



Study programme: **CHARITABLE SERVICE AND SOCIAL COUNSELLING**
Study field: **7761T00 Social work**
Degree of university education: **2nd degree**
Form of study: **full-time, part-time**
Duration of study: **2 years**
Academic degree: **Mgr.**

The study programme **CHARITABLE SERVICE AND SOCIAL COUNSELING** is focused on:

- social work, social work in public administration,
- sociology, social policy,
- the charitable ministry of the Church and its social contribution,
- Christian charity,
- the missionary, charitable and social ministry of the Church (e.g. in the Roma and other ethnic minorities),
- 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 **CHARITABLE SERVICE AND SOCIAL COUNSELLING** consists of compulsory subjects: *Social counselling / Social services / Research in social sciences / Social prevention / Social policy / Management in social services / Special pedagogy / Theological foundations of social service / Foundations of psychotherapy / Social services in the Christian community / Social planning and designing / Orthodox philanthropy / Family and education / Social diagnostics / Practice* and obligatory electives: *Social services for citizens with disabilities / Communication in social services / Basics of psychiatry / Sociotherapy / Psychology of work / Supervision in social services / Business in social services / Methods of working with risk groups / Care for marginalized groups / Penitentiary and post-penitentiary care / Family psychology and family counseling / Sectology / Basics of expressive therapies / Bioethics.*

The Faculty of Orthodox Theology of UP has concluded agreements on cooperation within the framework of student internship with the following institutions:

- Gréckokatolícka charita (Prešov)
- CENTRUM PRE DETI A RODINY (Prešov)
- DORKA, n. o. Centrum pre obnovu rodiny (Košice, Prešov)
- Domov sociálnych služieb v Jabloni (Rokyty pri Humennom)
- OZ Barlička (Prešov)
- Človek v ohrození (Bratislava)
- Centrum pre deti a rodiny DRaK (Prešov)

The general characteristics of the profile of the graduate of the study programme **CHARITABLE SERVICE AND SOCIAL COUNSELLING** is conditioned by the provision of education and training of social workers for charity and social service in accordance with the current needs of society and the teachings of the Orthodox Church in Slovakia. The concept of social care and social assistance reflects the current needs of social change. The new demands on the organisation, form, content and approaches in charity and social service require a high level of professionalisation, inevitably demanding a professionally prepared, competent, erudite and Christian-based social worker also for research activities and various social analyses. Within the field, therefore, space is given to social science disciplines as well as theological disciplines (as a basic starting point), also from the fields of management, design and planning as well as from the field of quantitative and qualitative research methodologies. Graduates of the Master's degree in Charitable Service and Social Counselling have the necessary knowledge about the forms and methods of social and

charitable work, about the social policy of the state and the Church, about its development trends, about the theory of social work and its spiritual dimensions and the possibilities of its application in solving social problems.

The study of charitable and social ministry sets the stage for the preparation of professionals in a study directly contingent on contemporary social and ecclesial needs. It prepares workers for work in the field (the ecclesial community), for work in special organizations and institutions, including those of the Church (Philanthropy), as well as for research activities and various social analyses. Therefore, within the field, space is given to the scientific disciplines of theology (as a basic starting point), sociology, psychology, law, history, philosophy, ethics, pedagogy and ethnology-ethnography, so that the student obtains the necessary optimal synthesis of knowledge, which he integrates into a coherent special study program - **CHARITABLE SERVICE AND SOCIAL COUNSELLING**.

CHARITABLE SERVICE AND SOCIAL COUNSELLING as a study programme:

- responds not only to the dynamics of social changes and spiritual needs, but also to the latest trends in the world's understanding of this work, which it implements in the system of professional training of graduates of this study programme.
- responds to, accepts and globally incorporates the educational standards of social work developed and approved by the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic in cooperation with the Association of Social Work Educators of the Slovak Republic.
- ensures the deepening of knowledge and skills for the performance of: social rehabilitation, resocialization, spiritual stability of personality, supervision, social research, social team management (social management).

The scope of knowledge of the graduate of the study programme **CHARITABLE SERVICE AND SOCIAL COUNSELLING** is the preparation of students for a professional career in the field of social work, in the field of management, management of social work itself, as well as professional teams and entities of the social sphere. The study programme is designed so that students gain knowledge and practice, become familiar with the theory and methods in continuous work with clients (individuals, families, groups and communities) in need of social assistance in adverse life situations. Graduates of the study programme Charitable Service and Social Counseling have the opportunity to enter the job market as social workers able to perform activities in the spiritual-social field. They can find concrete employment in public administration bodies, social services institutions, penitentiary institutions, health care institutions, hospices, charitable institutions. Graduates will be able to find employment, for example, as experts in the provision of specialised social counselling, and, after completing accredited training in further education, as supervisors and mediators. They will be able to use the acquired knowledge and skills as coordinators of social activities in social service institutions, as project managers and actors in solving adverse social situations through research investigations.

Graduate knowledge, skills and competences:

Graduates of the Master's degree in the study programme **CHARITABLE SERVICE AND SOCIAL COUNSELLING** are able to independently design, develop, implement, expand, adapt and localize forms and methods of social work as well as creatively and initiatively develop individual concepts of social policy. They are able to apply theoretical knowledge and adequately approach clients on the basis of adherence to the principles of Christian coexistence, humanity, respect for human rights and respect for human beings.

Graduates are able to independently recognize and reveal the causes of spiritual and social problems, to recommend an up-to-date approach to solving the problems in practice as well as in social work research, and to take a critical stance on the activities and processes carried out in social work. They are proficient in the methodology and statistics of research in general and specifically oriented to social work. They have professional theoretical knowledge of supervision, management and design in social work complemented by practical skills acquired through professional practice.

They are able to plan and implement qualitative and quantitative research in social work and use supervision as a tool for their further professional development.

Graduates are able to carry out social work using its methods when working with individuals, families, groups and communities; they have mastered the social worker's code of ethics and act ethically when carrying out social work. Graduates have professional communication and management skills to perform managerial functions, know how to work in a team and strengthen interdisciplinary and multiprofessional cooperation. They are able to lead work teams, coordinate and manage activities in the field of social assistance, state social support and social insurance.

Graduate employment:

Graduates of the study programme CHARITABLE SERVICE AND SOCIAL COUNSELLING have the opportunity to apply on the labour market as social workers able to carry out activities in the spiritual-social field related to the departments falling under the competence of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic; the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic; the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic; the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic; the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic; the Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic.

Graduates of the study programme Charitable Service and Social Counselling in the Master's degree will be employed at all levels and sections of social work practice as social workers, social counsellors and managers in social institutions. They are competent to apply in the central government bodies of the various departments involved in the social policy of the state. Graduates of the Master's degree will find employment as social workers in institutions of state administration, local government, in social service institutions, in institutions for social protection of children and social curatorship, in institutions for the execution of imprisonment, in re-education and re-socialisation centres and in health care institutions.

He will be employed as a manager in social public administration entities, in management and control institutions, but also in international institutions such as UNICEF, UNHCR, etc.

He can also work as an analyst and researcher in the development of social policy and social legislation in institutions dealing with social problems at local, national or international level. He will find particular application in third sector organisations and community-based social care entities.

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).

Specifically, it can be applied, for example, as:

- Social worker
(https://sustavapovolani.sk/karta_zamestnania-496563-40)
- Local government social worker
(https://sustavapovolani.sk/karta_zamestnania-9430-36)
- Specialist Employment Advice Worker
(https://sustavapovolani.sk/karta_zamestnania-496510-35)
- Specialist in social and family policy
(https://sustavapovolani.sk/karta_zamestnania-496186-35).

Graduates of the study program **CHARITABLE SERVICE AND SOCIAL COUNSELLING** can continue their doctoral studies as they are prepared for more demanding scientific work in cooperation with the Faculty of Orthodox Divinity, or various foreign universities.

Level of students and graduates of the study programme:

Graduate of the study programme **CHARITABLE SERVICE AND SOCIAL COUNSELLING** (2nd degree) knows the theories and concepts of charity and social service, has knowledge of the issues of spiritual and socio-pathological phenomena, work with youth, work with the elderly, the abandoned (homeless, unemployed and others), work in the third sector. He/she knows quantitative and qualitative methods of social research, has knowledge in special areas necessary for charity and social service in work with clients in the family, in residential social work, in institutions and institutions, as well as knowledge about the family, the personality of the person, the social group and social assistance institutions. He is able to analyze the problems and possibilities that occur in different areas of the social sphere, he is able to propose forms of social assistance and specific systems that would improve the quality of life of the population.