

SOCIAL WORK

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
COLLEGE OF HEALTH, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE
SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Make a greater impact in helping vulnerable individuals, families, and communities by earning a Master of Social Work degree. Slippery Rock University's (SRU) Master of Social Work (MSW) is a 60-credit program, taught in a blended format of on campus and online classes. Built on the foundation of SRU's successful Bachelor of Social Work, the program prepares students to provide social work interventions according to the profession's best practices, and to be effective leaders in public and private organizations. SRU's MSW prepares students for generalist practice and offers concentrations in Crisis Intervention or Forensic Social Work. Students will be able to pursue an option in animal-assisted social work and pursue a certificate in animal-assisted interventions. The animal-assisted social work courses compliment both the crisis intervention and forensic concentrations.

The employment outlook for graduates is positive. The need for social service managers and clinical social workers will grow by 25% between 2012 and 2022 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The median annual wages in 2017 for social workers in government and private agencies was \$58,490, the median healthcare social workers' wages were \$61,980, and the highest 10% earned more than \$79,749 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics

Many social workers begin their careers working directly with vulnerable people such as children and adults who have behavioral health problems, people across the age spectrum who have suffered abuse, and people who have traumatic injuries or chronic illnesses. A career in social work can also lead to a wide variety of career paths such as health system administration, health insurance management, legislative advocacy, policy analysis, even elected office.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Slippery Rock University's Master of Social Work offers:

- a 60-credit professional degree that can be completed in two-years attending full-time; or one calendar year for students with advanced standing (45 credits)
- part-time students, especially those who are employed, will have individualized paths to complete their degrees according to their needs and goals
- blended course instruction; a combination of online and onsite courses
- a focus on crisis intervention and forensic social work
- a competitive curriculum for a competitive advantage in the job market
- an opportunity to earn a certificate in Animal Assisted Interventions



ACCREDITATION

Slippery Rock University is accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The Bachelor of Social Work program has been accredited since 1982. The Masters of Social Work program is designed according to the standards of the accrediting organization, the Council on Social Worker Education. Participation in the accrediting process began simultaneously to the launch of the program.

Disclaimer: Slippery Rock University is applying for Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accreditation.

Students who graduate from social work or social welfare master's degree programs that are in candidacy for accreditation at the time of their graduation may apply for licensure when the program obtains accreditation.

LICENSING

In Pennsylvania, people who hold a Bachelor in Social Work (BSW) degree may apply for a license after three years of supervised experience. A person with a Masters in Social Work (MSW) degree may apply for a license if their school is accredited or immediately upon their school receiving accreditation.

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

Information on current tuition can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office at www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Successful applicant profiles will include a strong academic record, volunteer or work experience in health or social services, and letters of recommendation that endorse the applicant's leadership.

All applicants must submit a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

1. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts (if applicable)
2. Two Electronic Reference Forms
3. Resume
4. Reference Release Form
5. Personal Statement: Write an essay 1 1/2 - 2 pages describing yourself and the qualities that will make you an effective social worker; your experiences related to social work; your career goals
6. Prior to beginning the program, applicants must complete:
 - + An introductory course in statistics that includes using Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) within the last five years OR
 - + SRU's SOWK 319 Statistical Methods or an equivalent course

CURRICULUM

TWO YEARS - FULL-TIME (60 CREDITS)

Fall - Year 1	Spring - Year 1	Summer (optional)
SOWK 600** Human Behavior and the Social Environment	SOWK 630: Clinical Practice with Children & Families	Elective
SOWK 601** Foundations of Social Work Practice	SOWK 635: Clinical Practice with Adults	Elective
SOWK 610** Macro Social Work Practice	SOWK 730: Practice Skills following Crisis OR SOWK 731: Practice Skills in Forensic Social Work	
SOWK 615** Clinical Social Work & DSM	Elective	
SOWK 650: Field Education I	SOWK 650: Field Education I	

Fall - Year 2	Spring - Year 2
SOWK 620: Human Rights, Social Justice & Policy	SOWK 605: Social Welfare System
SOWK 705: Research Methods in Social Work	Elective
Elective	SOWK 710** Qualitative Research
Elective	Elective
SOWK 750: Field Education II	SOWK 750: Field Education II

ADVANCED STANDING CURRICULUM (45 CREDITS)

The MSW may be completed in one calendar year, full-time, with the Advanced Standing Curriculum. This program is for students with a BSW from a CSWE accredited program. The program is 45 credits.

Fall	Spring	Summer
SOWK 610** Macro Social Work Practice	SOWK 730: Practice Skills following Crisis OR SOWK 731: Practice Skills in Forensic Social Work	SOWK 710** Qualitative Research
SOWK 615** Clinical Social Work & DSM	SOWK 630: Clinical Practice with Children & Families	Elective
SOWK 620** Human Rights, Social Justice and Policy	SOWK 635: Clinical Practice with Adults	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective
SOWK 650: Field Education I	SOWK 750: Field Education II	SOWK 750: Field Education II

CONCENTRATION AREAS for Social Work:

Crisis Intervention & Follow Up Care Concentration (15 credits):

- SOWK 730: Practice Skills following Crises **Required**
- SOWK 732: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)**
- SOWK 733: Disaster Management**
- SOWK 734: Trauma-Informed Care**
- SOWK 735: Military Culture**
- SOWK 736: Working with Families impacted by Trauma
- SOWK 737: Behavioral Health Services in Child Welfare & Juvenile Justice
- SOWK 738: Intervention for Sexual Assault and Family Violence
- SOWK 740: Animal-Assisted Social Work Practice
- SOWK 742: Animal-Assisted Social Work with Kids
- SOWK 743: Animal-Assisted Social Work with Seniors
- SOWK 744: Animal-Assisted Crisis Response

OR

Forensic Social Work Concentration (15 credits)

- SOWK 731: Practice Skills in Forensic Social Work **Required**
- SOWK 737: Behavioral Health Services in Child Welfare & Juvenile Justice
- SOWK 738: Intervention for Sexual Assault and Family Violence
- SOWK 739: Forensic Social Work in Corrections
- SOWK 740: Animal-Assisted Social Work Practice
- SOWK 742: Animal-Assisted Social Work with Kids
- SOWK 743: Animal-Assisted Social Work with Seniors
- SOWK 744: Animal-Assisted Crisis Response

**Course offered online

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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