

SOCIAL WORK

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

DELIVERY METHODS

Hybrid/In-Person
or
100% Online

START TERMS

Summer and Fall

COMPLETION TIME

1 yr for Advanced Standing
(those with a BSW)
2 yrs for traditional program
(those with undergraduate degrees
other than Social Work)

NUMBER OF CREDITS

39 for Advanced Standing
60 for Traditional/Generalist program

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
Animal-Assisted Social Work (AASW)

The MSW degree specializes in
“Advanced Clinical Practice”
and students automatically
earn a Graduate Certificate in
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
(CBT)

ACCREDITED BY THE



Board of Accreditation

SlipperyRock
University

A member of Pennsylvania's State System
of Higher Education

EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

www.sru.edu/graduate

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Advance your career, gain knowledge and skills, earn a Master of Social Work degree with a program-embedded Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Certificate from Slippery Rock University. The SRU Master of Social Work (MSW) program can be completed online or in a hybrid format. The program prepares students to provide social work interventions with diverse populations in a variety of practice settings. SRU's MSW prepares students for a specialized practice in “Advanced Clinical Practice with Children, Adults and Families.”

The need for social service managers and clinical social workers has grown by 25% between 2012 and 2022 and will continue to grow faster than average into 2032 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The national mean annual wage in 2022 for social workers was \$61,420 with social workers in Pennsylvania earning an annual mean wage between \$73,390 and \$83,430. The top 10% of social workers in the United States can earn \$95,560.

SRU Master of Social Work graduates are prepared for clinical practice in a variety of social work settings including mental and behavioral health, substance abuse, medical/hospital, school/education, forensic/police, veterans/military, aging, and more.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Slippery Rock University's Master of Social Work offers flexible options for working professionals along with opportunities to increase specialized clinical skills. The program includes:

- Flexible options for working professionals – the MSW can be completed online or for those who thrive in an in-person classroom, the program offers a hybrid option
- Students can complete the 60-credit MSW degree in two-years attending full-time
- Students who have an undergraduate degree in social work and have advanced standing can complete the degree (39 credits) in one calendar year
- Part-time, individualized plans for program completion
- In-person field placement near the student's physical location
- Graduate Certificate in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) obtained simultaneously
- Advanced clinical electives including crisis intervention, grief & loss, forensic social work, and animal-assisted interventions
- An opportunity to earn a certificate in Animal-Assisted Social Work (AASW) with a one-time in-person requirement

ACCREDITATION

SRU is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The University's social work programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Board of Accreditation. Accreditation by CSWE indicates that the SRU MSW program meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of program quality evaluated through a peer review process. The program has sufficient resources to meet its mission and goals and the Board of Accreditation has verified that the SRU MSW program demonstrates compliance with all sections of the Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards. Accreditation applies to all program sites and program delivery methods of the SRU MSW Program.

LICENSING

Social workers are eligible for licensure at multiple levels as determined by each state. The purpose of licensing in social work is to protect the public by setting and enforcing standards for social work practice. Graduates of SRU's MSW Program are eligible for licensure. State guidelines can be found on the Association of Social Work Board's website: <https://www.aswb.org/licenses/>.

TUITION AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and graduate assistantships 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.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Successful applicant profiles will include a strong academic record, volunteer or work experience in health or social services, and letters of recommendation.

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

1. Official undergraduate degree transcript(s) and any graduate transcripts
2. Two electronic recommendation forms
3. Resume
4. 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

**CURRICULUM GUIDE - MSW
TWO YEARS - FULL-TIME (60 CREDITS)**

Fall, Year 1		Spring, Year 1	
SOWK 600: Human Behavior and the Social Environment		SOWK 605: Social Welfare System	
SOWK 601: Foundations of Social Work Practice		SOWK 610: Macro Social Work	
SOWK 615: Clinical Social Work & DSM*		Elective	
SOWK 620: Human Rights, Social Justice & Policy		SOWK 730: Practice Skills following Crisis *	
SOWK 650: Field Education I		SOWK 650: Field Education I	
Fall, Year 2		Spring, Year 2	
SOWK 635: Clinical Practice with Adults*		SOWK 630: Clinical Practice with Children & Families*	
SOWK 705: Research Methods in Social Work		SOWK 710: Qualitative Research	
Elective		Elective	
Elective		Elective	
SOWK 750: Field Education II		SOWK 750: Field Education II	

*Indicates practice class that must be taken concurrently with field practicum.

**CURRICULUM GUIDE - ADVANCED STANDING
ONE YEAR - FULL-TIME - SUMMER START (39 CR)**

Summer, Year 1	Fall, Year 1	Spring, Year 1
Elective	SOWK 615: Clinical Social Work & DSM	SOWK 730: Practice Skills following Crisis
Elective	SOWK 635: Clinical Practice with Adults*	SOWK 630: Clinical Practice with Children and Families*
Elective	SOWK 620: Human Rights, Social Justice & Policy	SOWK 710: Qualitative Research
	Elective	Elective
	SOWK 750: Field Education II	SOWK 750: Field Education II

**CURRICULUM GUIDE - ADVANCED STANDING
ONE YEAR - FULL-TIME (39 CREDITS)**

Fall, Year 1	Spring, Year 1	Summer, Year 1
SOWK 615: Clinical Social Work & DSM	SOWK 730: Practice Skills following Crisis	Elective
SOWK 620: Human Rights, Social Justice & Policy	SOWK 630: Clinical Practice with Children & Families*	Elective
SOWK 635: Clinical Practice with Adults*	SOWK 710: Qualitative Research	Elective
Elective	Elective	
SOWK 750: Field Education II	SOWK 750: Field Education II	

*Indicates practice class that must be taken concurrently with field practicum.

**CURRICULUM GUIDE - ADVANCED STANDING
TWO YEARS - PART-TIME (39 CREDITS)**

Fall, Year 1	Spring, Year 1	Summer, Year 1
SOWK 615: Clinical Social Work & DSM	SOWK 730: Practice Skills following Crisis	Elective
SOWK 620: Human Rights, Social Justice & Policy	Elective	Elective
Fall, Year 2	Spring, Year 2	Summer, Year 2
Elective	SOWK 710: Qualitative Research	Elective
SOWK 635: Clinical Practice with Adults*	SOWK 630: Clinical Practice with Children and Families*	
SOWK 750: Field Education II	SOWK 750: Field Education II	

*Course must be taken concurrently with specialized field placement.

Clinical Practice Electives:

- SOWK 732: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- SOWK 734: Trauma-Informed Care
- 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 Intimate Partner Violence
- SOWK 739: Forensic Social Work in Corrections
- SOWK 740: Animal-Assisted Social Work Practice
- SOWK 741: Grief & Loss: Theory & Skills for Intervention
- SOWK 742: Animal-Assisted Social Work with Children & Adolescents
- SOWK 743: Animal-Assisted Social Work with Seniors
- SOWK 744: Animal Assisted Crisis Response

**FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND
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