

The Master of Social Work (MSW) Program *Social Work Practice Grounded in a Social Justice Ethic*

GSU's Master of Social Work program prepares advanced social work professionals to provide services to socially and economically vulnerable children, families and adults. The primary goal of our program is to prepare highly qualified, competent, advanced social work practitioners grounded in a social justice ethic.

Two programs

Full MSW Program: This program consists of 60 credit-hours in the foundation and advanced curriculum for students.

Advanced Standing Program: This program consists of 32 credit-hours of course work in the advanced curriculum. This program is restricted to prospective students who have earned a baccalaureate degree in social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) within seven years from the date of application to GSU's MSW program.

MSW Program Concentration: Integrated Social Work Practice

After completion of the Social Work foundation curriculum, or upon admission to the Advanced Standing program, students may focus their graduate studies in two areas of specialization: (1) Social Work Practice with children, adolescents and families; with two sub-specialization courses, a) Mental Health (two 3-credit hour courses) and (b) Licensed Child Welfare Practice (two 3-credit hour courses School Social Work practice, leading to a Professional Educators License. These specializations are grounded in evidence-based and best practices in primary care settings.

Fully Accredited

The MSW program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

How to Apply

The MSW Program admits students once per year, in the Fall Semester. Apply to the Master of Social Work Program at www.govst.edu/chhs/msw/apply. Please send all questions to mswadmissions@govst.edu. To RSVP for an MSW Information Session, please send your inquiries to mswadmissions@govst.edu. Times and dates are viewable at <http://www.govst.edu/chhs/msw/apply/>.

NOTE: The Master of Social Work Program does not offer college credit for life experience.

FACT

Overall employment of social workers is projected to grow 12 percent from 2020 to 2030 much faster than the average for all occupations. Employment growth will be driven by increased demand for healthcare and social services, but will vary by specialization.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Social Workers, at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/social-workers.htm> (visited July 17, 2022).



Master of Social Work

College of Health & Human Services

MSW Admission Criteria & Curriculum

Both full-time and part-time options are available for the completion of the MSW degree. The full-time program is offered over a two-year period. The part-time program, offered over three or four years, is designed to be accessible to students who cannot complete their education on a full-time basis.

1. **Full Program MSW Applicants** must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 on undergraduate course work and completion of the Liberal Arts prerequisites listed below:
 - *Behavioral/Social Sciences* (Equivalent of 9 credit hours);
 - *Science/Mathematical reasoning*, which must include human biology and statistics (Equivalent of 6 Credit Hours)
 - *Humanities/Fine Arts* (Equivalent of 6 Credit Hours)
2. **Advanced Standing Program Applicants** must have a minimum GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.0 scale) in all BSW course work. If you have earned less than a 'B' grade in any BSW course, the course will not be accepted. In such cases where you have been admitted to the Advanced Standing Program, the course must be repeated.

MSW Foundation Required Curriculum

SOCW 6100 The Social Work. Profession in a Diverse Society (3)
SOCW 6200 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (3)
SOCW 6300 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (3)
SOCW 6400 Social Welfare Policies and Provisions (3)
SOCW 6500 Social Work Research (3)
SOCW 7200 Social Work Practice I (3)
SOCW 7100 Social Work Practice II (3)
SOCW 7500 Field Practicum I (2)
SOCW 7501 Field Practicum I Integrative Seminar (2)
SOCW 7600 Field Practicum II (2)
SOCW 7601 Field Practicum II Integrative Seminar (2)
SOCW 7050 Foundation Elective (3)

Total: 32 Credit Hours

MSW Advanced Specializations Required Curriculum

Children, Adolescents and Families - Specialization

SOCW 8060 Advanced Elective (3)
SOCW 8100 Contexts and Theories in Practice with Children and Families (3)
SOCW 8200 Practice with Families (3) SOCW 8300 Practice with Children & Adolescents (3)
SOCW 8400 Practice Evaluation (3)
SOCW 8500 Policy Practice with Children & Families (3)

Child Welfare Sub-Specialization

License Preparation Courses:

SOCW 7050 Child Welfare I (3)*
SOCW 7050 Child Welfare II (3)*

Mental Health Sub-Specialization Courses

SOCW 7050 DSM-V (3) (Offered Fall Semester)
SOCW 8060 Advanced Mental Health Practice (3)
(Offered Spring Semester)

School Social Work - Specialization

SPED 6101 Survey of Students with Exceptionalities (3)
SOCW 8100 Context & Theories in Practice with Children and Families (3)
SOCW 8300 Practice with Children & Adolescents (3)
SOCW 8210 Social Work Practice in Schools (3)
SOCW 8400 Practice Evaluation (3)
SOCW 8510 Policy for School Social Workers (3)

Advanced Field Education Required Curriculum

SOCW 8600 Field Practicum III (3)
SOCW 8601 Field Practicum III Integrative Seminar (2)
SOCW 8700 Field Practicum IV (3)
SOCW 8701 Field Practicum IV Integrative Seminar (2)

Specialization Credit Hours: 28

Foundation and Advanced Curriculum Total Credit Hours 60

MSW Advanced Standing Degree Requirements

SOCW 8000 Writing for Social Work (1)
SOCW 7050 or 8060 Special Topics (3)

Advanced Curriculum (28)

**Advanced Standing Program
Required Credit hours: (32)**

