



Study programme: **CHARITABLE AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

Study field: **67761R00 Social work**

Degree of university education: **1st degree**

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

Duration of study: **3 years**

Academic degree: **Bc.**

The study programme **CHARITABLE AND SOCIAL SERVICES** is focused on:

- 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 environment 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 AND SOCIAL SERVICES** consists of compulsory subjects: *Introduction to the History and Basics of Social Work Theory / Philosophy / General and Developmental Psychology / General Pedagogy / Social Pedagogy / Sociology / Basics of Social Policy and Social Security / Social Pathology / Biblical Basis of Social Work - Introduction and History of the Old Testament / Social Work in III. Sector / Methods of social work / Social psychology and socio-psychological training / Biblical foundations of social work - introduction and history of the New Testament / Therapeutic pedagogy using expressive and activity therapies / Social work in public administration / Social and law protection of children and social welfare / Biblical foundations of social work - introduction and history of the New Testament / Social work in public administration / Social work in public administration / Social protection of children and social welfare / Social work in public administration / Social work in public administration / Social work in public administration / Social work in public administration / background of social work - Exegesis of the Gospels and the Acts and Epistles / Unemployment and the labour market / Social services / Ethics in social work / Field and community social work / Care of the sick by the Church / Training and practice in social work and obligatory electives: *Somatology / Informatics for Social Work / Introduction to Biblical Archaeology / Christian Anthropology / Social Psychological Training - Self-awareness / Statistics for Social Work / Byzantine Philosophy and Art / History of Religions / History of Liturgies / Socio-psychological training - communication / Psychology and pathopsychology of personality / Social work with the elderly / Byzantine culture and literature / Social work with addicts / Introduction to research in social work / Social work with the family / Family and criminal law / Social work with victims of domestic violence / Orthodoxy and spiritual health / Selected psychodiagnostic methods in social counselling / Catechesis in social work / Case study seminar / Law of the European Union / Mass media communication / Social work with persons with severe disabilities. It also includes voluntary courses within the university; for the faculty these are: *Choral Singing I.-IV. / Modern Greek Language I.-IV.***

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 (Rokytov pri Humennom)
- OZ Barlička (Prešov)
- Človek v ohrození (Bratislava)
- Centrum pre deti a rodiny DRaK (Prešov)

**General characteristics of the profile of the graduate** of the study programme **CHARITABLE AND SOCIAL SERVICES** is conditioned by the provision of education and upbringing of workers for charitable and social services and social assistance to clients in an unfavourable social situation in accordance with the recommendations of the International Labour Organisation, the directives of the European Union and in accordance with the teachings and needs 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 an appropriate level of professionalisation, inevitably demanding a professionally prepared, competent, erudite and Christian-based social worker. The study of charity and social service creates the conditions for the preparation of professionals in a study directly conditioned by contemporary social and ecclesial needs. FOT of UP prepares workers for work in the field (church community), for work in special organizations and institutions, including church ones (Philanthropy). Therefore, within the field, space is given to the disciplines of social science as well as theological (as a basic starting point), sociological, psychological, legal, historical, philosophical, ethical, pedagogical and ethnological in order to provide the student with the necessary optimal synthesis of knowledge. Graduates are able to identify the relevance of social policy to the professional practice of social work and to use knowledge of law, psychology, philosophy, sociology, and pedagogy to practice social work and develop social work knowledge. They are able to construct a simple project to identify a specific problem in social work.

**CHARITABLE AND SOCIAL SERVICES** 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 AND SOCIAL SERVICES** consists of spiritual and socio-administrative activities, social and spiritual diagnostics, spiritual and social prevention, socio-legal protection, spiritual and social services, other forms of spiritual and social assistance, spiritual and social analyses.

### **Graduate knowledge, skills and competences**

Graduates are able to recognize and reveal the causes of social and spiritual problems and prevent their occurrence, they are able to access and provide personal, material and institutional assistance to social clients. Furthermore, they are able to apply theoretical knowledge and adequately approach their clients on the basis of respect for the principles of Christian coexistence, humanity, respect for the rights of the person and respect for him/her, as well as being able to guide their clients in the correct issues oriented to the handling of requests and claims addressed to the competent authorities. Graduates are able to analyze the problems and possibilities that occur in different areas of the social world, they are able to propose forms of social assistance and concrete systems that would improve the quality of life of the population. They have the necessary knowledge of the forms and methods of charitable and social 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 its application to social problems. They are oriented on the system of social security and social insurance, on the functioning of the system of social services, on the socio-legal protection of children and social probation, on assistance in material need, on compensation for severe disabilities, on employment services, and on the characteristics of poverty and social exclusion and the concepts of social inclusion in interdisciplinary contexts. Graduates are thus able to independently design, develop, implement, extend, adapt and localize forms and methods of social work as well as creatively and proactively develop individual concepts of social policy. They act ethically in the practice of social work. They are able to work in teams and foster interprofessional and interdisciplinary collaboration. They present their own points of view professionally.

### Definition of the graduate's areas of application

Graduates of the study programme **CHARITABLE AND SOCIAL SERVICES** have the opportunity to apply in the labour market as social workers able to perform activities in the spiritual and social field related to key departments falling within the competencies of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic, the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport 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. Specific applications are found in public administration bodies, in social services institutions, in penitentiary institutions, in health care institutions, hospices, in charitable institutions providing social services and act in them as social work assistants and charity workers:

- can operate in the department of the central state administration (MPSVaR SR, ÚPSVaR),
- possibility to work at the level of local and regional self-government - cities / municipalities, self-governing regions
- employment in state administration institutions (PSVaR Office),
- employment in social service institutions, in institutions of social and legal protection of children and social curatorship
- application in third sector organisations, but especially in community care (community centres)
- application at local level in field social work.

Graduates meet the qualification prerequisite for the professional activity of a social work assistant (Act on Social Work 219/2014 Coll., § 5, paragraph 1, letter b).

Specifically, they can apply for example as:

- Assistant in social work  
([https://sustavapovolani.sk/karta\\_zamestnania-496564-40](https://sustavapovolani.sk/karta_zamestnania-496564-40))
- Expert decision-maker in employment services  
([https://sustavapovolani.sk/karta\\_zamestnania-496331-35](https://sustavapovolani.sk/karta_zamestnania-496331-35))
- Specialist in the field of cash allowances to compensate for the consequences of severe disability  
([https://sustavapovolani.sk/karta\\_zamestnania-496232-35](https://sustavapovolani.sk/karta_zamestnania-496232-35))
- Specialist worker in the field of material assistance and state social benefits  
([https://sustavapovolani.sk/karta\\_zamestnania-496233-35](https://sustavapovolani.sk/karta_zamestnania-496233-35))

### Level of students and graduates of the study programme

The graduate of the study programme **CHARITABLE AND SOCIAL SERVICES** (1st degree) is able to analyse the problems and possibilities that occur in different areas of the social sphere, is able to design forms of social assistance and specific systems that would improve the quality of life of the population. The graduate can work with managers, system users and specialists of other professions. This requires knowledge of theology, sociology, law and management. He or she has the necessary knowledge of the forms and methods of charity and social work, of social policy of the state and the church, of its development trends, of social work theory and its spiritual dimensions, and of its application to social problems. The graduate will be able to independently design, develop, implement, expand, adapt, and localize forms and methods of social work.