

Program Requirements

1. Admission to the School of Graduate Studies & Research (Adams Hall Room 206).
2. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, including specific liberal arts foundation courses
3. Submission of an application to the School of Social Work
4. Submission of an application for Social Work Field Education
5. Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
6. Three letters of reference, including a letter from a professional
7. A cumulative GPA commensurate with Graduate Studies requirements
8. A typed-written Autobiographical Statement
9. GRE Scores (within the past five years)
10. Personal interview with faculty members prior to admission.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS IS

March 1st

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE CONSIDERED UPON A PETITION FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BY THE PRESPECTIVE STUDENT

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College of Professional Studies

MSW Program

School of Social Work

M.S.W. Mission Statement

The Mission of the MSW Program is to prepare students for advanced direct practice by building on foundation generalist knowledge, values, and skills, with emphasis on high academic standards, affirmation and respect for differences and diversity, and aligned with the purposes, values and ethics of the profession of social work. Further, the program seeks to prepare students for advanced direct practice with individuals, families and groups in rural communities.

The Goals of Master of Social Work for Foundation Practice are:

- To provide the knowledge, values, and skills needed for foundation practice and advanced direct practice
- To prepare students for advanced direct practice across client systems and across practice settings
- To cultivate a learning model that embraces respect and an appreciation for diversity and differences among people.
- To graduate students who advocate for, and support people and causes that are important to social workers and the clients they serve
- To prepare students for social work services in a global social network
- To create leadership and learning opportunities for faculty and students through reciprocal mentoring

The Goals of Master of Social Work for Direct Practice Concentration are:

- To provide the knowledge of theory and relevant research to social work practice
- To provide the knowledge and skills of social service delivery across settings including child welfare, health care and mental health, rural settings and people of color
- To provide the knowledge and skills associated with culturally competent practice
- To guide students' development of self reflection and professional values
- To provide the knowledge and skills associated with evidenced based practice, practice oriented research, and practice evaluation.

The MSW Program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education

Students may be admitted to the Full-time 2 Year; Part-time 4 Year Program; or the Advanced Standing Program, 1 Summer and 2 Semesters.

PART-TIME. The Full-Time Two Year Program may be taken on a systematic part-time basis. The first thirty hours must be completed within two years of initial enrollment and all requirements for the M.S.W. degree must be completed within six (6) years of initial enrollment.

ADVANCED STANDING. Applicants for Advanced Standing must have received the baccalaureate degree in Social Work within the last six years from an undergraduate program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; must have a 3.3 or better overall grade point average; A GRE Score; attend Summer Sessions, and attend full-time for two semesters. **All applicants** must be interviewed by faculty members.

FIELD EDUCATION. Students are required to complete not less than 900 clock hours of field instruction, a minimum of two (2) days per week, eight (8) hours per day for four (4) semesters. Field education is conducted at pre-approved sites and students must arrange transportation. **A Field Education Fee of \$50.00 is required for each field education course.**

THE APPEAL PROCESS. In situations where a student is denied admission, the student has the right to appeal. The student is informed of his or her right for a hearing before the admissions committee if the student feels the denial was not justified. The MSW Coordinator, chair of admissions committee arrange and set dates for these hearings. The outcome of the hearing is submitted to the Associate Dean for a review. At the conclusion of the hearing, a student is informed by the Director of their right to appeal to the Dean, College of Professional Studies if the outcome of the hearing is unsatisfactory for the student.

SWK 500 Writing Seminar for Professional Social Workers	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	3

FOUNDATION CURRICULUM

SWK 501 Human Behavior & the Social Environment I	3
SWK 502 Social Welfare Policy & Services I	3
SWK 503 Social Work Practice I	3
SWK 512 Foundation Field Education I & Integrative Seminar	3
SWK 520 SWK Practice II	3
SWK 521 Human Behavior & the Social Environment II	3

SWK 522 Foundation Field Education II & Integrative Seminar	3
SWK 530 Research Methods	3
SWK 532 Social Welfare Policy & Services II	3
SWK 560 Statistics	3
Total	30

ADVANCED CURRICULUM

Summer Transitional Courses

SWK 602 Social Research Methods & Data Analysis	3
SWK 606 Seminar: Social Work History & Fields of Social Work	3

Second Year Advanced Curriculum Direct Practice

SWK 629 Advanced Research	3
SWK 631 Direct Practice I Assessment, Diagnosis & Intervention with adults	3
SWK 633 Direct Practice Field Education I	3
SWK 637 Direct Practice II Assessment, Diagnosis & Intervention	

with Children and Families	3
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SWK 638 Direct Practice Field Education II	3
SWK 652 Couples and Family in Social Work Treatment	3
SWK 655 Adv. Social Welfare Policy & Services	3

COGNATE ELECTIVES—9 hrs.

SWK 646 Supervision & Consultation	3
SWK 651 Substance Abuse & Mental Health	3
SWK 652 Families & Couples in Treatment	3
SWK 653 Resource Development	3
SWK 670 Assessment & Diagnostic Systems	3
SWK 671 Diagnoses & Intervention in Child Welfare	3
SWK 672 Rural Social Work Practice	3
SWK 673 Ethical Decision Making & Public Policy	3
SWK 674 Issues & Practice in Health Care	3
SWK 675 Child Abuse & Neglect: Protective Service	3
SWK 676 DP with African Americans	3
SWK 695 Independent Study, Research, & Reading	3

ADVANCED STANDING SUMMER

TOTAL HOURS— 2 YEAR PROGRAM	63
TOTAL HOURS— 4 YEAR PART-TIME PROGRAM	63
TOTAL HOURS— ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM	39