

Graduate Admissions Information

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Application materials for the Master of Social Work

The SGSU Graduate Catalog

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Master of Social Work



Advancing our agenda for excellence.



Social work is not only one of the fastest growing professions in the country but also a most challenging and rewarding field in which to work. The professional social worker is prepared to work with a diverse client population and in numerous settings. There is an increased call for social workers to work with the aging, with the physically and mentally ill, with families, and with communities, to help them cope with the challenges inherent in our complex and changing society. Teaching students to work successfully with clients and focusing on evidence-based practice methods continue to be the focus of the curriculum.

Southern's Master's of Social Work program is the only one of its kind in southern Connecticut. The M.S.W. curriculum provides students with specific knowledge and skills for either advanced clinical practice or social service management. The program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Program Description

The Master of Social Work curriculum is a 60-credit program allowing for a concentration in either clinical practice or social service management. The first 30 credits are structured to provide the student with a generalist education in social work ethics, values, foundation knowledge, professional roles, and skills. These courses consist of social welfare policy, theory and practice, human behavior, and research methods.

For the clinical concentration, the second 30 credits are structured around the student's interest in one or more of the following fields of practice: elders and families, children and families, community mental health/substance abuse, health care systems, and school settings. The course work addresses advanced level practitioner skills and theories, as well as a research project related to the student's fieldwork. For the concentration in social service management, the second 30 credits

consist of managerial practice in social work. Expertise is developed in policy analysis, program design and development, supervision and personnel management, and management information systems.

The program is designed to be completed in two years of full-time study. However, students may elect a three- or four-year plan of study, following the same curriculum structure and course sequence while taking fewer courses per semester. Students who have completed a Bachelor of Social Work degree from an accredited institution are eligible to be considered for advanced standing options with the possibility of up to 21 credits of foundation level courses waived. If approved for advanced standing, it would be possible to complete the degree in either a one-, two-, three-, or four-year program plan.

Progress in the M.S.W. program is contingent upon positive, ongoing faculty evaluations of academic performance in real professional training situations, and on the appropriateness of responses, attitudes, and behaviors consistent with the NASW Code of Ethics and with the standards of acceptable social work practice.



Admissions Requirements

Applicants for admission into the M.S.W. program must be accepted to both the School of Graduate Studies and the Department of Social Work. The School of Graduate Studies requires an undergraduate grade point average of 2.5 (on scale from A=4.0) from an accredited undergraduate program. In addition, the Department of Social Work requires an average of 3.0 in the social sciences, 20 hours in liberal arts, and completion of a research methods course and a statistics course, both with a minimum grade of C.

How to Apply

The Department of Social Work admits matriculated students only in the fall semester. There is no mid year acceptance. Actual deadline dates may vary from year to year, but applications are processed in the spring semester prior to starting the following fall. It is best to contact the M.S.W. admissions office at (203) 392-6624 to begin the application process.

The application material for the School of Graduate Studies is available online at www.SouthernCT.edu/grad or can be forwarded upon request. (See address below.) The completed Graduate School application form should be submitted with a \$50 application fee. Official transcripts from all previous undergraduate and graduate



studies should be forwarded to the School of Graduate Studies:

Dean, School of Graduate Studies
Southern Connecticut State University
Engleman Hall B110
501 Crescent Street
New Haven, CT 06515-1355

The Department of Social Work application (including the personal statement, letters of recommendation, and other documentation) should be sent directly to the Social Work M.S.W. Admissions office. (See address below.) An applicant must be accepted by both the School

of Graduate Studies and the Department of Social Work in order to be considered a matriculated student.

Coordinator of M.S.W. Program Admissions
Southern Connecticut State University
Lang Social Work Center
101 Farnham Avenue
New Haven CT 06515

Faculty

The Department of Social Work is one of the largest departments on campus. The faculty is experienced not only in teaching, but also in both clinical and managerial practice areas. Many have been recognized for their research contributions, have presented at conferences, teach courses in continuing education, and are directly involved in providing service in the Greater New Haven area.

Careers

An M.S.W. graduate in clinical practice can expect to work directly with individuals and families in a variety of settings, including hospitals, mental health clinics, schools, and public or private agencies. Those who concentrate in management would likely move on to supervisory roles, overseeing clinical staff and administering departments, clinics, and agencies. No matter the concentration, Southern graduates are prepared to be ethically and culturally competent, and to act as innovators and leaders in their chosen work.

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