

# SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK

PA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CERTIFICATE  
SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM  
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

## DELIVERY METHOD

Classes are 100% online with  
an in-person Internship

## START TERMS

Summer, Fall or Spring

## COMPLETION TIME

3 semesters

## NUMBER OF CREDITS

18 credits

## CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT

To earn the School Social Work  
Certificate, applicants must either  
have a master's in social work  
(MSW) or plan to complete the  
MSW program and this  
certificate simultaneously.

**School social workers  
coordinate directly with  
school administrations  
as well as students and  
families, providing leadership  
in providing, mental health  
intervention, crisis  
management, and support  
services.**

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Slippery Rock University School Social Work Certificate meets the requirements as an approved school social worker preparation program through the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

A School Social Worker Educational Specialist certificate is issued by the PA Department of Education to an individual who:

- completes an approved school social worker certification preparation program
- holds a master's degree in social work from an accredited Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) and
- is licensed through the Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Occupational Affairs, as a licensed social worker (LSW) or licensed clinical social worker (LCSW)
- maintains their certification and their license to be employed under the staffing assignment as a School Social Worker in a public school

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 100% online courses
- Expert, licensed faculty
- Practical experience providing social work services in school

*This certificate can be earned simultaneously with the MSW degree, and it is for those currently in the SRU MSW program or for practicing professionals who have a Master of Social Work degree and want to pursue the School Social Work Certification through the Pennsylvania Department of Education.*

## CURRICULUM GUIDE

Required Courses:

SOWK 748	School Social Work	3
SOWK 750	Social Work Field Education (in school setting)	6
SEFE 607	The Theories and Teaching of English Language Learners	3
SPED 625	Instructional Strategies for Learning and Behavioral Problems	3
SPED 646	Assessment and Evaluation	3
Total Hours		18

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and a 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 effective in school social work; your experiences, career interests and goals related to school social work.

## TUITION

Information on current tuition can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at [www.sru.edu/graduate](http://www.sru.edu/graduate). Financial aid is not available for this program.

*The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.*

## FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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## FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSIONS:

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