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Mission
The Mission of the Wilma Hepker School of Social Work and Sociology is to train competent and ethical professionals who:

• Serve their communities
• Pursue social justice
• Value all people
• Embody integrity

History
The Wilma Hepker School of Social Work and Sociology began as a minor in Social Science in the History Department. The minor changed to Sociology in 1965. The Department of Social Work and Sociology formed in 1975. We are proud to be among the oldest undergraduate Social Work programs in the Pacific Northwest. The social work bachelor degree has been fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) since 1979 and is a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW).

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