

# MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK, M.S.W.

A Master of Social Work degree is a very versatile credential that allows one to enter a field with many and various opportunities. Our MSW focuses on clinical practice which provides the foundation for students to work with mental health conditions across the lifespan. Students will be prepared to assess, diagnose, plan treatment, and provide evidence-based interventions upon graduation. Our program meets all requirements for clinical licensure.

## Contact Information

swk@css.edu

## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Master of Social Work Degree, the student will be able to:

1. Foundation Sequence - To prepare students for competent advanced social work practice, including the knowledge based on scientific inquiry, values that foster respect for diversity, a global perspective, and skills for promoting individual and community well-being.
2. Advanced Sequence - To prepare students for advanced social work practice in an area of clinical specialization, in ways that foster social and economic justice, prevent conditions that limit human rights, help eliminate poverty, and enhance the quality of life for all persons.

## Requirements

Students must achieve the following program requirements for all courses listed under Program Requirements and Program Required Courses for the Master of Social Work, M.S.W.

### Program Requirements

**Regular Standing Program Credits: 63**

**Advanced Standing Program Credits: 38**

**Minimum GPA: 3.0**

### Program Required Courses

#### Regular Standing Program

Candidates in the Regular Standing program are students without a Bachelor's degree in Social Work.

| Code     | Title                                                   | Credits |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| SWK 6100 | Social Welfare Policy and Service Delivery              | 3       |
| SWK 6101 | Direct Practice I                                       | 3       |
| SWK 6102 | Foundations of Human Behavior in the Social Environment | 3       |
| SWK 6103 | Foundations of Social Justice                           | 3       |
| SWK 6104 | Foundations of Group Practice                           | 3       |
| SWK 6201 | Direct Practice II                                      | 3       |
| SWK 6202 | Research Design in Social Work                          | 3       |
| SWK 6205 | Preparation for Field Practicum I                       | 2       |
| SWK 6255 | Field Practicum I <sup>1</sup>                          | 6       |
| SWK 6300 | Assessment and Differential Diagnosis                   | 4       |
| SWK 6302 | Evidence-Based Intervention and Treatment               | 4       |
| SWK 6400 | Advanced Policy & Community Mental Health               | 3       |

|          |                                    |   |
|----------|------------------------------------|---|
| SWK 6402 | Practice Evaluation I              | 2 |
| SWK 6404 | Advanced Practice with Groups      | 3 |
| SWK 6405 | Preparation for Field Practicum II | 2 |
| SWK 6502 | Practice Evaluation II             | 2 |
| SWK 6555 | Field Practicum II <sup>1</sup>    | 6 |

#### Electives

|                                                                  |                                                                                           |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| Students must complete 8 credits of Advanced Practice electives. |                                                                                           | 8 |
| SWK 6501                                                         | Advanced Practice Elective                                                                |   |
| SWK 6510                                                         | Advanced Practice: Treatment of Trauma                                                    |   |
| SWK 6515                                                         | Advanced Practice: Social Work Practice with Families and Couples                         |   |
| SWK 6420                                                         | Advanced Practice: Somatic Literacy – Clinical Collaboration with the Natural Environment |   |
| SWK 6425                                                         | Advanced Practice: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy                                           |   |
| SWK 6520                                                         | Advanced Practice: Relational-Cultural Therapy                                            |   |

**Total Credits** **63**

<sup>1</sup> A grade of B or higher is required for Field Practicum I and Field Practicum II.

### Program Required Courses

#### Advanced Standing Program

Candidates in the Advanced Standing program are students with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work.

| Code     | Title                                     | Credits |
|----------|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| SWK 6300 | Assessment and Differential Diagnosis     | 4       |
| SWK 6302 | Evidence-Based Intervention and Treatment | 4       |
| SWK 6305 | Bridge to Clinical Social Work            | 2       |
| SWK 6400 | Advanced Policy & Community Mental Health | 3       |
| SWK 6402 | Practice Evaluation I                     | 2       |
| SWK 6404 | Advanced Practice with Groups             | 3       |
| SWK 6405 | Preparation for Field Practicum II        | 2       |
| SWK 6502 | Practice Evaluation II                    | 2       |
| SWK 6555 | Field Practicum II <sup>1</sup>           | 6       |

#### Electives

|                                                                |                                                                                           |   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| Students must complete 2 credits of Topics courses.            |                                                                                           | 2 |
| SWK 6777                                                       | Topics in Social Work                                                                     |   |
| SWK 6801                                                       | Interprofessional Healthcare                                                              |   |
| Students must complete 8 credits of Advanced Practice credits. |                                                                                           | 8 |
| SWK 6420                                                       | Advanced Practice: Somatic Literacy – Clinical Collaboration with the Natural Environment |   |
| SWK 6425                                                       | Advanced Practice: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy                                           |   |
| SWK 6501                                                       | Advanced Practice Elective                                                                |   |
| SWK 6510                                                       | Advanced Practice: Treatment of Trauma                                                    |   |
| SWK 6515                                                       | Advanced Practice: Social Work Practice with Families and Couples                         |   |
| SWK 6520                                                       | Advanced Practice: Relational-Cultural Therapy                                            |   |
| SWK 6777                                                       | Topics in Social Work                                                                     |   |

**Total Credits** **38**

<sup>1</sup> A grade of B or higher is required for Field Practicum II.

## **Degree Requirements**

To graduate from The College of St. Scholastica, master's students must meet the following minimum degree requirements.

**Minimum GPA: 3.0**