Overview
Throughout your social work courses, you will learn how to:

- Use community resources to promote the well-being of all.
- Address the complexities of people and their interactions through a recognized body of knowledge.
- Advocate for the welfare of humankind.
- Lead direct and indirect interventions that are client-centered, problem-focused, and research-based.
- Integrate research into practice, analyze value and ethical dilemmas, and add greater depth to the provision of services.

CSU’s M.S.W. program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, which enables you to pursue professional licensure upon program completion. Additionally, our program is approved by the Colorado Department of Education for school social work licensure, if you elect to complete the additional course requirement (SOWK 560) or seek our graduate certificate in PreK-12 School Social Work.

Curriculum

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* Advanced Standing students only

** Elective can be any SOWK course offered through CSU Online. Other electives outside the School of Social Work are possible but should be discussed and approved by School of Social Work advisor. Three-year students are required to complete three elective courses, Advanced Standing Students are required to complete one elective course.

Credits
- 64 credits for traditional M.S.W.
- 39 credits for Advanced Standing

Tuition
$689 per credit
- Includes Student Services
- Fees assessed separately
- Financial aid is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

Time frame
Traditional M.S.W. can be completed in 3 years and Advanced Standing M.S.W. can be completed in 2 years

More info
online.colostate.edu/degrees/social-work

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(970) 491-3390
Application Deadlines

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1 Review Admission Requirements

- At least 400 hours of verifiable human service work and/or volunteer experience
- A bachelor’s degree from a regionally-accredited institution
  » Minimum of 18 credits of interdisciplinary liberal arts coursework, spanning social, behavioral and biological science including at least one course in physical and biological sciences and mathematics and at least three courses in social sciences
  □ Applicants must have completed at least one course in physical and biological sciences and mathematics (examples: biology, calculus, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, physics, or statistics).
  □ Applicants must have completed at least three courses in social sciences (examples: anthropology, economics, education, ethnic studies, gender studies, human development, international relations, political science, psychology, social work, or sociology).
  » An applicant must present a plan for completing any missing prerequisites in the above criteria before being considered for admission.
  » These courses may be taken at any accredited college, university, or community college; or by telecourse, by correspondence, by independent study, by CLEP (College-Level Examination Program), or online.
  » These courses must be successfully completed prior to the beginning of classes in order for you to begin the program.
- 3.0 GPA (4.0 scale) – occasional exceptions may be made if applicant demonstrates ability to successfully complete graduate-level work

Advanced Standing Program

The Advanced Standing program is for applicants who have graduated from an accredited undergraduate social work program within the past 7 years. Advanced students begin our program by supplementing their B.S.W. education with three courses, then go directly into the concentration.

- Four-year undergraduate degree in social work earned within the last 7 years from an accredited B.S.W. program
- 3.0 overall grade point average
- 3.0 grade point average in social work courses
2 Prepare Application Materials

- **Three letters of recommendation**
  Appropriate sources for references include employers, field instructors, supervisors and university faculty. One reference must be a person who has most recently supervised the applicant in a human service delivery experience (paid, volunteer, or educational). Three professional recommendations are required. You will provide information about your recommenders in the online application. CSU will contact them with instructions and a link to a secure form on your behalf.

- **Resume**
  This must include a computation of hours worked in each social service setting.

- **Statement of purpose**
  In general, you will be asked to discuss your life experience and your professional goals and relate those to social services and the social work profession. Detailed guidelines of specific topics to include in this statement are available in MSW Distance program application.

3 Complete Online Application

Complete the [online graduate application](#) and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. Your application will not be reviewed until it is complete and all required materials have been received.

- **Fort Collins Cohort**: Select “Social Work (M.S.W.) - Fort Collins” when choosing the program of study.
- **Denver Cohort**: Select “Social Work (M.S.W.) – Denver” when choosing the program of study.

4 Request Transcripts

Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. 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](mailto: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.