

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (M.S.W.)

Purpose

The mission of the Liberty University Social Work Master's Program is to prepare healthy advanced generalist social workers to be servant leaders who follow the example of Christ and will influence the world by enhancing the lives of all individuals, families, and communities through research informed knowledge, values, and skills consistent with the purpose of the profession.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior.
- Engage diversity and difference in practice.
- Advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.
- Engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice.
- Engage in policy practice.
- Engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
- Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
- Intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
- Evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

Program Specific Admission Procedures

In addition to the General Admission Procedures outlined in this Catalog, applicants to the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) must have:

1. An earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.); Official transcripts must be provided before admission. Mail official college transcripts (sealed, unopened copy).
2. An undergraduate cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.00 scale).
3. **Recommendations:** Two (2) reference names and contact information including phone number.
4. **Statement of Purpose:** 400 minimum word statement of purpose.
5. Complete Questionnaire
6. Department/Faculty Admission Decision Required Review

Transfer of Credit

Students may transfer up to 31-32 hours from an accredited institution subject to department approval. In order to transfer credit, students must have earned the minimum grade of B-, and courses must have been completed within 7 years of the start date of the program. Credits from a prior degree on the same academic level earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

Course Requirements

Students must earn a minimum grade of 'B-' in SOWK 670 to meet the requirements for graduation.

Administrative Dismissal

Students will be eligible for Administrative Dismissal from the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) if any of the following are true:

1. It will be mathematically impossible for them to raise their cumulative Graduate GPA to 3.00 with their remaining required courses.
2. They do not have a cumulative Graduate GPA of at least 3.00 when enrolled in SOWK 665 (Advanced Generalist Field Enrollment)
3. They have three (3) grades or three (3) courses of C+/C/C- applying to their degree and they have applied the repeat policy for the maximum allowed nine (9) hours or three (3) courses, and they earn two (2) or more additional grades or courses of C+ or lower.
4. They earn two (2) grades of D+ or lower.
5. They did not disclose criminal history in their application to the Master of Social Work.

Program of Study

Delivery Format: Residential and Online

- Social Work (M.S.W.) - Advanced Generalist - General
- Social Work (M.S.W.) - Advanced Generalist - Individual & Family Clinical

Career Opportunities

- Program Development
- Medical social work
- Mental Health Therapist
- Supervisor
- Agency Director working internationally or nationally

For some positions, a social work license may be required. Each state has specific tasks to complete to obtain a social work license.