Department Mission

The M.S.W. program supports the School of Social Work mission, which is to prepare students to serve as effective and ethical leaders for change in a diverse and dynamic society. It advances the purpose of social work, which is to promote personal and organizational well-being and to build a more just society. The Advanced Practice Leadership curriculum allows students to integrate direct services and administrative course work in order to pursue agency-based practice in the public sector, serving society’s most vulnerable clients. The program celebrates their distinguished alumni, who are recognized social work leaders at the state, national and global levels.

My passion for social work is not merely a job description but more of a calling that is both personally enriching and professionally rewarding.

– Jose de Jesus Garcia-Cuellar, M.S.W. ’14, Licensed Master Social Worker, Bilingual Counselor at Lifeworks

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Why choose Texas State?
The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited advanced practice leadership curriculum covers a wide variety of practice fields and settings. The program focuses on providing direct practice and administrative services to diverse individuals and families across the lifespan. Program options include on-campus or online, full-time or part-time, and regular- or advanced-standing status.

The School of Social Work has been a leader in social work education since 1975. The master of social work (M.S.W.) online program consistently receives recognition as a top program nationwide.

Course Work
Students who hold a bachelor of social work (B.S.W.) degree from a CSWE-accredited university apply for advanced standing and enroll directly in the advanced year. Non-B.S.W. degree holders apply for regular standing and enroll in the two-year program, starting with the foundation year. The advanced practice leadership curriculum integrates both direct practice and administrative courses. The M.S.W. on-campus and online options are equivalent, although online is currently only offered part-time. Core faculty teaches most graduate courses, especially at the advanced level. Students have some flexibility to engage in specialized study through electives and their internship, which entails intensive M.S.W.-supervised agency-based practice. Graduates are eligible for state licensure exams and have a very high passing rate.

Faculty
The diverse faculty are well-regarded scholars who actively combine teaching, research and service in their respective fields of practice. Faculty members are deeply committed to maintaining a student-centered orientation while engaging in research that supports the School of Social Work’s mission of instilling in students a professional value for evidence-based, advanced-level practice. As a result, M.S.W. students encounter many opportunities to collaborate with faculty on research projects.

Career Options
M.S.W. graduates are employed across Texas, the U.S. and the world in a variety of practice fields, including child welfare, health care, behavioral mental health, education and criminal justice. Alumni also fill a range of leadership positions in different agency-based settings, such as clinical practice, program development or administration. The campus’s location in the Austin-San Antonio corridor provides a range of opportunities for on-campus students.

Important Dates*
For program-specific semester availability and deadline information, please visit the social work web pages:
Social Work – Advanced (B.S.W.-holders): gradcollege.txstate.edu/msw_advanced
Social Work – Foundation (non-B.S.W.-holders): gradcollege.txstate.edu/msw_foundation
Social Work – Online Advanced (B.S.W.-holders): gradcollege.txstate.edu/msw_oadvanced
Social Work – Online Foundation (Non-B.S.W.-holders): gradcollege.txstate.edu/msw_ofoundation

Additional details regarding admission requirements and funding can also be found via the links above.

How to Apply
For information regarding admission requirements and submission instructions, please visit: gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply

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