

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK



"I have dedicated my life to the pursuit of social justice and the well-being of marginalized individuals. The master's degree in social work will enhance and provide an interdisciplinary skill set necessary to make a bigger impact through research, education and community empowerment."

– Carolyn S. Cook-Rittenhouse, Master of Social Work '19

A Master of Social Work enables graduates to work in a variety of human service programs and agencies in an advanced clinical and/or administrative capacity, including jobs in the corporate sector, government, policy consulting and think tanks. Entrepreneurial opportunities also abound. The flexibility of the social work degree provides graduates with many options as they pursue their careers in the helping fields.

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Millersville and Shippensburg Universities are jointly offering a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). It is designed for applicants who have earned their Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree as well as for career changers. The program was developed to support both the full-time student and the working professional. State-of-the-art technology permits students to acquire social work knowledge, skills and values through multiple educational methods, including traditional campus classes, teleconferencing and web-based activities. Because this is a joint program, students benefit from the quality faculty and resources of both universities.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Complete applications received by February 1 will be given full consideration. Applications received after February 1 will be considered if seats are available.

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FLEXIBLE PROGRAM OPTIONS

Regular Standing (60 credits)

The 60-credit program can be completed in two years full-time (four courses per semester) or four years part-time (two courses per semester). This program is year round. Students enrolling in the 60-credit program must complete:

- 15 credit hours of field practicum
- 6 credit hours of electives
- 39 credit hours of required coursework.

Advanced Standing (36 credits)

Applicants who hold a BSW degree from a CSWE-accredited institution and who meet other admission requirements may be eligible for the Advanced Standing program. This 36-credit program can be completed in one year full-time or two years part time. This program is year round. Students enrolled in the 36-credit program must complete:

- 9 credit hours of field practicum
- 9 credit hours of electives
- 18 credit hours of required coursework, including a summer "bridge" course.

Master of Social Work & Master of Science in Emergency Management (MSEM) & Master of Social Work & Master of Education in Sport Management Dual Degrees

These joint programs allow student in the MSW and MSEM and MEd in Sport Management programs to pursue joint graduate degrees. Students will need to apply and be admitted to both programs in order to pursue this joint degree. It is not required that the student be admitted to both programs at the same time.

Benefits of the joint program: Social work offers research-informed practice interventions in relation to emergency management and response, specifically in the fields of mental health and trauma. Social work in sport management offers opportunities for social workers to interact with athletes and athletic programs at the community, high school, college and professional levels, and develop interventions and programs to address athlete mental health, to link athletes with services, and to advocate for the role of Social Workers in sports.