



## ONLINE MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

60 credit hours

In-state tuition: **\$510/credit hour\***

Out-of-state tuition: **\$510/credit hour\***

\* Tuition is based on current rates and is subject to change.\*

- Affordable, fully online MSW program that prepares graduates for advanced social work practice in a variety of settings.
- Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.
- Classes are offered synchronously in the evenings and weekends.
- The only MSW program in the nation with a specialization in Social Work in the Border Region.
- Develops culturally responsive social workers prepared for advanced practice with diverse, multinational, and international populations.

## PREPARE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The online MSW is ideal for the following populations:

- working professionals of all ages and stages who are committed to understanding and providing services to border-region populations and inland populations impacted by border-related opportunities and challenges
- members of the military and their partners/spouses
- those with experience working in social services who want to advance their career options

## EFFECT CHANGE AND INSPIRE GROWTH TO HELP SOCIETY'S MOST VULNERABLE

As more and more people struggle to meet basic needs, experience unresolved mental health conditions, and are impacted by policies that threaten their health and well-being, there is an increasing need for social workers. Graduates with an MSW will be qualified for jobs in a variety of areas including

- Policy legislation and implementation
- Community organization and advocacy
- Nonprofit administration and government
- Direct clinical mental health practice
- Correctional settings
- The justice system
- Children and family services
- The military and veteran's services
- Schools
- Substance abuse
- Senior centers
- Clinics and hospitals

MSW graduates are also often involved in cutting-edge changes and improvements within the field and can often set the standards for best practices in work that is both innovative and highly consequential to the current sociopolitical context.

## READY TO CONNECT OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

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## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for admission into this program, you must:

- Have minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.00
- An earned bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by a recognized regional or international accrediting body
- An undergraduate course in statistics (within the past 5 years from point of admission with a grade of C or better)
- An undergraduate course in general biology, anatomy or physiology (grade of C or better)
- Submit the following:
  - a completed graduate admissions application and application fee
  - official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended
  - personal essay
  - résumé
  - three letters of recommendation
  - MSW degree plan preference form
  - Experiences summary form

International students whose first language is not English must also submit an official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of at least 79 on the online version, or 550 on the paper-based version.

The following additional criteria must be met to be considered for admission to the \*Advanced Standing degree plan.

*\*The Advanced Standing degree plan is available only to students who have earned a BSW within the past 5 years. The second year of the BSW Program is considered by the Council on Social Work Education to be equivalent to the first year of the MSW Program. Therefore, students admitted to Advanced Standing enter in the second year of the MSW Program and are only required to take the 30 credits associated with the second-year coursework rather than the 60 credits required for the full-time and part-time degree plans. Additional application requirements include a competency-based assessment from the BSW field practicum as well as passing a simulated client scenario.*

- A BSW from a college or university that is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) obtained within 5 years for admission to the Advanced Standing Program
- A 3.5 GPA in social work courses in addition to an overall GPA of 3.0
- Satisfactory assessment of the core social work competencies as measured by the Competency Assessment Form for Advanced Standing.

## CURRICULUM

The Master of Social Work curriculum consists of 17 required courses and three elective courses. It is designed to develop essential critical thinking skills, commitment to professional values and ethics, and integrate social work knowledge, values, and skills into all levels of social work practice.

### CORE COURSEWORK

SOWK 5300	The Social Work Profession
SOWK 5331	Theory and Practice With individuals
SOWK 5335	Foundation Practicum I
SOWK 5357	Social Policy I
SOWK 5380	Social Work in the Border Region
SOWK 5333	Theory and Practice With Groups
SOWK 5315	Clinical Assessment
SOWK 5332	Theory and Practice With Families
SOWK 5360	Social Policy II
SOWK 5316	Culturally Grounded Social Work Practice
SOWK 5336	Foundation Practicum II
SOWK 5383	Theory and Practice With Organizations
SOWK 5382	Multicultural Macro Practice With Communities
SOWK 5370	Research Methods
SOWK 5345	Advanced Practicum
SOWK 5313	Research Project
SOWK 5346	Advanced Practicum II

### \*COMMONLY OFFERED ELECTIVES (3 REQUIRED)

SOWK 5375	Social Work and the Aging
SOWK 5379	Social Work with Military Families
SOWK 5385	Administration and Leadership
SOWK 5393	Special Issues in Social Work (may be taken several times as long as the topic is different each time. Topics may include: Core Components and Skills of Trauma-Informed Practice; Introduction to Social Work in Spanish; Assessment and Intervention in Spanish; Rural Social Work; Social Determinants of Health and Photovoice; and, Substance Use and Recovery)

*\*All electives may not be available each semester; electives offered every semester will be based on based on rotation and interest.*

## TOTAL CREDITS: 60

*Note: Curriculum is subject to change.*



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