Keeping in mind the need of the developmental professionals across the country as well as abroad, the CSJM University started a 2-year (4-semester) Post Graduate course in Social Work (MSW) in 2004. The balance between theoretical sessions and practical knowledge is the uniqueness of this course. Hence apart from learning within the four walls of the classroom, the students also learn under the open sky— in fields, in villages, in the operational areas of the voluntary organization etc.

The course prepares a cadre of such professionals who have the understanding of the dimensions of the development sector and skills as well to manage those dimensions optimally. The course emphasizes principles like 'grass roots learning', learning by doing' and 'land to lab'. According to the Social Work practicum, along with their regular classes, the students are supposed to carry out concurrent fieldwork twice in a week i.e. Fridays and Saturdays in the rural-urban community confronting different kinds of problems such as child labour, juvenile delinquency, women emancipation, illiteracy, health problems, HIV AIDS, drug addiction, reproductive and child health and various other emerging social issues and problems.

The total intake is 60. All the admissions are made on the basis of entrance test and interview.

Eligibility: The applicant must have secured at least 50% (45% for SC/ST) marks in the Bachelor’s or Master’s degree examination in any stream.

At present the per year (2-semester) tuition fee for the course is Rs. 35,000/-. (It may change from time to time, as per University regulations)

Field Study tour/ Rural Camp related to social research and for comparative understanding of different cultures. Forum of teachers and students of the department organize coaching, counseling, seminars, workshops and orientation programmes from time to time. Our students have participated in various activities in International and National institutes & organizations in last few years like; National Labour Institute-Delhi, NIRD-Hyderabad, SOPS-Odisha, John Hopkins University-Hardoi project, Voice4Girls, Breakthrough- Lucknow.
CURRENT PROSPECTS OF SOCIAL WORK

Social work grew out of humanitarian and democratic ideals, and its values are based on respect for the equality, worth, and dignity of all people. Social work profession addresses the barriers, inequities and injustices that exist in society. Its mission is to help people to develop their full potential, enrich their lives, and prevent dysfunction. Professional social work is focused on problem solving and change. As such, social workers are change agents in society and in the lives of the individuals, families and communities they serve. It responds to crises and emergencies as well as to everyday personal and social problems. Social work utilizes a variety of skills, techniques, and activities consistent with its holistic focus on persons and their environments. Social work interventions range from primarily person-focused psychosocial processes to involvement in social policy, planning and development. These include counselling, clinical social, social work, group work, social pedagogical work, and family treatment and therapy as well as efforts to help people obtain services and resources in the community. Interventions also include agency administration, community organization and engaging in social and political action to impact social policy and economic development.

Field of Practice for Professional Social Workers

| Substance Abuse | Child Welfare/ Elderly Care | Clinical / Mental Health |
| Consultancy Services | Community Development | Correctional Institutions |
| School Social Worker | Family Welfare & Planning | Mother & Child Health |
| Medical Social Work | Psychiatric Social Worker | Management of Social Services |
| HR Management | Policy & Planning Services | Rehabilitation of Offenders |
| Poverty eradication | Counselling & Therapy | Vocational Rehabilitation |

Industry
- Manager (HR/Personnel/Welfare etc.) / Executive Trainee /Labour Welfare Officer/ Personnel Officer etc.

Corporate Sector
- CSR Manager
- Executive Trainee
- Community Dev. Officer
- Social Welfare Officer
- Social Development Officer
- Rural Development Officer

As far as the salary of a professional social worker in development sector (in India) is concerned – it varies from organization to organization. Percentage of marks in M.S.W hardly matters in recruitment-process of development sector; 50% to 55% marks in M.S.W is enough to get a good job in a reputed organization. What does matter – is relevant working experiences, possession of suitable technical skills of project management, sound knowledge managing NGO administration.