

SOCIAL WORK, MSW

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Program Description

The School of Social Work offers a concurrent program of classroom and field instruction for the master's degree. The basic 60-credit program, pursued over two academic years, is composed of a 24-credit foundation curriculum and an advanced area of practice concentration. The foundation curriculum helps students develop the base knowledge, values, and skills necessary for effective generalist practice in all areas of social work.

The master's degree in social work is available in two formats. A traditional on-campus format for full-time and part-time study. A part-time online format is also available.

Additional information regarding the online Master of Social Work program can be found at <https://onlinegrad.syracuse.edu/social-work/>

Accreditation

The program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

Admissions

Students applying to the traditional MSW must have a bachelor's degree in an area other than social work from a regionally accredited college or university. A minimum 3.0 GPA is preferred.

Part-time Study

Part time study is allowed in the residential MSW program. Options are available to accommodate need. The online MSW program is only offered in a part time format.

Students must meet all requirements for the master's degree within seven years from the time the student registers for the first course to be used in the master's degree program. If a student does not meet this requirement, the student may petition their school/college for reinstatement of credits that were completed outside the seven-year timeframe.

Transfer Credit

Graduate credit earned in another accredited graduate school and carrying a grade of B or higher may be transferred toward the M. S. W. degree, so long as it forms an integral part of the degree program and is approved by the School of Social Work. A maximum of 12 credits from other graduate study may be transferred toward the 60-credit M. S. W. degree requirement. Academic credit is not given for life experience or previous work experience.

Decisions regarding credit transfer are made independent of admissions decisions. Matriculation as a transfer student in the School of Social Work requires completion of the formal admissions process.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior
2. Advance Human Rights and Social, Racial, Economic, and Environmental Justice
3. Engage Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ADEI) in Practice
4. Engage in Practice-Informed Research and Research Informed Practice
5. Engage in Policy Practice
6. Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Community
7. Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Community
8. Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Community
9. Evaluate practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Community

M.S. W. Foundation Curriculum

The M.S.W. foundation curriculum required of all master's students includes:

Code	Title	Credits
SWK 601	Fundamentals of Social Work Practice I	3
SWK 602	Fundamentals of Social Work Practice II	3
SWK 611	Social Welfare Policy and Services	3
SWK 626	Persons in Social Context	3
SWK 628	Human Diversity in Social Contexts	3
SWK 662	Applied Research in Human Service Settings	3
or MFT 663	Applied Research in Human Service Settings	
SWK 671	Field Instruction I	3
SWK 672	Field Instruction II	3
SWK 675	Field Experience Pre-Planning	0

M.S.W. Advanced Concentrations in Social Work

After completing the foundation curriculum, students elect an advanced concentration of 36 credits in Advanced Clinical Practice or Advanced Integrated Social Work Practice. Field placements are available in child welfare, health, mental health, gerontology, schools, substance use disorders and many other practice settings.

Advanced Clinical Practice

This concentration takes an eco-systemic perspective in understanding people and interactions. It is designed to prepare students to become clinicians who provide in-depth mental health services that are relationally focused utilizing evidence-informed interventions with a wide range of populations. There is a special emphasis on trauma-informed practice.

3 credit hours each, 36 credits total:

Code	Title	Credits
SWK 724	Psychopathology	3
or MFT 724	Psychopathology	
SWK 730	Family Systems Theory	3
SWK 732	Advanced Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups	3

SWK 733	Social Work Practice in Mental Health	3
SWK 761	Integrated Behavioral Health Policy	3
SWK 771	Field Instruction III	3
SWK 772	Field Instruction IV	3
SWK 776	Clinical Practice Evaluation	3
SWK 781	Alcohol and Other Drugs in Human Service Settings	3
or MFT 781	Alcohol and Other Drugs in Human Service Settings	
Elective		3
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Total Credits		36

Advanced Integrated Practice

The curriculum in this concentration offers advanced practice courses that address theory, method, and skills for integrating micro, mezzo, and macro levels of practice. It prepares students for direct practice and leadership in a wide range of increasingly complex human service organizations.

3 credit hours each, 36 credits total:

Code	Title	Credits
SWK 724	Psychopathology	3
or MFT 724	Psychopathology	
SWK 730	Family Systems Theory	3
SWK 743	Advanced Integrated Social Work Practice	3
SWK 771	Field Instruction III	3
SWK 772	Field Instruction IV	3
Advanced Macro Practice (selected from approved list, see listing below)		3
Advanced Micro Practice (selected from approved list, see listing below)		3
Advanced Micro Practice from micro list or Advanced Macro Practice selected from macro list (both below)		3
SWK 775	Program Evaluation	3
or SWK 776	Clinical Practice Evaluation	
Select one Advance Policy course:		3
SWK 761	Integrated Behavioral Health Policy	
SWK 763	Health Care Policy	
SWK 765	Public Policy and Aging	
SWK 768	Family & Child Welfare Policy	
Elective		
Elective		
Total Credits		30

Advanced Macro Practice Courses

Code	Title	Credits
SWK 714	Supervision, Consultation and Staff Development	3
SWK 715	Administration in Human Services	3
SWK 774	Proposal Writing and Program Development	3
SWK 777	Community Organization and Development	3
SWK 778	Policy Practice and Advocacy	3
SWK 779	Seminar in Organizational Development and Leadership	3

Advanced Micro Practice Courses

Code	Title	Credits
SWK 707	Short Term Intervention in Social Work	3
SWK 709	Practice with Children, Adolescents and Families	3
SWK 712	Clinical Social Work with Groups	3
SWK 735	Principles and Methods of Social Work Practice with Black Families	3
SWK 736	Evidence-Based Approaches to Mental Health Treatment	3
SWK 738	Core Concepts in Trauma Treatment for Children and Adolescents	3
SWK 740	Treatment of Complex Trauma with Individuals	3
SWK 754	Death, Dying, and Terminal Illness	3
SWK 781	Alcohol and Other Drugs in Human Service Settings	3
or MFT 781	Alcohol and Other Drugs in Human Service Settings	