WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY | SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Doctoral Program

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

DIVERSITY

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

FLEXIBLE

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

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Students 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 Detroit environment through applied research, engaged teaching, and community partnerships.

Questions?

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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.

Students complete courses in a cognate that include coursework outside 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.

INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to attend an informational session prior to submitting an application. We will cover program specifics, careers, concentrations, the application process, curriculum and much more.
Visit socialwork.wayne.edu for upcoming session dates and times.

Students may choose to elect a dual title degree in Infant Mental Health or Gerontology or an interdisciplinary degree in Social Work and Anthropology (SWAN):

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.

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.

PhD in Social Work and 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.