

# MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK



**A Master of Social Work enables graduates to work in a variety of human service programs and agencies in an advanced clinical, organizational and/or administrative capacity, including careers in public health, school settings, the corporate sector, government, policy design, implementation and consulting, and think tanks. Entrepreneurial opportunities also abound. Offered both 100% online and on campus, the social work degree program is flexible and provides graduates with many options as they pursue their careers in the helping professions.**

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Millersville and Shippensburg universities jointly offer 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 undergraduate social work degree as well as for career changers. The program was developed to support both the full-time student and the working professional. The MSW program is offered both fully online and on campus.

State-of-the-art technology permits students to acquire social work knowledge, skills and values through multiple educational methods. Because this is a joint program, students benefit from the quality faculty and resources of both universities.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

All MSW program options (online and in-person) will start in the first MSW summer term (May). Online MSW students may also begin in the fall (August).

Students applying to begin in summer should apply by April 15.  
Students applying to begin in fall should apply by June 1.

For students who want to discuss starting in the fall or spring semesters, please reach out to the MSW program coordinator.

## 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:

- 12 credit hours of field practicum
- 9 credit hours of electives
- 39 credit hours of required coursework

### Advanced Standing (36 credits)

Applicants who hold an undergraduate social work 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:

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





## CERTIFICATIONS, CERTIFICATES AND DUAL DEGREES

### DUAL DEGREES

#### **MSW + M.Ed. in Sport Management**

A dual degree offered by the Millersville University School of Social Work and the Millersville University Wellness & Sport Sciences department will provide an understanding of the emerging trends in social work and sport management at the clinical, program planning and administrative levels, with a focus on athlete wellness.

#### **MSW + MS in Emergency Management**

A dual degree offered by the Millersville University School of Social Work and the Millersville University Center for Disaster Research and Education will prepare students to work in planning, preparation and response as well as human service and resource development for communities and individuals.



*"The MSW program fully prepared me for professional advancement in my social work career. The knowledge and skills I learned in the program are invaluable. I chose to study social work because of personal experiences with social workers. My MSW education furthered my knowledge on empathy and helped me grow beyond my own worldview and to understand multiple perspectives. I also learned the importance of authenticity in the presentation of my professional identity."*

– J. Anthony Skelton, Master of Social Work '19



### CERTIFICATES

#### **MSW + School Social Worker Certification**

The School Social Work certification is designed to prepare social work students with the required knowledge, skills and expertise to "support the academic, career and personal-social development needs" of diverse, vulnerable and at-risk PreK-12 students and their families. In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the School Social Work certification is required by school districts.

#### **MSW + Home and School Visitor**

The Home and School Visitor certification is designed to provide students with the required knowledge and skills to work collaboratively in a school setting at all system levels.

#### **MSW + Expressive Arts**

The Expressive Arts certificate will provide students with the required knowledge and skills around the use of the arts (e.g., music, theater, art, dance/movement, storytelling) to apply to their practice with various groups and at all levels of practice. Additionally, upon completion of the certificate and then a subsequent 200-hour internship, students will be eligible to apply as a Registered Expressive Arts Therapist.

#### **MSW + Advanced Children, Youth and Families**

The Advanced Children, Youth and Families certificate is for students enrolled in or who have completed a master's degree in social work to provide culturally competent services to vulnerable children and families through a range of public and private agencies at various levels of practice. The focused curriculum includes coursework on clinical skills to work effectively with children and their families to promote positive outcomes, and macro skills and strategies to develop productive change in service delivery systems.

#### **MSW + Interprofessional Education**

The School of Social Work is offering an Interprofessional Education certificate program for specialization-year MSW students that prepares students for interprofessional collaborative practice in a variety of healthcare settings.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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