

Master of Social Work (Advanced Standing)

About This Program

The advanced standing MSW curriculum is for those students who already possess a BSW degree received within the last 6 years and who met the GPA requirements. The advanced standing MSW program allows students to specialize in one of five practice areas through the specialty curriculum. Advanced Standing students select one specialty area: Aging, Children and Families, Community and Administrative Practice, Health, or Mental Health and Substance Misuse.

Competencies

1. Upon completion, students will be able to demonstrate ethical and professional behavior.
2. Upon completion, students will be able to engage diversity and difference in practice.
3. Upon completion, students will be able to advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.
4. Upon completion, students will be able to engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice.
5. Upon completion, students will be able to engage in policy practice.
6. Upon completion, students will be able to engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
7. Upon completion, students will be able to assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
8. Upon completion, students will be able to intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
9. Upon completion, students will be able to evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

Admissions Criteria

Please contact the MSW Admissions Office (sswadmissions@uta.edu) to obtain the complete application checklist and information concerning specific application deadlines. Applicants may also visit the [MSW Admissions webpage \(https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/social-work/admissions/\)](https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/social-work/admissions/) for more information. Students are admitted to the MSW program for Fall or Spring semester with the exception of students that qualify for advanced standing with their undergraduate social work degree. Advanced Standing students can be admitted for a fall, spring or summer semester. The admissions process is the same for all MSW programs, including the Distance Education Cohorts.

*Please note that the School of Social Work's deadline for application is different from the published deadlines of the Graduate School.

There are two methods for application to the MSW Program: the Quick Admissions Process, and the Traditional Admissions Process.

QUICK ADMISSIONS

This process awards the bachelor-level applicant who has earned a 3.0 or better GPA in the last 60 hours of her/his undergraduate degree program a head start by requiring only a two-step process. In step 1, the applicant submits the online application. In step 2, the applicant must submit all official transcripts to the Office of Admissions, Records, and Registration. Once all transcripts have been received and evaluated, students whose GPA is 3.0 or better are generally admitted to the Master of Social Work Program.

Advanced Standing students applying for Quick Admission should follow the same process described above and identify themselves as having earned (or will earn by enrollment) the BSW. The BSW degree is verified by the Office of Admissions, Records, and Registration, and included with other application materials. Advanced Standing status is only granted to individuals who have graduated within the past 6 years from a BSW degree program accredited by CSWE with a 3.0 or better GPA in their last 60 hours. The same evaluation criteria are used for applicants seeking admission to the Advanced Standing MSW program.

TRADITIONAL ADMISSIONS

In the second admission method, applicants deemed ineligible for Quick Admission to the MSW program (based on the 3.0 GPA requirement) will be considered via the Traditional Admission Process for the traditional program only. Traditional Admission includes, but is not limited to the satisfactory presence of the following six qualifications:

1. Possession of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university or its equivalent, with a satisfactory GPA of 2.7 or higher.
2. Submission of three letters of reference indicating professional or academic promise.
3. Submission of narrative essay of three double-spaced pages or less that responds to the following prompt: *Social work practice is often classified as either micro or macro. Explain what is meant by micro practice and macro practice, and why addressing both micro and macro issues is essential to effective social work practice. Use three outside sources to support your statement and include complete citations for each.*
4. Submission of GRE test scores.
5. For applicants whose native language is not English, submission of a score of at least 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or a minimum TOEFL iBT total score of 79 with sectional scores that meet or exceed the following:

- 22 for the writing section
- 21 for the speaking section
- 20 for the reading section
- 16 for the listening section

TRANSFER OF CREDIT

Transfer credits for graduate level social work courses may, at the discretion of the Director of Graduate Programs, be accepted by the School of Social Work from comparable coursework taken and passed with a grade of 'B' or better at another Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program within the last six years. Transfer credits for graduate level course work in related fields may, at the discretion of the Director of Graduate Programs, be accepted by the School of Social Work if comparable to required coursework for the MSW; such courses must have been taken and passed with a grade of 'B' or better within the last six years. Students will be expected to provide syllabi for review. No credit is given for life or work experience.

FINANCIAL AID

Scholarships are awarded annually and administered by the School of Social Work. For information about scholarships available through the School of Social Work, [please visit our website \(https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/social-work/current-students/scholarships/\)](https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/social-work/current-students/scholarships/).

A limited number of traineeships are available through the [Center for Child Welfare's Title IV-E Program \(https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/social-work/current-students/title-iv-e-project/\)](https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/social-work/current-students/title-iv-e-project/).

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Candidates for fellowship awards must have a GPA of 3.0 in their last 60 undergraduate credit hours and in any graduate credit hours, and must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 hours in both long semesters to retain their fellowships.

Curriculum

Specialty (Choose one)

Aging		6
SOCW 5332	DIRECT PRACTICE WITH AGING (Aging)	
SOCW 5333	AGING AND SOCIAL POLICY	
Health		6
SOCW 5342	DIRECT PRACTICE IN HEALTH CARE	
SOCW 5343	HEALTH POLICY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE	
Children & Families		6
SOCW 5362	DIRECT PRACTICE WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	
SOCW 5363	SOCIAL POLICY FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH	
Mental Health & Substance Misuse		9
SOCW 5352	DIRECT PRACTICE IN MENTAL HEALTH	
SOCW 5354	PRINCIPLES OF SUBSTANCE MISUSE TREATMENT	
SOCW 5353	SOCIAL POLICY AND MENTAL HEALTH	
Community & Administrative Practice		18
SOCW 5312	COMMUNITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE	
SOCW 5327	HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN MACRO ENVIRONMENTS	
SOCW 5321	ADVANCED COMMUNITY PRACTICE	
SOCW 5320	ADVANCED ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE	
SOCW 5323	PROGRAM EVALUATION	
SOCW 5328	ADVOCACY AND SOCIAL POLICY	
Integrated Theory and Practice Courses		
For Aging, Children & Families, Health, and Mental Health & Substance Misuse specialties, select two of the following:		6
SOCW 5314	INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE	
SOCW 5315	BRAIN AND BEHAVIOR	
SOCW 5316	STRESS, CRISIS, AND COPING	
SOCW 5317	PALLIATIVE CARE	
SOCW 5318	DEATH & DYING	
SOCW 5319	SUICIDE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, & POSTVENTION	
Electives by Specialty		

For Aging or Health select three of the following (thesis students select two): 9

SOCW 5334	FAMILY CAREGIVING & AGING
SOCW 5335	AGING IN AMERICAN SOCIETY
SOCW 5344	HEALTH INSURANCE AND ACCESS TO CARE
SOCW 5345	SPECIAL TOPICS IN HEALTH EQUITY

For Children & Families select three of the following (thesis students select two): 9

SOCW 5365	CLINICAL ASSESSMENT OF CHILD MALTREATMENT
SOCW 5366	SEMINAR IN WOMEN'S ISSUES
SOCW 5367	TREATING PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS
SOCW 5368	SEMINAR IN DIRECT METHODS IN COUPLES COUNSELING
SOCW 5369	SEMINAR IN FAMILY THERAPY
SOCW 5370	SOCIAL WORK IN SCHOOLS
SOCW 5371	INEQUITIES AND INCARCERATION

For Mental Health & Substance Misuse select two of the following (thesis students select one): 6

SOCW 5355	MILITARY SOCIAL WORK
SOCW 5356	SEMINAR IN COGNITIVE-BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION STRATEGIES
SOCW 5357	GROUP DYNAMICS AND SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE
SOCW 5358	TREATMENT OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS
SOCW 5359	MILITARY FAMILIES
SOCW 5360	TREATMENT OF MILITARY POPULATIONS
SOCW 5361	MILITARY TRAUMA

For Community & Administrative Practice select three of the following (thesis students select two): 9

SOCW 5310	ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & GREEN SOCIAL WORK
SOCW 5324	SOCIAL WORK SUPERVISION
SOCW 5325	BUDGETING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
SOCW 5326	GRANT PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR
SOCW 5392	SELECTED TOPICS IN SOCIAL WELFARE

Field (All Specialties)

SOCW 5482	SPECIALIZED PRACTICUM SPLIT I (or SOCW 5485 Advanced Block Field I)	4
SOCW 5483	SPECIALIZED PRACTICUM SPLIT II (or SOCW 5486 Advanced Field Block II)	4

Capstone or Thesis (All Specialties)

Select one of the following: 3

SOCW 5395	INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR
SOCW 5398	THESIS (and SOCW 5396 as an elective)

Total Hours 38

Program Completion

In addition to the general graduate admission requirements of the University, each graduate student in the social work program must:

1. maintain at least a B (3.0) overall GPA in all coursework;
2. demonstrate suitability for professional social work practice; and,
3. demonstrate knowledge of and adherence to the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers and the Code of Conduct published by the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners.

The Professional Standards Committee will monitor and examine potential violations of ethical violations or lack of professional behavior.

Advising Resources

Please read all student emails carefully and review the frequently asked questions. These resources are intended to provide help when you need it. If you want to meet with your advisor, please sign up for an appointment as early in the semester as possible.

Location:

SWSH 131, 501 W. Mitchell St., Arlington, TX 76019

Email:

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Phone:

817-272-3687

Web:

Advising FAQ (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/social-work/programs/advising/advising-faqs/>)