

DOCTOR OF SOCIAL WORK



"The Millersville University of Pennsylvania Doctorate of Social Work Leadership and Education program has opened opportunities that I never knew existed for social workers. The dissertation process challenges students to tackle real social work issues through research that is meaningful and relevant. Millersville's DSW program has allowed me to grow professionally and personally, while making lasting connections with my cohort peers and faculty mentors."
Miranda, class of '24

TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP

The doctorate in social work (DSW) of Millersville University educates future social work scholars who can transform both organizations and educational environments through innovative instruction and values of anti-oppression, diversity, equity, and inclusion. The DSW program provides advanced preparation for social work practice and teaching, and is offered fully online.

DEGREE

THE DOCTOR OF SOCIAL WORK (DSW)

The Millersville University Doctor of Social Work degree, with a focus on Transformative Leadership, prepares graduates for innovation and leadership in social work theory, practice, and education.

DSW PROGRAM DESIGN

Millersville University DSW program will prepare students to engage in systematic inquiry that adheres to scholarly conventions. Students will utilize and evaluate research-informed practice critically and at the advanced level in addition to developing and disseminating practice relevant knowledge through a variety of channels, such as teaching, scholarship, professional presentations, mentoring, and administration. The program will enable students to demonstrate leadership in social work practice and education, as well as developing and maintaining substantive expertise in one or more areas of social work practice.

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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 **intervention research** dissertation on student's area of interest in leadership, practice or education.
- One residency weekend learning component per semester (in person during fall semester and virtually during spring and summer semesters).





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

