

DIVISION OF SOCIAL WORK

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COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

I. PURPOSE AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A. Library Collection Development Objective

The library seeks to support research in all areas of Social Work, including generalist practice, welfare, health/medical, mental health, school social work, rural social work, economic development, cultural diversity, children and families, life span development, social justice and policy formation and analysis..

B. Description of User Groups Supported

The user groups supported include graduate students and faculty. The addition of new faculty is the only change in user group population; the Social Work Program was established in 1995.

C. New and Expanding Areas of Interest

Expanding areas of interest include program development and caregiving, both professional and lay. Also of interest is the establishment of the Carter Center for Family Caregiving, international social work, trauma and stress, neurology/brain development/human development, and administration and social work. The addition of the web program has increased demand as most are off site.

D. Areas of Established Specialization

Areas of established specialization are all the areas of social work including generalist practice, advanced generalist practice, child welfare, mental health, school social work, rural social work, economic development, cultural diversity, social justice, life span development, health/medical social work, children and families, and policy formation and analysis. Other areas of specialization include family violence, psychopathology, counseling practice, supervision, and field education, and grant writing.

II. TREATMENT OF SUBJECT DEPTH

A. Treatment of Subject Depth

The library will support the Social Work Program by collecting materials in the following subject areas at the Advanced Study or Instructional Support Level:

SUBJECT SUBDIVISIONS	COLLECTING LEVEL
Children and Families	3C
Cultural Diversity	3C
Economic Development	3C
Generalist Practice	3C
Health/Medical	3C
Life Span Development	3C
Mental Health	3C
Policy Formation and Analysis	3C
Rural Social Work	3C
School Social Work	3C
Social Justice	3C
Welfare	3C

B. Specific Delimitations

Formats collected: Periodicals and reference tools are collected extensively. Audiovisual materials, electronic tools, monographs, and textbooks are collected selectively.

Imprint dates collected: Current publications are collected extensively.

Chronological focus: Topics from the current time period are collected extensively.

Languages collected: English language materials are collected extensively. Spanish language materials are collected selectively.

Places of publication: American and American South are collected extensively. Russia, Belize, Europe, Africa, South America, Mexico, and Canada are collected selectively.