

Social Work

Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)

Develop your practical skills and knowledge to integrate research into effective individual, family, community, and organizational practice



Specific Admission Requirements

- At least 450 hours of verifiable human service work and/or volunteer experience
- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- 18 credits in social and behavioral sciences including the following:
 - Statistics
 - Human biology
 - Human life cycle development covering the life span
- 9 credits in any combination of the following courses: sociology, psychology, economics, political science, anthropology, or history
- 3.0 GPA in all undergraduate course work. Occasional exceptions may be made if applicant demonstrates ability to successfully complete graduate-level work.
- GRE scores are not required

Program Completion Requirements

- 62 credits over nine semesters

Time Frame

- This is a three-year program

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Overview

Obtain a master's degree in social work from the fully accredited School of Social Work at Colorado State University. The school is dedicated to the values and ethics of the profession of social work. Through your course work, you will learn to utilize community resources to promote the well-being of all, understand the complexities of people and their interactions through a recognized body of knowledge, and advocate for the welfare of humankind.

- Advance your career through a part-time program designed for working professionals.
- Learn from our experienced and knowledgeable faculty members through a combination of face-to-face instruction and distance learning methods.
- Earn a master's degree accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, providing the basis for obtaining a state social work license.

The program focuses on an advanced generalist social work practice in the context of community. This perspective recognizes that practice is informed by socio-behavioral and ecosystems knowledge. That knowledge is rooted in ideologies that include democracy, humanism, and empowerment. The degree prepares you for direct and indirect interventions that are client-centered, problem-focused, and research-based.



Degree Requirements and Curriculum

The Master of Social Work program is a three-year cohort program requiring 62 credits over nine semesters.

Colorado State University teaches a nationally recognized advanced generalist curriculum.

Year 1

- SOWK 500 - Principles & Philosophy of Social Work (3 cr.)
- SOWK 510 - Theoretical Analysis of Small Client Systems (3 cr.)
- SOWK 511 - Generalist Practice, Small Client Systems (3 cr.)
- SOWK 512 - Small Client Systems Skills Lab (1 cr.)
- SOWK 600 - Methods of Research I (3 cr.)
- SOWK 610 - Theoretical Analysis of Large Client Systems (3 cr.)

Year 2

- SOWK 520 - Social Welfare Policy Analysis (3 cr.)
- SOWK 588 - Field Placement (6 cr. over two semesters)
- SOWK 601 - Methods of Research II (3 cr.)
- SOWK 611 - Generalist Practice, Large Client Systems (3 cr.)
- SOWK 688 - Advanced Field Placement (4 cr.)
- SOWK 630A - Advanced Generalist Practice - Individuals (2 cr.)
- SOWK 632 - Advanced Organizational Practice (2 cr.)

Year 3

- SOWK 688 - Advanced Field Placement (11 cr.)
- SOWK 630B - Advanced Generalist Practice: Family (2 cr.)
- SOWK 630C - Advanced Generalist Practice: Groups (2 cr.)
- SOWK 602A - Macro-Level Practice Research (2 cr.) OR
SOWK 603A - Direct Service Assessment and Evaluation (2 cr.)
- SOWK 631 - Advanced Community Practice (2 cr.)
- SOWK 633 - Advanced Social Welfare Policy Analysis (2 cr.)
- SOWK 602B - Macro-Level Practice Research (2 cr.) OR
SOWK 603B - Direct Service Assessment and Evaluation (2 cr.)

"I wouldn't have missed the opportunity to pursue the MSW program for anything. I have learned so much about diversity, community organization, policy, and group dynamics. I particularly like the part time program because I get to apply what I am learning to my job everyday!"
- Lynette Overmeyer, Graduate -



Career opportunities

- In this MSW program, you gain the skills and ability to integrate research into practice, analyze value and ethical dilemmas, and add greater depth to the provision of services. You are prepared for roles as an administrator, clinician, supervisor, policy analyst, or social planner.
- With a Master of Social Work, you are prepared to work with a wide range of clientele, including individuals, families or other households, groups, organizations, and communities.
- You are equipped for direct and indirect interventions that are client-centered, problem-focused, and research-based.

Who should earn this degree?

- Individuals working in human services who want to increase their professional skills and earning potential
- Those interested in a career in social work who want to broaden their knowledge base from an advanced generalist perspective
- Working professionals or students who are interested in a part-time degree program without interruption of their work schedule
- Individuals seeking a career change to expand opportunities and increase marketability

READY TO GET STARTED?

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