

DOCTOR OF SOCIAL WORK



When I started this program, I never thought of myself in leadership, nor did I EVER want to pursue it. However, I now find myself on three completely different levels of board membership: a national school social work board, a state school social work board and a local board. The leadership classes helped me understand my role and responsibility on each of these boards, and I think I am a better board member as a result.

– Dee, Class of 2019

LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION

The Millersville University Doctor of Social Work with a focus on leadership and education prepares graduates for innovation and leadership in social work theory, practice and education. The DSW program provides advanced preparation for social work practice and teaching, and is offered fully online.

DEGREE

THE DOCTOR OF SOCIAL WORK (DSW)

This program prepares academics who are able to lead and leaders who are able to teach. Pursue your passion for social justice through enhanced leadership and the transformative opportunity to explore and develop yourself as a scholar and practitioner.

DSW PROGRAM DESIGN

Millersville University and Kutztown University have partnered to offer a DSW program focused on preparing leaders and educators for career advancement in agencies, government and higher education. Social work practitioners with an MSW and three years of post-MSW practice experience will be prepared to take on the challenges the profession will face in practice and in preparing future experts in the field.

Now offered fully online, the DSW program is designed with the working professional in mind. Whether you live in Pennsylvania or anywhere beyond, learn with the best in your profession, and prepare to continue to make a difference. Students can choose to complete the residency component virtually or at our Pennsylvania university campus.

THREE-YEAR COHORT MODEL

- Eight-session program: two courses per session for fall, spring and summer.
- Courses in Leadership; Teacher-Scholar; Theories of Education; Theories of Leadership; Intervention Research; and Multivariate Statistics, plus two electives. Each course is specifically developed to provide student learning experiences that allow graduates to demonstrate mastery of the program's learning outcomes.
- Completion of a scholarly dissertation on student's area of interest in leadership, practice or education.
- One residency weekend learning component per session (can be completed either fully virtually or face-to-face at Millersville University).





FACULTY

The social work curriculum is taught by faculty members who are recognized academicians, professional practitioners and researchers. They bring a broad range of experience to the classroom, which includes work in addictions; aging; child welfare; diversity, equity and inclusion; disabilities; healthcare, including Interprofessional Education Certification; global social work; mental health; public welfare; social policy; and vocational rehabilitation.

FINANCIAL AID

Aid eligibility is determined each year based on the results of the FAFSA application and student progress. Types of aid available to graduate students include scholarships, a Federal Stafford Loan, an unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan and a Graduate PLUS Loan. Graduate Assistantship may be available.

COSTS AND APPLICATION

Please refer to the Millersville University website for current tuition and fee rates: www.millersville.edu/osa/tuition-fees/gradcosts.php.

Application requirements are available here: www.millersville.edu/socialwork/dsw/application-process.php.

"The DSW program at Millersville University has provided me with the opportunity to move beyond advanced clinical practice and to contribute to the social work profession through teaching and research. The faculty are responsive and supportive. The cohort model provides networking and support through our rigorous, yet manageable, program of study. The DSW program is a perfect fit for the working professional."

– Janice, Class of 2022

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"The core of MU's DSW is pedagogy and leadership in social work. As a seasoned practitioner, I entered the DSW with the sole purpose of learning how to advance my teaching skills, underscored by my purpose of developing curriculum for military veterans. The DSW program has afforded me the skills with quality faculty who are passionate, inspiring and provide the gift of instructional example."

– Brad, Class of 2020

