The School of Social Work at Wayne State University offers full-time and planned part-time study programs leading to the Master of Social Work. Select course sections may be offered during the day, evening, on Saturdays, and online.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor - Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of social workers is projected to grow 19% from 2012 to 2022. That is a faster projected rate of increase than any other occupation.

Education for social workers has been an integral part of this large and respected urban university for 81 years.

The advanced portion of the M.S.W. degree program is designed to provide specific knowledge and practice skills in the concentrations of Innovation in Community, Policy, and Leadership or Interpersonal Practice.

We host regular Monthly Informational Meetings for prospective social work students. Stop by and visit us for application and program details.

For a list of times visit: socialwork.wayne.edu/msw/info-meetings.php
The M.S.W. program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Wayne State University offers students the opportunity to obtain a master’s degree in social work at the main campus in the heart of Detroit-Midtown. In addition, a section of the summer bridge courses, select electives, and interpersonal practice advanced year courses are offered at the University Center-Macomb for students admitted to the M.S.W. program with pre-candidate master’s (advanced standing) status or who have completed the core curriculum. The Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree program prepares students for ethical, competent advanced level professional social work practice, with a focus on interpersonal practice or innovation in community, policy and leadership, particularly in urban settings with diverse, poor, vulnerable and oppressed individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

Innovation in Community, Policy and Leadership (I-CPL)
This concentration contextualizes student learning into three platforms of practice including developing and sustaining effective communities, developing and sustaining effective policies, and developing and sustaining effective organizations through leadership. I-CPL students will deepen their understanding of settings where this practice can take place through field placements that relate to urban social planning, community development, policy analysis and advocacy, program development, and system coordination.

Interpersonal Practice (IP)
This concentration offers students a particular theoretical orientation and clinical method from among three theory “tracks”: Cognitive-Behavioral, Family Systems, and Psychodynamic. Each track has a corresponding integrative practice methods and human behavior course incorporating content on clinical method and technique, developmental issues, and psychosocial pathology, and each is offered over two consecutive terms.

Admission Process
M.S.W. Pre-Candidate Master’s Advanced Standing Status: Only those who hold a baccalaureate degree from a Council on Social Work Education accredited program are eligible to apply for this program. Program begins Summer semester.

M.S.W. Core/Regular Status: Only those who hold a baccalaureate degree in another discipline besides Social Work are eligible to apply for this status. Program begins Fall semester.

All applicants are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible as admissions will close once program capacity has been reached. Applications may be submitted up to one year prior to the start of the beginning term of the program. Earlier admission is best for scholarship eligibility, field placement and course section availability. All application materials must be submitted by the application deadline of April 1st.

NEW—Beginning summer semester 2017
Applications applying to the advanced standing program must have a B.S.W. degree that was awarded five years or less from their admission to the advanced standing program. Those with a B.S.W. degree older than five years may apply to the core program. The application deadline will be moved up to March 1st for the advanced standing program.

Applicants for the Wayne State University M.S.W. program complete one online application. Application documents required include resume, three references, transcripts and admission statement. Apply and submit all application materials online at http://gradapply.wayne.edu.

All prospective students are encouraged to attend an informational meeting prior to applying. Visit our website at www.socialwork.wayne.edu for the listing of M.S.W. informational meetings.

For further information, email M.S.W. Prospective Student Advisor, Tiffany Murray at t.murray@wayne.edu.