

# Social Work Education in Denmark

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## Development of S.W. Education

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- 1934 First social worker was hired at the municipality hospital in Copenhagen
- 1937 Education established of 1½ years
- 1956 Social counseling became a subject
- 1962 Length of education 3 years
- 1968 post graduate education one year, full time
- 1992 Candidate (master) degree established with Ålborg University
- 2002 Status of Bachelor – 3½ years education

# Places for Social Work education

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1. Aalborg Universitet [www.aau.dk](http://www.aau.dk)
2. Via University College (Århus og Holstebro) [www.via.dk](http://www.via.dk)
3. University College Vest (Esbjerg og Aabenraa) [www.ucvest.dk](http://www.ucvest.dk)
4. University College Lillebælt (Odense) [www.ucl.dk](http://www.ucl.dk)
5. University College Sjælland (Nykøbing Falster og Roskilde fra 01.09.09) [www.ucsj.dk](http://www.ucsj.dk)
6. Metropolitan University College (København og Rønne) [www.dsh-k.dk](http://www.dsh-k.dk)
7. University Nuuk, Greenland: [www.ilisimatusarfik.gl](http://www.ilisimatusarfik.gl)

# Understanding of welfare state

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- ◉ *The welfare state cannot be understood just in terms of the rights of it grants.*
- ◉ *We must also take into account how state activities are interlocked with the market's and the family's role in the social provision.*
- ◉ *These are the three main principles that need to be fleshed out prior to any theoretical specification of the welfare state."*

(Esping-Andersen, 1990)

# Role of the Danish state -related to some social issues

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- **Legislation for education**

- Content
- Examination
- evaluation

- **Social laws regulations**

- Childcare
- Unemployment
- Benefits
- Social pensions
- Criminal law

- **Conditions for the labor market negotiated with unions:**

- Holydays
- Working hours
- Salary negotiation

# Organisational framework of social work practice

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- Public (state and family)

  - Municipality

  - County

  - State

  - Deinstitutionalization

- Private

- Voluntary

- Users organizations

# Field of social work - social service and health

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- ◉ Cash and care
- ◉ Child care
- ◉ Hospitals
- ◉ Mental health
- ◉ Crime
- ◉ Integration on labor market
- ◉ Chronic illness and disability
- ◉ Mental retarded
- ◉ Abuse

# Some key figures

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- Population: 5.500.000
- Social Work students pr. year: 1000
- Social workers: 12.000



# Different educations

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- ◉ Classical
- ◉ International / intercultural education
- ◉ E- learning program
  
- ◉ International semester

# Post graduate education

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- ◉ Diploma
- ◉ Master
- ◉ PhD
  
- ◉ Research - No right or plight for educators outside Aalborg University

## Bachelor S.W. – ects points dispersed by subjects

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Social work</i>               | <i>84 ects</i>        |
| <i>Psychology and psychiatry</i> | <i>28 ects</i>        |
| <i>Law</i>                       | <i>28 ects</i>        |
| <i>Social science</i>            | <i>34 ects</i>        |
| <u><i>Practice placement</i></u> | <u><i>36 ects</i></u> |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>210 ects</b>       |

# Traditional principles for s.w.

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- Ethics
- Holistic approach
- Communication
- Systematic work

# Methods in Education

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- ◉ Lectures
- ◉ Discussions
- ◉ Groupwork
- ◉ Projects
- ◉ Assignments
- ◉ Roleplay
- ◉ Literature studies
- ◉ Practice
- ◉ Examens

# Methods in social work

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- ◉ Individual work
- ◉ Groupwork
- ◉ Community work
- ◉ Public administration

# Neoliberalisme – market orientation

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- Manualization
- Demands for efficiency
- Control
- Documentation of results
  
- Private enterprise in social service
- Competition increase
  - Elderly
  - Childcare
  - Training of unemployed
  
- Unions position in DK
- Negotiations of agreement

# Atacs on professionalism

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- ◉ Demands for financial management
- ◉ Ethical conflicts
- ◉ Control and care
- ◉ Cuts on budgets- strain on social services
- ◉ Practice building on research



# Considerations for the future

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- ◉ Welfare mix
- ◉ Balancing profession and management
- ◉ Democracy in social work
- ◉ Efficiency
- ◉ Integration of research
- ◉ Ethics
- ◉ Global aspects