The School of Social Work at Texas State University offers a master of social work degree, fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The school’s mission is to educate social workers who can ethically and effectively provide direct services and administrative leadership in public services and who can craft policies and programs to meet society’s many social needs.

Social work graduates are employed across the nation and internationally in a wide variety of people-helping fields such as child welfare, services to older adults, services to military personnel and families, medical social services, housing services, prison social work and school social work.

Graduates:
- directly serve people in need
- administer agencies and organizations
- lead citizens in creating and implementing wise policies
- engage in teaching and research
- work cooperatively with other disciplines (such as business and healthcare) to create new ways to build a better society
Course Work
The master of social work degree program prepares graduates for advanced specialized professional social work practice, particularly in the public services. The on-campus M.S.W. degree program offers both full- and part-time studies in either the regular track, open to students who do not hold a bachelor of social work (B.S.W.) degree from a CSWE-accredited program, or the advanced standing, open to students who hold a CSWE-accredited B.S.W. The online M.S.W. degree program is offered on a part-time basis only. The school’s website will alert potential applicants to program start dates and degree sequences offered in the online M.S.W. program.

The first (foundation) year of the regular-track curriculum focuses on the generic foundation knowledge and skills necessary for general social work practice. The second (advanced) year of the regular track program focuses on specialized practice, as does the advanced-standing curriculum. On-campus regular-track students in their second year of course work, as well as advanced-standing students, acquire the knowledge and skills to work with diverse individuals, families, and groups, and the agencies and communities that serve them.

Regular Track
The regular track encompasses 62 hours of course work. Full-time students typically complete the program in five semesters; part-time students typically complete it in 11 semesters.

Advanced Track
The advanced-standing program, which enrolls students directly into second-year content, consists of 36 hours of course work. Full-time students typically complete the degree in three semesters, while part-time students can expect to complete the degree in six semesters.

Field Practicum
During field practicum, each student works in a social service agency under the intensive supervision of a licensed master social worker. All regular-track students complete 20 semester hours of field practicum; advanced-standing students complete 12 semester hours of field practicum.

Benefits
The School of Social Work at Texas State provides master’s students with:
• a dedicated, knowledgeable, state-licensed and academically prepared faculty representing a wide variety of interests and practice experience
• a well-planned curriculum relevant to the work world
• engaging teaching strategies that incorporate technology
• a broad array of interesting field practicum settings — both urban and rural — across Texas and the nation, in which students work in agencies under the supervision of licensed social workers
• class scheduling that accommodates the needs of working professionals and part-time students
• small classes with interaction between students and faculty
• an outstanding pass record on the state licensing examination

Admission Policy
Applicants must meet all Texas State Graduate College admissions requirements as well as social work requirements. Applicants are admitted to the master of social work program based on their performance on various criteria, including:
• minimum GPA of 3.0 from the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work earned at a four-year college or university leading up to the bachelor’s degree
• paid and volunteer work history
• demonstrated commitment to public-sector social work
• demonstrated successful completion of course content in statistics and human biology

Applicants for the advanced-standing program must meet all Graduate College admission criteria and must provide evidence that they have:
• a bachelor’s degree or equivalent from a CSWE-accredited program
• a minimum GPA of 3.0 in all undergraduate social work course work earned at a four-year college or university leading up to the bachelor’s degree

Each applicant must submit the following to the Graduate College:
• the online Graduate College application through ApplyTexas
• application fee
• one official transcript from each four-year college or university attended
• online M.S.W. initial review form

The School of Social Work may require a personal interview.

Forms and instructions may be accessed on the school’s website, www.socialwork.txstate.edu/Admissions/msw-admissions.html.

Visit www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply for access to an online application, where to submit application documents and additional details. Applications must be submitted by June 15 for the fall semester and April 15 for the summer semester. The summer semester is available only for advanced-standing, on-campus applicants.

Financial Assistance
For more information about scholarships, financial aid and application deadlines, visit the Graduate College website at www.gradcollege.txstate.edu and click on Financing Your Graduate Education. Please note that program admission priority deadlines must be met in order to be considered for scholarships, fellowships and assistantships.

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