

## **Bachelor's of Science Human Development & Master of Social Work**

This accelerated academic opportunity provides a systematic plan for students to continue their higher education beyond BS degree in Human Development and continue a second, separate MSW degree in Social Work. These benefits are students':

1. ability to complete an undergraduate BS degree and graduate MSW degree in five (5) years instead of six (6);
2. ability to receive a financial rebate for completing the undergraduate degree in less than four years according to Howard University's policy;
3. ability to take a selected number of summer school courses at no cost according to the Howard University's policy regarding summer school for students in accelerated degree programs;
4. ability to receive early decision consideration by the School of Social Work staff when they apply to the MSW degree program in the fall of their junior year;
5. enhanced advisement by faculty in Undergraduate Program in Human Development;
6. participation in lectures and workshops in the School of Social Work on various topics (e.g., careers, specific client issues, global issues);
7. participation in annual spring lecture series and Partnership celebration jointly sponsored by faculty in the Schools of Education and Social Work. The lecture series is tentatively named, "The Prince Jones Social Justice Lecture Series";
8. participation to link with undergraduate students in select South African colleges and universities who may be interested in applying to the Partnership; and
9. participation in recruitment and retention activities to promote the Partnership to students at Howard University and external places (e.g., panels, open houses, social media).

## **BS/MSW ADMISSIONS**

High school students, first time in college (FTIC) students, and other students (external to Howard University) who have been admitted to the human development major, and are interested in applying to the Partnership, may apply in the second semester of their freshman year if they meet the 3.2 CGPA requirement and are on-track with the accelerated program scheme. Intra-University Transfer freshmen students, who have been admitted to the human development major, and who are interested in admission to the Partnership, are eligible to apply to the Partnership if they meet the 3.2 CGPA and are on-track with the accelerated program scheme. Students, who are sophomores and beyond, are not eligible for the Partnership, since they will likely not be able to meet the timeline to complete past and all course requirements for the three (3) year BS degree component.

## **MATRICULATION IN PROGRAM**

Students will follow the approved scheme (see attached) to complete the undergraduate BS degree in three (3) years. Students have to maintain a 3.0 CGPA to remain in the Partnership and preserve their eligibility for admission to the MSW program. The required number of credits to complete the BS human development major is 120.

Students will submit their graduation application for clearance to graduate to their designated Departmental advisers and School of Education administrators. Students will be cleared to graduate if all academic and financial criteria are met. Students will then be allowed to participate in the School of Education's Honors and Awards Ceremony and subsequently graduate from Howard University prior to starting the MSW program.

## **SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK ADMISSION**

Nearing completion of their undergraduate degree requirements in the third year, students will formally apply to the MSW program. School of Social Work Admission personnel will evaluate and provide early decisions for the applications of students in the Program.

It is assumed that students will meet admission criteria to the MSW because of their completion of the BS Degree in Human Development and matriculation through the Partnership.