Oakland ranked second-best school in Michigan for social work majors

As Oakland University’s social work program marks 10 years in existence, a new report from Zippia.com ranks the program as the second-best of its kind in Michigan.

The career-focused website examined data from the National Center for Education Statistics and the ED.gov College Scoreboard to compare social work programs at Michigan schools and see how social work majors performed in the job market.

“In just 10 years, we have moved from inception to be ranked second in the state,” said Maria Beam, social work program director at OU. “This honor is a testament to the diligent work of our faculty and staff in the academic and professional preparation of our students, as well as a reflection of our extraordinary graduates.”

The rankings are based on the following criteria:

- Career results: mean earnings after six years, mean earnings after 10 Years and ratio of students working-to-not-working after 10 years

- Social work emphasis: percentage of graduating class that are social work majors (larger the better)

- School performance: admissions rate (more selective the better), graduation rate, average cost of attendance (lower the better) and median amount of debt

The rankings included seven schools, with Michigan State ranking first on the list. Ferris State rounded out the top three, followed by Spring Arbor University, Hope College, Saginaw Valley State University and Wayne State University. View the full report here.

For more information about Oakland’s social work program, visit the website.