Doctoral Program

Ph.D. in Social Work

Preparing successful scholars, educators and leaders to engage in research on contemporary urban issues for the advancement of social work practice and social welfare policy.

Application Deadline: December 18

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FLEXIBILITY

A variety of curricular programs and program options to meet your interests and aspirations.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Student receive the academic rigor of a major research institution that is ranked in the Carnegie Foundation's highest category for research intensiveness.

URBAN LOCATION

The School has created impact in our urban environment through applied research, engaged teaching, and community partnerships.

DIVERSE FACULTY

Student diversity is matched by faculty from varied backgrounds for diverse training.

Questions? Contact Faith Hopp at faithhopp@wayne.edu.

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The Wayne State University doctoral program leads to a Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work (Ph.D.) degree. The Ph.D. is a social work research degree involving rigorous training in qualitative and quantitative research methods and analysis, comprehensive exams and the completion of a dissertation.

At the time of admission, all students select from two concentrations: Policy and Practice, or Clinical Scholarship, both of which require intensive courses in research and theory.

The ***Policy and Practice Concentration:*** Policy and practice students complete courses in a cognate that include coursework outside of the School of Social Work.

- Provides rigorous training in social work theory, statistics, and qualitative and quantitative research methodology.
- Prepares graduates with the skills to address contemporary issues and problems associated with social work practice or social welfare policy at all levels.

The ***Clinical Scholarship Concentration:*** Clinical scholarship students complete advanced coursework in clinical theory and advanced practice.

- Prepares graduates for careers in clinical social work teaching, scholarship, and leadership.
- Helps students to generate and disseminate new knowledge specifically relevant to clinical social work theory and practice.
- Provides graduates with research competencies necessary to evaluate and advance the practice of clinical social work with individuals, couples, families, and groups.

In addition to electing a concentration, students may also choose to elect a dual title degree in Infant Mental Health or Gerontology.

The ***Dual-title in Social Work and Gerontology:***

- Prepares social work faculty as researchers trained in geriatrics promoting evidence-based practices and research scholarship.
- Enhances *knowledge of diversity* of older adults in terms of race, culture, socioeconomic status, and psychosocial and physical health status, and the consequences aging in political, economic, and program administration contexts.

The ***Dual-title in Social Work and Infant Mental Health:***

- Helps students to gain a thorough understanding of research and clinical work with infants and families.
- Prepares students as research-informed clinicians or clinically-informed researchers who have a deeper understanding of applied research and the needs of community agencies and practitioners.

The School of Social Work also provides an interdisciplinary degree program in Social Work and Anthropology (SWAN).

The ***PhD in Social Work in Anthropology (SWAN):***

- Provides students with a focus and expertise on urban issues--both national and international—that is informed through a social work and anthropological perspective.
- Gives students training in the integration of skills, content, and theory related to social work and anthropological scholarship.

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Interested in learning more? Join us at an Information Session!

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