and community practice and research. UNBC will strive to provide a self-reflective balance between theory and practice; research, teaching and community service; and critical self-awareness and respect for the ideas of others. The Bachelor of Social Work from UNBC is designed to prepare students for beginning level, generalist social work practice with individuals, families, groups, and communities.

Accreditation: The BSW program at UNBC has been fully accredited with the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE).

The Prince George and all Regional campuses offers a two-year program of study for full-time students. To begin the Bachelor of Social Work application process, please download and complete the BSW Application Form and BSW Reference Form (please print three copies) which is located on our website.

Students will normally complete 60 credit hours of study and achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.67 (B-) (calculated on a student's most recent 60 credit hours of study) and meet other selection criteria prior to program entry. More information about these criteria can be found in the BSW Supplementary Application for Admission form.

Entry Routes		
ROUTE 1 Two Years General University Studies	ROUTE 2 Recognized Community College Social Service Worker Program Diploma	ROUTE 3 Bachelor Degree in related discipline
Pre-Requisite Courses (some equivalents apply)		
UNBC Core Courses	WMST 100 Intro. to Women's Studies FNST 100 The Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	SOCW 200 Intro. to Social Work Practice SOCW 201 Intro. to Social Welfare
3rd Year Required SOCW Courses		
300-3 Introduction to Counselling and Assessment Skills 301-3 Critical Social Work Practice	302-6 SW Field Education I * (300-3, 301-3, 310-3 and 320-3 required prior to 302-6) 310-3 SW and Indigenous Peoples	320-3 Critical Social Policy 330-3 SW Research/Policy/Practice 336-3 SW Philosophy and Ethics
4th Year Required SOCW Courses		
401-3 Northern/Remote SW Practice	402-15 SW Field Education II * (all 100, 200, 300, and 400 level required prior to 402)	420-3 Family/Child Welfare Policy
SOCW Elective Courses Social Work students are required to take four electives in addition to the core course offerings. Students who have not taken a Human Growth and Development course in their first two years of university study are required to take SOCW 421 as one of their five electives.		
421-3 Human Growth and Development (cross-listed as PSYC 345) 426-3 Current Issues in Child Welfare Practice 432-3 Unemployment and Social Work 433-3 Women in the Human Services 435-3 Community Social Policy 437-3 SW with Groups and Communities	438-3 Comparative Welfare Analysis 439-3 SW/Law and the Justice System 440-3 SW in Mental Health 441-3 Social Work and Substance Abuse 442-3 SW with Victims of Abuse 443-3 SW and Health Care 444-3 SW: Critical Issues in Aging 445-3 SW and Cross-Cultural Practice 448-3 Inequality and Income Security	449-3 Gender and Sexuality 450-3 SW and Family Practice 452-3 SW/Crisis Intervention 453-3 Social Work Practice and Spirituality 454-3 Disability Issues 455-3 Indigenous Governance and Social Policy 456-3 Indigenous Wellness: Individuals, Families and Communities 498-3/6 Special Topics 499-3 Directed Readings
* Social Work Field Education offers students an opportunity to develop their social work practice skills within an agency or community setting. A variety of placements are available, locally and in the region, and whenever possible the student's interests and learning needs will be matched with a suitable placement opportunity.		

Application Due Date – Prince George

Formal Application to the School of Social Work must be made prior to February 1st for a September admission into the program.

Regional Application Due Date – Quesnel, Terrace, Fort St. John

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UNBC provides outstanding undergraduate and graduate learning opportunities that explore cultures, health, economies, sciences, and the environment. As one of BC's research-intensive universities, we bring the excitement of new knowledge to our students, and the outcomes of our teaching and research to the world. In addition to fostering and celebrating academic excellence, UNBC is a welcoming place, with a learning environment that is friendly, inclusive, and supportive. UNBC has campuses in Quesnel, Terrace and Fort St John.

Faculty & Research Interests

Tammy Pearson, RSW

Assistant Professor, Acting Chair July 1-December 31, 2023
BA, BSW, MSW, PhD
Interests: Child Welfare Practice and Policy, Mental Health, Family Violence, Social Work and Spirituality and Disability Issues.

Bruce Bidgood

On leave
Associate Professor
BA, MSW, PhD
Interests: Family Violence, Child Welfare, Social Policy, Social Administration, Social Planning, Applied Social Welfare Research.

Susan Burke, RSW MSW Coordinator

Associate Professor,
BA, MSW, PhD
Interests: Social Work with and by Indigenous People, Social Work Health, Kinship Care, Adoption/Permanency, Indigenous Learning.

Lisa Kyle, RCSW

Assistant Professor
BA, MSW, PhD (UNBC)
Interests: Mental Health, PTSD, Field Work and Clinical Practice

Emmanuel Chilanga, RSW

Assistant Professor, B.Ed., MSc, MSW, PhD
Interests: Community social work practice, Social Work Field Education, Social Determinants of Health, Food security and nutrition, Intersectionality, HIV and Addiction support, Participatory research methods, agroecology, mitigation of the impact of COVID-19, Rural and urban communities, South Africa, Canada

Indrani Margolin, RSW

BSW Coordinator

Associate Professor
BA Hons, MSW, PhD
Interests: Spirituality: Ancient Meditations, Post Traumatic Growth: Girls' and Women Wellness (bodyself); Mentorship, and Arts-based Inquiry & Practice

Heather Peters On Leave

Associate Professor
BA HONS, BSW, MSW, PhD
Interests: Homelessness, Women and Housing Issues, Youth, Community Development, Social Policy, Indigenous Self-Government, Housing Policy.

Si Transken, RSW

Associate Professor
BA Hons, BSW, MA, PhD
Interests: Cultural Studies, Creative Writing, Criminal Harassment, Incest, Sexual Assault, Violence Against Women, Expressive Arts Therapy, Feminist Social Work, Anti-Racism, Mediation, Sexual Expression and Identities.