GRADUATE SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ONLINE MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

AN AFFORDABLE MSW THAT PREPARES YOU FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE

When you complete the online MSW at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, you'll have developed the skills to work with individuals, couples, families, and groups to assess mental health conditions and encourage a positive response to personal and societal challenges. The program is available to students with or without academic and career experience in social work and offers an Advanced Standing track that students who already have a BSW can complete more quickly.

CAREERS IN SOCIAL WORK

Social workers enjoy the autonomy they have in working one-on-one with a diverse population and in various settings. Overall employment of social workers is projected to grow 16 percent, more than double the national average, for all social work occupations[1]. Additionally, social workers are starting to fill roles in corporate organizations to bring a new level of awareness to client care and employee motivations.

Social Worker Positions: *
(Based on National Averages)

- **Child, Family, & School Social Workers**
  14% Job Growth | Mean Advertised Salary: $49,760[1]
- **Healthcare Social Workers**
  20% Job Growth | Mean Advertised Salary: $58,470[2]
- **Social & Community Service Managers**
  18% Job Growth | Median Salary: $63,320[4]

BY GRADUATION YOU'LL BE ABLE TO:

- Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior
- Employ diversity and difference in practice
- Advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice
- Engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice
- Join in policy practice
- Assess, intervene, and evaluate practice with individuals, families, and groups
- Work with individuals, families and groups to treat mental health issues like stress, anxiety and depression

[1] Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Child, Family, and School Social Workers. Retrieved from https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes211021.htm.
[2] Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Healthcare Social Workers. Retrieved from https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes211022.htm.
[4] Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Social and Community Service Managers. Retrieved from https://www.bls.gov/ooh/management/social-and-community-service-managers.htm.

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TWO LEARNING TRACKS AVAILABLE

TRADITIONAL

Traditional Track. This 60-credit track is offered to students who have a desire to practice social work but don't hold a Bachelor's in Social Work (BSW). The first half of the curriculum addresses foundational concepts and includes two fieldwork courses. The last half is dedicated to the advanced knowledge and skills you need to work in clinical practice.

Complete 30 credits of generalist coursework

Choose 9 elective credits

Complete 21 credits of clinical coursework

ADVANCED STANDING TRACK

If you hold a BSW degree, you can quickly prepare for direct clinical practice in this 30-credit program, while also saving time and money.

Meet the additional program requirements including minimum undergraduate GPA and experience in a research methods class.

Complete 21 credits of clinical coursework

Choose 9 elective credits

WORK FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Our experienced faculty are committed to excellence in teaching, learning, and being in service to others. Saint Mary's strong Lasallian values align with the social work profession. We work to develop ethical leaders who serve underrepresented populations and understand the adverse effects of poverty and oppression on mental health and well-being.

ACHIEVE AUTONOMY IN PRACTICE

As a clinical social worker*, you can collaborate with other practitioners to ensure your client is getting the most effective treatment and adjust treatment plans as necessary according to evaluation-based outcomes.

CSWE ACCREDITATION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Saint Mary's MSW program has achieved Candidacy for Accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation. Candidacy for a baccalaureate or master's social work program by the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation indicates that it has made progress toward meeting criteria for the assessment of program quality evaluated through a peer review process. A program that has attained Candidacy has demonstrated a commitment to meeting the compliance standards set by the Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards, but has not yet demonstrated full compliance.[1]

Students must have graduated from a CSWE-accredited program to be eligible to pursue social work licensure. Students should check with their state social work board to verify that they will be eligible to apply for licensure in their state if they graduate from a program before it is fully accredited by CSWE. Applicants for social work licensure must also meet additional requirements in every state and U.S. territory, including but not limited to additional training, additional coursework, and supervised clinical experiences.

For more information about the MSW program and social work licensure, please visit our Licensure Resources page at www.smumn.edu/about/professional-licensure.

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***Students who enter programs that attain Candidacy in or before the academic year in which they begin their program of study will be retroactively recognized as having graduated from a CSWE-accredited program once the program attains Initial Accreditation. Candidacy is typically a three-year process and attaining Candidacy does not guarantee that a program will eventually attain Initial Accreditation. Candidacy applies to all program sites and program delivery methods of an accredited program. Accreditation provides reasonable assurance about the quality of the program and the competence of students graduating from the program.**

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND CURRICULUM

Generalist Coursework — 30 Credits

History and Philosophy of Social Work and Social Welfare ..... 3 cr.
Generalist Practice I - Individuals & Families ..... 3 cr.
Generalist Practice II - Groups & Large Systems ..... 3 cr.
Human Behavior in the Social Environment I Families, Groups, Organizations, & Society ..... 3 cr.
Human Behavior in the Social Environment II Culture, Economics, & Social Justice ..... 3 cr.
Psychopathology ..... 3 cr.
Social Work Research ..... 3 cr.
Social Policy ..... 3 cr.
Generalist Field Experience I with seminar ..... 3 cr.
Generalist Field Experience II with seminar ..... 3 cr.

Clinical Coursework — 21 Credits

Clinical Methods I with Individuals ..... 3 cr.
Clinical Methods II with Families, Groups, & Large Systems ..... 3 cr.
Ethical Social Work Practice ..... 3 cr.
Supervision & Management ..... 3 cr.
Clinical Field Experience I with seminar ..... 3 cr.
Clinical Field Experience II with seminar ..... 3 cr.
Social Work Capstone ..... 3 cr.

Elective Options

Choose 3 courses for either the Advanced Standing or the Traditional track

Social Work with Children and Adolescents ..... 3 cr.
Clinical Practice with Addictions ..... 3 cr.
Clinical Practice with Trauma ..... 3 cr.
U.S. Poverty: Perspectives and Interventions ..... 3 cr.

For current degree requirements, visit the Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Course Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Catalog at https://catalog.smumn.edu.

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