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## Quick Facts

- Winthrop ranked 23rd in the nation and was the only South Carolina social work program in the top 50 rankings. Rankings cover a variety of areas such as academic competitiveness, career support, financial aid and quality of networking opportunities.
- The Winthrop Department of Social Work was rated particularly high in the areas of quality of instruction, degree satisfaction, career advising, student diversity and networking opportunities.



Jack DeRochi

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLNA - Winthrop University social work graduate students rated their social work education as among the top in the country, according to [graduateprograms.com](http://graduateprograms.com).

The online site recently announced its **2016 rankings** of top social work graduate programs based on student ratings and reviews from current and recent graduate students. Winthrop ranked **23rd in the nation** and was the only South Carolina social work program in the top 50 rankings. Rankings cover a variety of areas such as academic competitiveness, career support, financial aid and quality of networking opportunities.

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"Winthrop's graduate social work program has been one our most popular and successful since its inception a decade ago," said [Jack DeRochi](#), dean of [Winthrop's Graduate School](#). "Our social work faculty have done an excellent job in preparing its master's level students for work in non-profit organizations, government agencies, schools and in business. We're proud to see their hard work and commitment to their students rewarded."

The [Department of Social Work](#) is nationally accredited by the [Council on Social Work Education](#). The department initially offered the Bachelor of Social Work degree in 1974 and it began offering the Master of Social Work degree in 2006. The master's program offers both full-time and weekend options for completing the graduate degree. The program also offers a concentration in empowerment practice which incorporates the use of advanced social work theories and methodologies for culturally relevant assessment, intervention, and evaluation at multiple levels of complexity and across systems in order to promote human and social well-being. Empowerment practice affirms the strengths and capabilities of people, values human diversity, and promotes social and economic justice.

[Lindsey M. Hesketh](#) said she has appreciated her time as a graduate student in Winthrop's social work program. "The professors are incredibly invested in my learning and are highly-qualified to teach," Hesketh said. "The field staff have been accommodating to my unique circumstances and gone above and beyond to support me. I look forward to attending each class and value the quality of education that I am receiving from this program."

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