



Study programme: **CHARITY AND SOCIAL WORK**

Study field: **7761V00 Social work**

Degree of university education: **3rd degree**

Form of study: **full-time, part-time**

Duration of study: **4 years / 5 years**

Academic degree: **PhD.**

The study programme **CHARITY AND SOCIAL WORK** is oriented towards:

- quantitative and qualitative methods of social research,
- methodology of social sciences and theory of social work and social sciences,
- current issues in social policy,
- new trends in social diagnostics,
- social work with at-risk groups and social work with families,
- supervision in social work,
- social work, social work in public administration,
- sociology, social policy,
- the charitable service of the Church and its social contribution,
- the biblical and spiritual-ethical foundations of social work,
- Christian charity,
- the missionary, charitable and social ministry of the Church (for example, in the Roma and other ethnic minority settings),
- current contemporary social issues: family, society, social communication, methods of working with different groups, foster family care, ecology, addictions, etc,
- biblical exegesis and Christian anthropology,
- theological synthesis and the spiritual values of man.

The study programme **CHARITY AND SOCIAL WORK** consists of compulsory subjects: *Foreign Language in Academic Discourse / Dissertation with Defence / Dissertation Examination with Defence of Research Project for Dissertation Examination / Quantitative and Qualitative Methods of Social Research / Methodology of Social Sciences / Theory of Social Work and Social Sciences / Basics of University Pedagogy* and obligatory electives: *Current Issues in Social Policy / Biblical and Spiritual-Ethical Foundations of Social Work / History of Social Welfare in the 20th Century. in Slovakia / Christian psychology / Crime and prevention / Culturological minimum for work with foreigners / New trends in social diagnostics / Opposition of the final thesis of bachelor studies / European Union law (community law) / Psychology of religion and religiosity / Social philosophy / Social work with risk groups / Social work with family / Social skills and competences / Care for marginalised groups / Supervision in social work / Study, resp. Research stay (internship) at a university or scientific university research workplace / Scientific designing / Management of the final thesis of bachelor's study / Doctoral student's own pedagogical activity 2 hours/week. / Doctoral student's own pedagogical activity 4 hrs./week. The study also includes units of scientific creative activity: active participation in domestic scientific events / Active participation in foreign scientific events / Published papers from domestic scientific conferences / Published papers from foreign scientific conferences / Reviews / Editorial and compilation work / Participation in the solution of a scientific grant project / Scientific monograph co-authored or a chapter in a monograph (min. 1 AH) / Scientific papers in domestic peer-reviewed scientific journals or proceedings / Scientific papers in foreign journals or proceedings / Scientific papers in domestic peer-reviewed journals or journals registered in databases (WoS, Scopus) / Scientific papers in foreign peer-reviewed journals or journals registered in databases (WoS, Scopus) / Leadership of "PU Grant for PhD Students" or other research grant / University textbook or teaching texts in co-authorship (min. 1 AH).*

General characteristics of the graduate profile of the study programme **CHARITY AND SOCIAL WORK** is conditioned by the primary focus of study of the 3rd degree. The aim of the study programme is primarily the preparation of professional pedagogical-scientific cadres and

scientific-research staff for the needs of tertiary education, research institutions, the church and professional staff for governing bodies at higher levels. Graduates of doctoral studies in the study programme Charity and Social Work possess the necessary knowledge of the forms and methods of social and charity work, of the social policy of the state and the Church, of its development trends, of the theory of social work and its spiritual dimensions, and of the possibilities of its application in the solution of social problems.

The study of **CHARITY AND SOCIAL WORK** creates the prerequisites for the preparation of professionals in a study directly conditioned by contemporary social and ecclesial needs. It prepares workers for work in the field (ecclesial community), for work in special organizations and institutions, including ecclesiastical ones (Philanthropy), as well as for research activities and various social analyses. Within the field, therefore, space is given to the disciplines of theology (as a basic starting point), sociology, psychology, law, history, philosophy, ethics, education and ethnology-ethnography, so that the student obtains the necessary optimal synthesis of knowledge, which he integrates into a coherent special program of study - **CHARITY AND SOCIAL WORK**.

**CHARITY AND SOCIAL WORK** as a study programme:

- Responds to the dynamics of the development of the latest theoretical knowledge necessary for scientific work in the field of charity, social services, social protection of children and social policy.
- It presents the mastery of complex processes in the field of charity, social services, social protection of children and social policy, in particular through the development of abstract thinking and the acquisition of modern methodologies.
- Leads to the ability to apply theoretical knowledge and research findings of other authors in the field, through a creative approach in solving, quantifying and analysing complex contexts and in examining real processes in the field of charity, social services, social protection of children and social policy.

**Graduate knowledge, skills and competences:**

Graduates of the doctoral studies in the study programme CHARITY AND SOCIAL WORK are proficient in scientific research methods and their application in the cognition of social reality. They are capable of methodological planning and designing. They critically reflect and verify theoretical concepts of social sciences with their focus on clinical application in social work practice and its interdisciplinary penetrations. They are experts in their chosen field of social work according to the chosen research aim of the dissertation and contribute to its effectiveness. They are competent in the application of therapeutic, counselling and educational techniques in direct practice with clients. They have teaching experience and practice that extrapolates. They are able to identify their own specialization and recognize the relationships of social work with related fields of study and science and are able to collaborate with them in a systematic and scientific way. Graduates are able to transfer their theoretical and practical knowledge into practical social and religious life. They are prepared to solve demanding scientific and research tasks focused on the development or improvement and standardization of methods and techniques of social work and social research, field and residential social work, resulting from the action and cooperation of university departments and other scientific and research institutions. They are capable of transforming clinical experience into theoretical knowledge and its effective transfer. They are able to organise operational, diagnostic, verification, experimental and other investigations. They have the necessary knowledge and skills related to the competence to train in universities in the field of social work. Graduates have the theoretical knowledge and training for scholarly activity and have already demonstrated that they are proficient in activities related to the development of social work theory and methodology and to university teaching.

Graduates are proficient in advanced quantitative and qualitative methods and model simulations and methodologies that allow for creative assessment of selected social work fields. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able to independently formulate and seek solutions to scientific and research questions in social work and its interdisciplinary intersections. Doctoral students will gain the ability to think critically, to independently propose solutions to complex problems, and to work as members of a research team. They will also be able to analyse, evaluate competently, complex practice and conceptual issues, and propose appropriate practices and solutions within institutions and processes in the public and non-public sectors of social work. The graduate is able to implement common practice and solve more difficult problems within:

- research projects;

- social designing with orientation on implementation, guidance, but also management and coordination of social projects and programmes aimed at solving macro, meso and micro social problems (e.g. in regional development, active employment policy, etc.);
- basic and specialised social counselling, social therapy and supervision;
- development of conceptual materials and methodological guidelines;
- development of models of practical social work;
- initiating, promoting and implementing national social policy and social change;
- the management of social work as a practical, academic and scientific discipline.

The educational objectives of the programme are:

- To acquire the underpinning state-of-the-art theoretical knowledge required for scholarly work in the fields of charity, social services, child welfare and social policy.
- To master complex processes in the field of charity, social services, social protection of children and social policy, especially by developing abstract thinking and learning modern methodologies.
- To apply theoretical knowledge and research findings of other authors in the field, through a creative approach in solving, quantifying and analysing complex contexts and in exploring real processes in the field of charity, social services, social protection of children and social policy.

### **Graduate employment:**

Graduates of the CHARITY AND SOCIAL WORK study programme have the opportunity to enter the labour market in various fields based on several study trajectories offered:

Primary employment of graduates:

- University teacher in social work or other related discipline,
- researcher in social work or other related discipline,
- manager in social service institutions,
- methodologist and coordinator of social projects and programmes,
- social analyst and diagnostician,

Secondary employment of graduates consists in expert or professional activity as a social worker for the needs of the following institutions and fields of social work: Children's homes, diagnostic centres, crisis centres, re-education centres, leisure centres, social service facilities, field social work, youth associations, support service agencies, streetwork, work with minorities, especially work with the Roma community, social work with addicts, social work with families, social work with clients at risk, penitentiary and post-penitentiary social work, crisis intervention, social work in schools, NGOs and associations focused on social work, social project administration, social services manager, etc.

The graduate meets the qualification prerequisite for the professional activity of a social worker (Act on Social Work 219/2014 Coll., § 5, paragraph 1, letter a). Thus, he/she also acquires the professional competence for the provision of social services (Act No. 448/2008 Coll. on Social Services, § 63, paragraph 4) and the performance of social protection of children and social curatorship (Act No. 305/2005 Coll. on social protection of children and social guardianship, § 93, paragraphs 1-3).

Furthermore, it can be applied as:

- [Assistant Professor at a university](#)
- [Specialist in social and family policy](#)

You can also apply as:

- [2310004 University assistant](#)
- [2310005 University lecturer](#)
- [2422016 Specialist in science development, research and innovation](#)
- [2422008 Specialist in socio-economic development](#)
- [1345003 Head of Department](#)
- [1223001 Director of a research institution](#)

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**Level of students and graduates of the study programme:**

The graduate of the study programme **CHARITY AND SOCIAL WORK** (3rd degree) is competent to act independently in professional life, has the ability for purposeful and responsible management and organisation of his/her personal, social and professional life. He/she is able to make effective decisions, choices, actions and to propose correct procedures. He/she has the ability to adopt a culture of thinking and cognition and to work in diverse groups of professional teams.