WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY | SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Masters Program

Preparing world-class practitioners committed to achieving social and economic justice, assisting vulnerable or oppressed individuals, and to improving the lives of individuals, families, groups and communities.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Advanced Standing Students - March 1
Core Students - April 1
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EXPANDING JOB MARKET

According to the U.S. Department of Labor - Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of social workers is projected to grow 12 - 19% from 2014 to 2024, depending on the specialty. This is faster than the average for all occupations.

FLEXIBLE

Full and part-time program options with day, evening, weekend and online classes to fit your schedule.

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

Wayne State is a premier urban research institution in the heart of Midtown Detroit.

Questions?

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For more information visit us at
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Wayne State 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 MSW program with pre-candidate master's (advanced standing) status or who have completed the core curriculum. The program prepares students for ethical, competent advanced level professional social work practice particularly in urban settings with diverse, poor, vulnerable and oppressed individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. The Wayne State MSW Program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Concentrations

Innovation in Community, Policy and Leadership (I-CPL): This concentration contextualizes student learning into three specializations 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 specializations: Cognitive-Behavioral, Family Systems, and Psychodynamic. Each specialization 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.

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.

Dual-title and Joint Degrees

The **Infant Mental Health dual-title degree (MSW-IMH)** helps students to gain a thorough understanding of research and clinical work with infants and families. It prepares students as research-informed clinicians to work in cross-disciplinary teams or clinically-informed researchers who have a deeper understanding of applied research and the needs of agencies and practitioners.

The **Public Health joint degree (MSW-MPH)** provides students with a deeper understanding of complex determinants of health and the scientific methods necessary to operate in an interprofessional environment. It provides the knowledge base necessary to address health disparities, urban health challenges, and equips students with the skills to qualify for employment that demands integration of prevention, research, and social epidemiological methods.

Admission Process

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 core program application materials must be submitted by the application deadline of April 1st.**

Applicants 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 for the advanced standing program is March 1st.**

MSW 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. ***MSW 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.

Applicants for the MSW program complete one online application. Application documents required include resume, two references, transcripts and admission statement. **Apply and submit all application materials online at gradapply.wayne.edu.**