Social Work Education in Denmark

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Development of S.W. Education

- 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

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)
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

- Legislation for education
  - Content
  - Examination
  - evaluation

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

- Conditions for the labor marked negotiated with unions:
  - Holydays
  - Working hours
  - Salary negotiation
Organisational framework of social work practice

- Public (state and family)
- Municipality
- County
- State
- Deinstitutionalization

- Private
- Voluntary
- Users organizations
Field of social work - social service and health

- Cash and care
- Child care
- Hospitals
- Mental health
- Crime
- Integration on labormarked
- Cronic illness and disability
- Mental retarded
- Abuse
Some key figures

- Population: 5,500,000
- Social Work students pr. year: 1,000
- Social workers: 12,000
Different educations

- Classical
- International / intercultural education
- E-learning program
- International semester
Post graduate education

- Diploma
- Master
- PhD

- Research - No right or plight for educators outside Aalborg University
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Traditional principles for s.w.

- Ethics
- Holistic approach
- Communication
- Systematic work
Methods in Education

- Lectures
- Discussions
- Groupwork
- Projects
- Assignments
- Roleplay
- Literature studies
- Practice
- Examens
Methods in social work

- Individual work
- Groupwork
- Community work
- Public administration
Neoliberalisme – market orientation

- 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

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

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