

CSWE Strategic Framework



VISION: *To ensure a well-educated social work profession equipped to promote health, well-being, and justice for all people in a diverse society.*

MISSION: *To advance excellence and innovation in social work education and research by providing leadership, ensuring quality in teaching and learning, and strengthening the capacity of our member institutions.*

GOAL ONE: Provide leadership for the future of social work education.

STRATEGIES

- Serve as an authoritative source of information on the preparation of social workers.
- Collaborate with strategic partners to advance social work education and social justice domestically and globally, including Indigenous peoples.
- Provide thought leadership on critical issues facing social work education and research.
- Advocate for social work education and research both within the profession and beyond.
- Support data informed decision-making on the future social work workforce.

GOAL TWO: Promote quality teaching, learning, and scholarship to prepare graduates for the future of social work practice.

STRATEGIES

- Provide professional and faculty development opportunities to support social work educators in their roles.
- Provide curricular resources that exemplify quality and innovation in social work education.
- Support member institutions in developing and maintaining an accredited program.
- Promote and ensure educational quality and continuous improvement in accredited social work programs that facilitates the preparation of competent social workers.
- Promote research and scholarship that informs practice and builds the science and knowledge base for social work students and educators.

GOAL THREE: Support the career development of students, faculty and administrators.

STRATEGIES

- Support student pursuit of social work as a career.
- Assist faculty in advancing through their academic career.
- Develop future leaders and administrators for social work education.
- Advance diversity and broaden the participation of historically underrepresented groups in social work and social work education.

GOAL FOUR: Foster a diverse, interconnected, and inclusive community of social work educators.

STRATEGIES

- Provide opportunities for networking and peer-to-peer learning around topics of shared interest.
- Provide forums to promote and disseminate research and scholarship that advance social justice, social work and social work education.
- Create opportunities for member engagement, volunteer leadership and shared governance.

GOAL FIVE: Ensure CSWE provides exceptional value to our members and member institutions.

STRATEGIES

- Increase understanding of and engagement in the full array of programs and services CSWE offers its members.
- Invest in the systems and infrastructure CSWE needs to support member engagement and data-driven decision making.
- Foster an inclusive workplace culture at CSWE that hires, manages, develops and retains talented and diverse employees.

