

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (M.S.W.)

General Information

The Master of Social Work (MSW) Program is an online program that consists of 8-week long asynchronous courses and field practicum hours. The MSW Program builds on a generalist foundation to prepare students to be interprofessional social work practitioners. This concentration enables students to work collaboratively across disciplines, settings, and populations. Students also participate in an Interdisciplinary University Certificate Program. This provides MSW students access to courses that uniquely inform interprofessional social work practice as it relates to in an area of shared concern. Therefore, MSW students learn to integrate social work theory, practice, and research as well as draw from interdisciplinary perspectives to support the wellbeing of individuals, groups, families, organizations, and communities through interprofessional social work practice.

The MSW program offers a part- and full-time course of study, employer-based field placements, and advanced standing for students with an undergraduate degree in Social Work. The regular program consists of 60 graduate credit hours of generalist courses and concentration courses. Students who are admitted into the regular program start with generalist courses to ensure students have mastered content on the practice of generalist social work. These students and students accepted with advanced standing status proceed with concentration courses to integrate generalist social work theory (i.e., diversity, values and ethics, and human behavior I/II theories), practice (i.e., skills and intervention), and research (i.e., methods, data collection, and analysis).

MSW students gain additional experience in interprofessional social work practice by drawing from interdisciplinary perspectives through an approved Interdisciplinary University Certificate Program. Students choose an approved Interdisciplinary University Certificate Program and three elective courses in that certificate's curriculum. An Interprofessional Practicum and Integrative Capstone project are required as part of this course sequence. In coordination with MSW faculty and staff, MSW students continue formation as interprofessional social workers while taking elective courses with students across disciplines. MSW students gain practicum experience with a population (or area) of interest to transfer classroom skills into the field for collaborative action.

Admission Requirements

All applicants applying for admission to the 60-hour program must have a baccalaureate degree from a college or university accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency or foreign equivalent with a grade point average of 2.7 out of a possible 4.0 on all undergraduate work and a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 on all previous graduate work¹. All applicants applying for advanced standing status must have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher, must have an undergraduate major in Social Work from a Council on Social Work Education accredited program and must have graduated within 5 years of entry to the MSW program. Some work experience is preferred. Although GRE scores are not required for program admission, applicants may submit current scores from the GRE General Exam to supplement their application materials. GRE scores are valid for five years from the date of the exam.

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Preference is given to applicants with a 3.0 cumulative GPA or above in their undergraduate work.

Program Requirements

CIP Code: 44.0701

Requirements for the degree are a minimum of 60 graduate hours for the regular program and 30 graduate hours for students with advanced standing status. Students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 or better on all graded courses and maintain a satisfactory performance in field practicum courses. Departmental approval is required for student progression in the program if they do not earn at least a "B" in required courses. Students must also maintain conduct that is congruent with the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers.

Code	Title	Hours
Generalist Courses		
SWK 800	The Social Work Relationship	3
SWK 810	Human Behav Social Enviro I	3
SWK 815	Human Behav Social Enviro II	3
SWK 820	Social Work Practice I	3
SWK 825	Social Work Research Methods	3
SWK 830	Social Work Practice II	3
SWK 840	Social Work Practice III	3
SWK 845	Soc Policy Analy and Advoc	3
Concentration Courses		
SWK 860	Interprofessional Micro Practice	3
SWK 870	Interprofessional Mezzo Practice	3
SWK 880	Interprofessional Macro Practice	3
Electives		
Students choose from an approved Interdisciplinary University Certificate Program. Electives are based on each certificate program's curriculum. Students may request an elective course substitution by contacting the MSW Program Director.		
Choose from one of the following Certifications:		9
Addictions Intervention Certificate		
Mental Health Certificate		
Child and Family Services Certificate Program		
Social Advocacy and Justice Certificate Program		
Leadership and Management Certificate Program		
Experiential Courses		
SWK 850	Generalist Practicum	6
SWK 890	Interprofessional Practicum	8
Exit Requirements		
<i>Capstone Courses</i>		
SWK 855	Generalist Capstone	2
SWK 895	Interprofessional Capstone	2
Total Hours		60

Certificates

Addictions Intervention Certificate

Code	Title	Hours
Certificate Requirements		19
Choose at least three of the following:		

CPL 828	MH/Sub Abuse Issues in Cor Stg
MPH 810	Human Behavior Change
NFA 826	Nutrition for Chronic Disease
PSY 850	Psychotherapy & Behav Change I
PSY 859	Cog/Affect Bases of Behavior
SWK 761	Alcohol and Drug Assessment
SWK 762	Alcohol and Drug Treatment
SWK 863	Stress Management & Self-Care
SWK 866	Crisis Intervention
SWK 867	Spirit Sensitivity Help Profes
VTS 700	Veteran Identity Theory
Complete both of the following:	
SWK 890	Interprofessional Practicum
SWK 895	Interprofessional Capstone
Total Hours	19

Mental Health Certificate

Code	Title	Hours
Certificate Requirements		
19		
Choose at least three of the following:		
CPL 828	MH/Sub Abuse Issues in Cor Stg	
MPH 810	Human Behavior Change	
NFA 826	Nutrition for Chronic Disease	
OTS 715	Early Child Sensorimotor Devel	
OTS 863	Occupation & Sensory Process	
PSY 777	The Autism Spectrum	
PSY 837	Social Psy & Cultural Diversity	
PSY 850	Psychotherapy & Behav Change I	
PSY 859	Cog/Affect Bases of Behavior	
PSY 860	Psychotherapy & Beha Change II	
SWK 863	Stress Management & Self-Care	
SWK 865	Social Gerontology	
SWK 866	Crisis Intervention	
SWK 761	Alcohol and Drug Assessment	
SWK 762	Alcohol and Drug Treatment	
SWK 867	Spirit Sensitivity Help Profes	
VTS 700	Veteran Identity Theory	
Complete both of the following:		
SWK 890	Interprofessional Practicum	
SWK 895	Interprofessional Capstone	
Total Hours		19

Child and Family Services Certificate Program

Code	Title	Hours
Certificate Requirements		
19		
Choose at least three of the following:		
CDF 701	Adv Prenatal & Infant Develop	
CDF 741	Infant Toddler Dev&Group Care	
CDF 744	Early Child Dev&Prog Planning	
CPL 828	MH/Sub Abuse Issues in Cor Stg	
EAD 853	Conditions of Learning	
EAD 856	Learning for At-Risk Students	
EDF 855	Found of Multicultural Educati	

EMS 777	Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching
EPY 839	Human Growth & Development
OTS 715	Early Child Sensorimotor Devel
OTS 863	Occupation & Sensory Process
OTS 865	School-based Practice
PSY 777	The Autism Spectrum
PSY 817	Intro Foundations in Beh Analy
SED 800	Exceptl Learners Gen Ed Class
SED 817	Behavior Disorders
SED 819	Mod/Sev Disabilities Intro
SED 827	Early Ch Spec Ed Partnerships
SWK 761	Alcohol and Drug Assessment
SWK 762	Alcohol and Drug Treatment
SWK 863	Stress Management & Self-Care
SWK 864	Child and Family Services

Complete both of the following:

SWK 890	Interprofessional Practicum
SWK 895	Interprofessional Capstone
Total Hours	19

Social Advocacy and Justice Certificate Program

Code	Title	Hours
Certificate Requirements		
19		
Choose at least three of the following:		
CPL 802	Violence Against Women	
CPL 812	Lead w Pol, Eth, and Emo Intel	
CPL 814	Policing and Society	
CPL 818	Rsrch Mthds Jstc Plcy and Ldrs	
CPL 830	Understanding Corr/Juv Just In	
CPL 840	Adult Corrections	
CPL 862	Race, Identity & Policing	
CPL 875	Crime and Public Policy	
MPH 810	Human Behavior Change	
SWK 845	Soc Policy Analy and Advoc	
SWK 863	Stress Management & Self-Care	
VTS 700	Veteran Identity Theory	
Complete both of the following:		
SWK 890	Interprofessional Practicum	
SWK 895	Interprofessional Capstone	
Total Hours		19

Leadership and Management Certificate Program

Code	Title	Hours
Certificate Requirements		
19		
Choose at least three of the following:		
EPY 869	Research & Program Evaluation	
HLS 830	Long-Term Disaster Resilience	
HLS 835	Intergov Rltns in Disaster Mgt	
CPL 812	Lead w Pol, Eth, and Emo Intel	
CPL 835	Adv Jus Admin and Leadership	
OTS 853	Leadership in Human Services	
POL 845	Community Development	
POL 846	Non-Profit Organizations	

POL 847	Grant Writing
POL 874	Public Sector Leadership
PSY 873	Organizational Psychology
PSY 874	Organization Change and Dev
PSY 875	Training and Development
SSE 826	Emergency Prep/Response
SSE 830	Organizational Continuity
SWK 863	Stress Management & Self-Care
Complete both of the following:	
SWK 890	Interprofessional Practicum
SWK 895	Interprofessional Capstone
Total Hours	19

Exit Requirements

Capstone

Students must earn at least a “B” in SWK 855 Generalist Capstone and SWK 895 Interprofessional Capstone. A capstone project is required in SWK 895 Interprofessional Capstone to demonstrate mastery in the integration of social work theory and practice with interdisciplinary knowledge for ethical, culturally based advanced generalist interprofessional social work practice.

Certificate Program Completion

In consultation with a student’s MSW academic advisor, each student is required to complete at least three elective courses, SWK 890 Interprofessional Practicum, and SWK 895 Interprofessional Capstone for a total of 19 credit hours as part of an approved certificate program. The capstone project and field practicum must relate to the topic of the certificate program and demonstrate competency in the practice of interprofessional social work practice.

MSW students must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or better on all graded courses, a satisfactory performance in field practicum courses, and conduct that is congruent with the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers to be eligible for graduation.