APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM
Students apply for admission to the Social Work major at the end of their second year of college. Transfer students should begin this process at the time of their admission to Mercy College. First and Second year students intending to apply to the program should declare Pre-Social Work as their major. All applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.6 to be eligible for an admissions interview to the BSW program.

SOCIAL WORKERS
are the dedicated individuals who make it their life’s mission to work directly with communities, helping people tackle issues such as child abuse, mental illness, poverty, substance abuse, discrimination or family conflict. Mercy College’s Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program is for passionate, determined students who wish to earn a BSW and begin their professional careers changing lives, helping people during some of their most challenging times and empowering others to build successful futures.

► Offered at Dobbs Ferry and Bronx Campuses
► Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
► Career oriented program, which includes field work and faculty mentorship
► After completing the BSW, students can apply those credits toward a master’s degree in Social Work (MSW) at other institutions, which will allow students to complete their graduate degrees in one year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates with a BSW are prepared to practice in a variety of areas such as:

► Mental health clinics
► Education and schools
► Developmental disability programs
► Criminal justice
► Hospitals and nursing homes
► Homeless assistance programs
► Family and children’s services
► Community organizing

Now is a great time to pursue a career in social work, as the field is flourishing. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall employment for social workers is expected to grow by 12 percent through 2024, which is faster than the average growth rate for all occupations.

WHY A MERCY COLLEGE BSW?
Mercy College BSW students are active in the community and share their learning through volunteering and advocacy. Students interact with the community and apply what they are learning to the real world. Each year Mercy students join other social work students from across the state for the annual Legislative Advocacy Day in Albany. Our students speak with legislators urging them to pass laws that improve social justice. In fact, Mercy students are so well respected that two of our students have recently earned the Student of the Year Award from the Westchester County Division of the National Association of Social Work.