

PreK-12 School Social Worker

Graduate Certificate



Overview

Designed for those holding, or in the process of earning, a Master of Social Work, this is the only certificate in the state to offer a curriculum so specifically tailored to the needs of school social workers, covering topics like:

- Social work in schools, including the role and functions of social work in various and different practice settings while studying the history, legislation and general perspectives in school social work
- The complexities of the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework and other cultural, linguistic and trauma informed approaches
- The assessment process of Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) and development of Behavior Intervention Plans (BIP)
- The complexities surround working with youth who have exceptionalities, including attitudes and perceptions, inclusive education, and identification, referral, assessment and service delivery within Special Education
- The fundamentals of conflict resolution and mediation and the core skills necessary to practice the stages of mediation

Curriculum

- SOWK 560 – Social Work Practice in Schools
- SOWK 561 – School Community: People with Disabilities
- SOWK 551 – Fundamentals of Mediation

The School of Social Work at Colorado State University supports those holding or working toward a Master of Social Work wishing to work in a PreK-12 school setting by offering required coursework and this optional preK-12 school social worker Certificate. Additionally, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) requires social workers to obtain appropriate licensure before working in the PreK-12 school setting as a special services provider.

Information about all the CDE licensure requirements, in addition to the educational requirements, can be found at cde.state.co.us/cdeprof.

Delivery

Online

Credits

9 credits

Tuition

\$689 per credit

- Includes [Student Services](#)
- [Fees](#) assessed separately
- [Financial aid](#) is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

Time frame

Varies based on intensity of study and course availability

Completion requirements

Successful completion of 9 credits from the appropriate courses

More info

online.colostate.edu/certificates/school-social-worker

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How to Apply

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Application Deadlines

Applications are reviewed as they are received. You can expect to be notified of your application status within two weeks of submitting all application materials.

Fall semester: **August 1** Spring semester: **January 1** Summer semester: **May 1**

1 Review Admission Requirements

The online preK-12 school social worker certificate requires students to have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

2 Complete Online Application

Complete the [online graduate application](#) and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online).

- Select "PreK-12 School Social Worker (Certificate) – Distance" when choosing the Program of Study. (Note: You must first select "Certificate" at the top.)

3 Request Transcripts

Request one official transcript from the institution where you earned your bachelor's degree. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.

Send e-transcripts to: gradadmissions@colostate.edu

Send paper copies to:
Graduate Admissions
Colorado State University – Office of Admissions
1062 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

Check Your Application Status

View your [application status](#) at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and notify you of their decision.

International Students

See [website](#) for test score and transcript requirements.