



MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Master of Social Work program prepares students to provide professional clinical social work services in the areas of mental health; medical social work; and children, family, and aging services. The curriculum includes online courses and hands-on clinical field practicums within community agencies. Students are prepared to be culturally informed clinical practitioners, to conduct multi-dimensional assessments, and to provide specialized, evidence-based practice interventions with individuals, families and groups. The program prepares clinical social workers to advocate for populations experiencing oppression and discrimination by critically examining systems, developing and changing policies, advocating for social justice, and increasing access to services in their specialization areas. The program promotes clinical social work excellence through emphasizing lifelong learning, professional development, service, networking, and adherence to the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics.

The program has three specialization options for students to take specialized courses and complete an advanced field practicum in the areas of: Mental Health; Medical Social Work; and Children, Family and Aging Services.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior
2. Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice
3. Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice
4. Engage in Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice
5. Engage in Policy Practice
6. Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
7. Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
8. Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
9. Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities

POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONAL TITLES

Potential occupational titles for this program include, but are not limited to, Adoption Social Worker, Adult Protective Services Worker, Behavioral Health Therapist, Case Manager, Case Worker Supervisor, Child Protective Services Supervisor (CPS Social Worker), Clinical Social Worker, Clinical Supervisor, Disaster Response Social Worker, Domestic Violence Advocate, Family Protection Specialist, Family Resource Coordinator, Family Service Worker, Forensic Social Worker, Foster Care Social Worker, Home Health & Hospice Social Worker, Gerontology Social Worker, Hospice Social Worker, Medical Social Worker, Mental Health Social Worker, Oncology Social Worker, Pediatric Social Worker, Psychiatric Social Worker, Psychosocial Coordinator, Residential Therapist, Residential Treatment Coordinator, School Social Worker, Social Work Case Manager, Social Worker, Substance Use Disorder Clinician, Suicide Prevention Specialist, Therapist, VA Social Worker, Victim Advocate, Youth Specialist

Individuals considering the Master of Social Work program should be aware that state certification/ licensure requirements and eligibility to apply for certification/licensure vary from state to state. While certification/licensure is not a requirement for certain types of jobs, in some states, it may be required for any positions titled 'Social Worker' and to refer to yourself as a Social Worker in professional settings.

PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 60.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

REQUIRED CORE COURSES

All courses, 37.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
MSW 500	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	None	2.00
MSW 501	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II Oppression and Inequality	MSW 500	2.00
MSW 510	Perspectives in Diversity & Global Society	None	3.00
MSW 520	Generalist Social Work with Individuals/Groups	None	3.00
MSW 521	Generalist Practice with Organizations/Community	None	3.00
MSW 530	Social Work Research Methods and Application	None	2.00
MSW 540	Social Policy and Services	None	3.00
MSW 600	Advanced Clinical Social Work Theory and Practice	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 610	Advanced Clinical Social Work Interventions	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 620	Advanced Psychosocial Assessment & Clinical Diagnosis	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 630	Advanced Research & Program Evaluation	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 640	Advanced Policy: Social Justice and Advocacy	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 650	Advanced Social Work Seminar	MSW 610, MSW 600, MSW 620, /MSW 655	2.00
MSW 660	Capstone Social Work Seminar	/MSW 665	2.00

ONE SPECIALIZATION IS REQUIRED

9.00 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS CONSTITUTES A SPECIALIZATION

REQUIRED COURSES IN MENTAL HEALTH SOCIAL WORK SPECIALIZATION

All courses, 9.00 semester credit hours, are required

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
MSW 624	Substance Use Disorders and Treatment	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 626	Trauma Focused Theory and Interventions	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 628	Mental Health Services and Interventions	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00

REQUIRED COURSES IN MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK SPECIALIZATION

All courses, 9.00 semester credit hours, are required

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
MSW 622	Medical Social Work Services and Interventions	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 636	Community Health and Prevention	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 624	Substance Use Disorders and Treatment	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
	OR		
MSW 632	Gerontology Services and Interventions	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00

REQUIRED COURSES IN CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND AGING SERVICES SPECIALIZATION

All courses, 9.00 semester credit hours, are required

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
MSW 638	Advanced Child Welfare Services and Interventions	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 634	Clinical Practice with Families	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 632	Gerontology Services and Interventions	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00

REQUIRED PROJECT RESIDENCY CORE COURSES

All courses, 14.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
MSW 535	Generalist Field Practicum I	MSW 500, MSW 510	3.00
MSW 545	Generalist Field Practicum II	MSW 535	3.00
MSW 655	Advanced Social Work Field Practicum I	MSW 610, MSW 600, MSW 620/MSW 650	4.00
MSW 665	Advanced Social Work Field Practicum II	MSW 655/MSW 660	4.00