



GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

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MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

The Hunter College School of Social Work was founded in 1956 and is the only public graduate school of social work in New York City. The educational mission of the School of Social Work is to prepare students for responsible and creative practice in all fields of social work. The school's goal is to educate social workers for the profession who are able to make responsible decisions and choices based on social work values. The school has a strong commitment to educating social workers to serve a diverse population in an urban environment, and recognizes a special responsibility toward serving the urban community under agency auspices. The School of Social Work is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

The MSW curriculum reflects a commitment to social change, diversity and practice in the urban environment. The school offers several program tracks leading to the Master of Social Work degree. These include the full-time Two-Year, the One-Year Residency (work study), the Advanced Standing, the Part-Time/Extended and the Dual Degree program with the Bank Street College of Education.

The social work curriculum includes courses in human behavior and the social environment, social welfare policy and services, social work research, foundations of social work practice, social work practice methods i.e., case-work, group work, community organizing and planning, administration. In addition, all students are expected to complete a field

practicum, that is an internship in an approved field agency. Except for the work-study program, all students are expected to have two years of fieldwork, which involves three days per week in a field agency. Students accepted into the work-study program (OYR) are only required to complete one year of fieldwork.

All students are required to concentrate in a major method, and take at least one course in a second method. The field practicum must be taken concurrently with a major method course. In addition, students may select advanced courses which focus on specific social problems, populations, specialized skills or institutional auspices. Specialized courses are offered in children's services, aging, substance abuse, social work in health care, mental health, occupational social work, social work in the criminal justice system and family treatment.

Requirements for Admission

Applicants to the graduate program in social work must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited undergraduate college. Undergraduate preparation should demonstrate a liberal arts background and intellectual capacity for graduate study. Records of foreign students require special evaluation and should be submitted as early as possible. All applicants with foreign credentials are required to take the TOEFL examination. Applicants for the Advanced Standing Program must be graduates of an undergraduate baccalaureate social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Successful performance in graduate social work education requires emotional maturity and stability, interest in working with people, readiness to assume professional responsibilities and satisfactory physical health. The applicant's knowledge of professional social work and/or experience in social work settings is an important consideration for admission. Applicants may be required to participate in a group or individual interview. For further information on admissions, e-mail admissions.hcssw@hunter.cuny.edu or see the school's website at www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork.

Completed applications for admission should be submitted by the deadline date established by the school each year. All admissions are subject to limitations of available seats in the school and placement in a field practicum. Completed applications must be submitted to the School of Social Work.

Up to 6 non-matriculated credits of graduate social work courses, with a grade of B or better, may be transferred from a social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Matriculated students who wish to transfer credits may apply to do so after successful completion of the first semester as a matriculated student. All transfer of credits must be approved by the dean's office.

As a condition of registration for fieldwork, students must have professional liability insurance. Professional liability insurance is provided through a school group policy, and payment for this policy is made at the time of registration. Cost of liability insurance cost does not exceed \$20 per year.

For students without personal health insurance, plans are available through Hunter College.

MSW Degree Program Tracks

All social work students must complete requirements for the 60 credit MSW degree within five years of the date of matriculation.

Two-Year Full-time Program

The two-year full-time program is for qualified students who can devote themselves to full-time academic and field study. Full-time students are expected to attend classes two days a week, and to be in a field placement three days a week for two academic years.

One-Year Residence (OYR) Work-Study Program

The one-year residence (OYR) program is a work-study program designed to provide graduate social-work education for students whose personal responsibilities make the two-year full-time program impractical. At the time of application OYR applicants must have completed at least two years of full-time employment in a recognized social welfare organization or agency. Students are permitted to take up to 30 hours of course work on a part-time basis while remaining in full-time employment. Students in the OYR program must have written agreement from their current employer to provide them with a social work internship and to allow them to attend daytime classes one day a week during the field practicum year.

The OYR program is usually completed in five semesters plus two summers of academic study. The field instruction requirement is completed in one academic year, and takes place in the second year of the program, when students attend daytime classes.

Advanced Standing Program

The Advanced Standing program is an intensive program for outstanding students who have graduated from a baccalaureate social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. A limited number of qualified applicants are accepted. Applicants must have received their undergraduate degree within the last five years.

Applicants to the Advanced Standing program must have an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.2 in the social work major. Applicants must meet all other admission criteria for acceptance into the graduate social work program at Hunter. Some courses required in the first year of the MSW program will be waived for applicants accepted in the Advanced Standing program. Hunter's Advanced Standing program begins in the summer and continues through one academic year of full-time study.

Part-time Program (Extended Program)

Admission procedures and application requirements are the same as described for applicants in the two-year program. The part-time program allows students to complete the MSW degree in three or four years and to take evening and summer courses.

Students must register for a minimum of two courses per semester, and may enroll in summer courses. The part-time program is divided into three phases, with students taking courses before, during, and after the field

practicum. Part-time students are expected to fulfill a two-year field practicum in agencies selected and approved by the school. Part-time students should plan to be in the field for 21 hours per week for two academic years. At the time of entry into the program, students will be assigned a faculty adviser who will provide specific academic and professional guidance.

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM: Hunter College School of Social Work and the Bank Street College of Education Infant and Parent Development Program

This dual degree program is designed to prepare social workers to understand and work with the special needs and vulnerabilities of children from birth to age three and their families. The program prepares social workers for professional roles that combine both educational and clinical skills. The program incorporates theoretical and practice aspects of each degree into a cohesive program. Applicants apply to each institution—the Hunter College School of Social Work and the Bank Street College of Education—separately. The program requirements satisfy the accreditation standards for each degree.

In the first two years of the program, students attend the two institutions sequentially, pursuing an intensive program at each of them. In the third year, students move between both institutions to complete course work. Both institutions require a supervised field practicum.

Applicants must meet all admission standards of the MSW program and are required to have experience in working with children. For the dual degree program, courses required at Bank Street total 36 credits. Fifty-one (51) credit hours must be taken at the School of Social Work.

COURSE LISTINGS

- SSW 701** Social Welfare Policy and Services
- SSW 702** Social Policy in Selected Social Welfare Policy Topics
- SSW 711** Human Behavior and the Social Environment
- SSW 712** Human Behavior and the Social Environment
- SSW 713** Child and Adult Psychopathology
- SSW 719** Foundations of Social Work Practice
- SSW 721, 722, 723** Social Casework I, II, and III
- SSW 724** Selected Topics in Advanced Social Casework: Brief Therapies, Family Therapy, Cognitive and Behavioral Therapy
- SSW 725** Casework for Non-Majors
- SSW 731, 732 & 733** Social Group Work I, II, and III
- SSW 735** Group Work for Non-Majors

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- SSW 741, 742, 743** Social Work Community Organizing and Planning I, II, and III
- SSW 747** Community Organizing & Planning for Non-Majors
- SSW 748** Grantsmanship and Proposal Writing
- SSW 751 & 752** Social Work Research
- SSW 761, 762, 763 & 764** (**SSW 767 & 768** in OYR) Field Practicum
- SSW 780** Social Administration
- SSW 781, 782 & 783** Social Work Administration I, II, and III
- SSW 787** Supervision in Social Work
- SSW 790** Professional Seminar
- SSW 791.61** Social Work Practice in School Settings
- SSW 791.76** Social Services to the Gay and Lesbian Community
- SSW 794** Social Work Practice: Family Treatment
- SSW 796.52** Social Work Practice with Workers and their Families
- SSW 796.53** Clinical Issues in Child Welfare Practice
- SSW 796.60** Clinical Issues in Social Work Practice with the Aged
- SSW 797** Clinical Social Work Practice in Health Settings
- SSW 798.1** Multicultural Social Work Practice

Program for Nonmatriculated Students

Taking courses as a non-matriculated student can be a stimulating introduction to the MSW program and often motivates participants to apply for admission to a degree program. A maximum of two core courses, offering five to six credits, is allowed and may be credited toward the degree upon matriculation. Only one course may be taken per semester.

Inquiries for non-matriculation should be directed to the Admissions Office at the main campus (68th Street) of Hunter College.

Please consult the School of Social Work Catalog for more information

FIELD PRACTICUM

The Hunter College School of Social Work has strong ties to many social agencies, which provide students with field placements in a variety of practice areas. Qualified agency staff serve as student field instructors. The field practicum is an integral part of the social work curriculum. Agencies used as field practicum sites by the school are selected and approved by the school's Office of Field Education. Approval criteria include field learning opportunities, and availability of qualified agency-based field instructors. Students are expected to follow agency policies, including conducting home visits. The following

agencies are among the field practicum sites most recently used by the school:

AARP
Ackerman Family Institute
Actors Fund of America
AHRC
American Red Cross in Greater New York
Association to Benefit Children (ABC)
Barrier Free Living
Bellevue Hospital Center
Beth Israel Medical Center
Blythedale Children's Hospital
Boys Harbor, Inc.
The Bridge, Inc.
Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center
Brookdale Center on Aging
Brooklyn Family Court
Brooklyn Psychiatric Center
Bushwick High School
Callen-Lorde Health Center
Cancer Care
Catholic Charities,
Far Rockaway Mental Health Services
Center for Family Life in Sunset Park
Children's Aid Society
Children's Village
Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC)
Citizens Advice Bureau
Community Access, Inc.
District Council #37
Dominican Sisters Family Health Service, Inc.
Educational Alliance, Inc.
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless
Elmhurst Hospital Center
Family Services of Bergen County
Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies
F.E.G.S.
Forest Hills Community House
Fountain House
Friends and Relatives of Institutionalized Aged (FRIA)
Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC)
Goddard-Riverside Community Center
Good Shepherd Services
Gouverneur Hospital
Green Chimneys Children Services
Greenwich House Counseling Centers
Guidance Center of New Rochelle
Hamilton Madison House
Henry Street Settlement
Herbert G. Birch School for
Exceptional Children
Hetrick-Martin Institute
Hudson Guild
Hunter College:
Educational Center for Community
Organizing (ECCO)
Employee Assistance Program
Fund for Social Change
Student Counseling Services
Welfare Rights Initiative
Women's Center
Institute for Human Identity
Inwood House
Isabella Geriatric Center
Jamaica Service Program for Older Adults

Jewish Association for Services to the Aged (JASA)
Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services (JBFCs)
Jewish Child Care Association (JCCA)
Karen Horney Clinic
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
Kings County Hospital Center
Lenox Hill Neighborhood Association
Little Sisters of the Assumption
Los Sures
Maimonides Medical Center
Metropolitan Hospital
Montefiore Medical Center
Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Center
NASW - New York City Chapter
NYC Administration for Children's Services (ACS)
NYC BOE/Alternative H.S. Social Work Program
NYC Department for the Aging
NYC Department of Health
NYC Department of Probation
NYC Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project
NYC Human Resource Administration
NYC Office of the Public Advocate
NYC Health and Hospital Corporation Wings Program
New York Presbyterian Hospital
New York State Office of Mental Health
New York State Psychiatric Institute
Northside Center for Child Development
North Shore Long Island Jewish Health Systems
Postgraduate Center for Mental Health
Project Renewal
Project Return Foundation, Inc.
Puerto Rican Family Institute
Queens Child Guidance Center
Queens Hospital Center
Riverdale Mental Health Center
Safe Horizons
SAGE
Services for Older Persons (SPOP)
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Medical Center
St. Vincent's Hospital
Samaritan Village, Inc.
SCAN/NY
Self-Help Community Services
Staten Island University Hospital
South Beach Psychiatric Centers
The Osborne Association
The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center
Ulster County Mental Health Services
Unitas
University Settlement Society of New York
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Urban Justice Center
Visiting Nurse Service of New York
White Plains Youth Bureau
YAI-National Institute for People with Disabilities
Yonkers Residential Center, Inc.
Yorkville Common Pantry