

Master of Social Work (MSW) Supplemental Application

MSW Applicants Must Complete this Form in Addition to the Application for Graduate Admission

- 1. Program Cohort:** Students MUST apply and be admitted to a specific cohort. Please select the cohort

Short Answer Questions:

In a separate document, please write four to eight short sentences answering the following questions:

1. Describe your previous experiences with diverse or oppressed populations.
2. Consider specific strategies that will enable you to complete the MSW program. Discuss issues such as time management, financial issues, and your perception of the demands of graduate social work education.
3. Explain how you plan to accommodate field requirements into your personal, family, and/or professional responsibilities.

5. Resume: Include a detailed resume with your application that lists your education, employment history, and any volunteer activities in which you have participated.

6. Understanding of Field Placement Obligations

Students are required to complete two, year-long field practicum placements which run concurrently with coursework. **Few opportunities for evening or weekend field practicums exist.** All students, including those working fulltime, will be responsible for completing all educational and field requirements related to their field practicums.

Foundation Practicum

The Foundation Practicum is conducted concurrently with classwork during two semesters for a total of 460 practicum hours. Students will be enrolled in a practicum seminar that will accompany each practicum. All students will begin Foundation Practicum mid-September and will continue throughout the Spring Semester.

****Note to students applying for the 3-Year Hybrid Program Option:** Students will complete the foundation practicum and practicum seminar during their second year in the MSW program. Students will complete most of their foundation classroom courses during their first year, enabling them to take a lighter academic load to facilitate completion of the practicum/practicum seminar in the second year. Students will begin practicum/practicum seminar mid-September. Students will have completed all foundation requirements by the end of their second year.

Hybrid Program Cohort

SOWK 6800 Practicum (Fall Semester)

5 Weekend Sessions – Practicum Seminar (3 hours) = 15 hours
10 weeks – Agency Placement @ 16 hours/week = 160 hours
Integrated Assignments = 15 hours
Total Practicum/Seminar Hours for Fall Semester = 190 hours

SOWK 6900 Practicum (Spring Semester)

5 Weekend Sessions – Practicum Seminar (3 hours) = 15 hours
15 weeks – Agency Placement @ 16 hours/week = 240 hours
Integrated Assignments = 15 hours
Total Practicum/Seminar Hours for Spring Semester = 270 hours
Total Required Foundation Practicum Hours = 450 hours

Concentration Practicum

Concentration Practicum consists of two consecutive semesters, a total of 540 practicum hours. Students begin Concentration Practicum during the first week of classes in August. Students enter Concentration Practicum only during the Fall Semester.

All Cohorts (including Advanced Standing)

SOWK 7611 Practicum (Fall Semester)

15 weeks – Agency Placement @ 18 hours/week
Concentration Practicum Hours for Fall Semester = 270 hours

SOWK 7612 Practicum (Spring Semester)

15 weeks – Agency Placement @ 18 hours/week
Concentration Practicum Hours for Spring Semester = 270 hours
Total Required Concentration Practicum Hours = 540 hours

2-Year Students & Advanced Standing: Students will spend 18 hours each week in placement in addition to their academic classes per semester. All Concentration Field Practicum placements begin Fall Semester and continue throughout Spring Semester.

3-Year Students: The Concentration Practicum sequence will begin in the third year Fall Semester and follows the same structure of 18 hours per week for two consecutive semesters. The Concentration Practicum is carried out CONCURRENTLY with academic classes for the entire year.

By submitting this application, I understand that the MSW Program is a professional graduate program requiring a significant commitment of time and energy. I believe that I can fulfill all requirements of the program in terms of coursework, practicum, travel, study time, individual and group projects, and completion of a final project. I also understand that travel may be necessary in order to complete field practicum placements. Additionally, I understand that most agencies require background checks, drug screens, or other prerequisites as part of their intern selection and/or hiring process. I further understand that if I have ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation and/or hiring proc