The Ethelyn R. Strong School of Social Work at Norfolk State University was established in 1960 with the founding of the Baccalaureate Social Work (BSW) Program. Its Master of Social Work (MSW) degree and Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work (Ph.D.) degree programs were added in 1974 and 1995, respectively. Thus, the School, along with its Continuing Education Program, offers the full continuum of social work education.

The School's mission is to provide social work education programs which prepare students with competence to develop and deliver services which strengthen and/or empower individuals, families, and communities. The School and its programs emphasize the values of social justice, social responsibility, and respect of human rights, dignity, and diversity. The School is especially committed to address the strengths and challenges for an ethnically and culturally diverse client population in an evolving global community.

Accreditation
The School of Social Work's Baccalaureate Social Work Program and Master of Social Work Program are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

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