



Bachelor of Social Work

Ignite your passion for social justice

Expand your interest in social systems and policy. Prepare for a rewarding career to effect social change. Gain the knowledge and skills to provide social work service and leadership in areas such as child welfare, mental health, addictions, woman's services, family support, corrections, health and working as allies with Indigenous peoples. You will prepare to work with individuals, children and families, in both small towns and big cities to impact their lives in positive ways. You will learn to critically analyze social systems through an inclusive lens with a particular focus on anti-oppressive approaches to practice. Combine academic work with engaging experiences beyond the classroom, including two social work field placements working alongside professionals in numerous agencies.

A career to impact change in:

- Child Welfare
- Corrections
- Mental health and disability
- Substance misuse
- Family mediation
- Working with older adults

After receiving your BSW, your employment options include numerous federal and provincial ministries, government and non-profit or Indigenous-delegated agencies, and hospitals or practice contexts that represent and support children, families, women, older adults, individuals on probation or parole, and people with disabilities, mental health and substance misuse challenges.

TRU STORY

Katherine McParland

Recent grad, Bachelor of Social Work



Katherine McParland, a recent BSW graduate, is passionate about working with youth in care and addressing the issue of youth homelessness.

As a former youth in care I faced multiple, complex barriers to an education pathway, but I knew it was critical for me to overcome

the odds that were stacked against me.

The faculty really helped to adapt my education to my needs and dreams. I was supported to work on a large study on something I was invested in—youth in care. This fit with my career aspirations. I am grateful for the faculty who took time to nurture, mentor and support me to grow in my education. Not only did they teach me, they believed in my dreams. I am already working in my dream job with a local agency, helping to prevent, reduce and end youth homelessness in Kamloops.

Why TRU? I chose TRU because it was open and accessible to me, there was a lot of support and focus on creating possibilities for me to receive an education. TRU provided the opportunity for me to transcend poverty. The ability to ladder a Human Service Diploma into the BSW, and to pursue my studies part-time so I could work, provided the flexibility I needed. My instructors, who are experts in the field in our community, became trusted mentors.

FIND YOUR TRU

At TRU, be surrounded by stunning panoramic views of rivers, lakes and mountains. Located in the heart of the city, our sprawling campus is close to shopping, entertainment and a spectacular outdoor lifestyle. On campus, enjoy small classes and find it easy to be engaged with your professors and classmates. Learn by doing and take your passion beyond the classroom—whether through co-op placements, applied research, volunteering in the community or studying abroad. Find your path. Find your passion. Find your TRU.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Explore an enriching career and learn how to influence policy and practice to make a difference in the world through critical knowledge development in the following areas:

- Anti-oppressive and critical social work practice
- Canadian social policy
- Decolonizing social work practice
- Race, racialization and immigration policy
- Mental health and disability issues
- Trauma-informed practice
- Substance misuse and social work practice
- Sexual orientation and gender expression
- Child welfare policy and practice
- Interpersonal communication with individuals and groups
- Working with communities



WHO CAN I TALK TO?

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