

***Master Degree in Social Work
College of Health and Public Affairs***

MSW Program Information

OVERVIEW: The School of Social Work offers many opportunities to make a difference. The MSW program focus is community-based clinical practice with certificates in several key areas. Community-based clinical social work recognizes that people live in interpersonal social contexts and that incorporating this context enhances effective practice.

Community-based clinical practice prepares students with the essential clinical skills to work with individuals, families, and groups. Students learn how to assess and develop preventative and therapeutic interventions designed to enhance quality of life and human functioning. Classroom instruction and field internships are coordinated to provide an integrated educational experience.

Faculty members are experienced teachers with backgrounds in social work practice. They are active in research and community activities. The University of Central Florida also offers state of the art computer and technical support and an excellent library.

Applicants can come from a variety of undergraduate degree programs. The following prerequisites courses are required: English/Communications; Sociology; Psychology; Statistics; Human Biology and Diversity (this can be accomplished through a variety of courses that addresses cultural differences).

The student body has an active MSW Student Association. Members participate in community service projects, advocacy, social events, as well as faculty meetings. Graduates from the UCF School of Social Work are now making a difference through social work throughout Central Florida as well as the United States and Europe.

CERTIFICATES: Students can focus on specific practice areas through completion of the following certificates: Addictions, Aging Studies, Children Services, Marriage and Family, School Social Work, and Social Work Administration. These certificates can be earned through enrollment in elective courses and selected field placements.

CURRICULUM: The curriculum is organized around the generalist curriculum of the first thirty hours and the advanced curriculum of community-based clinical practice for the second thirty hours. Applicants who earned a BSW from an accredited program within the last 6 years may be considered for the Advanced Standing Program that includes the 30 hours of advanced curriculum.

ACCREDITATION: The School of Social Work is accredited by the Council of Social Work Education.

SOCIAL WORK FIELD EDUCATION: Field Education is a central component of the MSW curriculum. Field Education provides the opportunity for students to apply and integrate classroom learning with actual practice. The MSW program offers two field experiences: the generalist placement is a two days-a-week learning opportunity totaling 500 hours, and the clinical placement is a three days-a-week, community-based experience totaling 550 hours.

The School of Social Work is responsible for placing students in approved agencies throughout Central Florida. During the placement, the student is supervised by a professional social worker (called a field instructor) and attends a bi-weekly integrative seminar on campus. The student and field instructor together develop year long assignments. In addition, a faculty member is assigned to serve as the School's Liaison to the Agency.

CORE COURSES:

- Human Behavior & Social Environment I: Individual
- Human Behavior & Social Environment II: Social Systems
- Social Work Research
- Diverse Client Populations
- Social Welfare Policies and Services
- Social Work Practice I: Generalist Practice
- Social Work Practice II: Intervention Approaches
- Generalist Field Education I & II
- General Field Education Integrative Seminar I & II
- Clinical Practice with Individuals
- Clinical Practice with Families
- Clinical Practice with Groups
- Psychosocial Pathology
- Policy Analysis and Social Changes
- Integrative Research Project in Clinical Practice
- Clinical Field Education I & II
- Clinical Field Integrative Seminar I & II

ELECTIVES:

- Children Services in Social Work
- Child Abuse: Treatment and Prevention
- Interventions with Substance Abusers
- Prevention & Treatment of Adolescent Substance Abuse
- Clinical Practice with Children & Adolescents
- Interventions with the Elderly & Their Families
- Aging in Social Situations
- Medications & Social Work Practice
- Social Work Practice in Schools
- Social Work with Women
- Violence Against Women: A Global Perspective
- Spirituality in Professional Counseling
- Clinical Supervision
- Social Work Administration
- Study Abroad
- Gay & Lesbian Experience in American Society
- Introduction to Forensic Science in Social Work