

# Social Work (MSW)



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*The Master of Social Work (MSW) provides full-time, part-time, or distance education plans to prepare students as Advanced Generalist Social Work practitioners. Alaska's unique and rich multicultural populations, geographic remoteness, and frontier status allows the real potential for skilled social work professionals to make a profound impact on social and economic injustice in the state.*

## Educational Pathway Options

### Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

**4-5 Years**

Social Work

The Bachelor of Social Work program recognizes exceptional performance by conferring Departmental Honors.

### Master of Social Work (MSW)

**2-4 Years**

Social Work

Admission with advanced standing requires a BSW degree.

A BSW degree with Departmental Honors ensures advanced standing.

### Post Graduate Certificate

**1-4 Years**

- Social Work Management
- Clinical Social Work Practice

The MSW prepares students for State of Alaska Licensure.

### CAREER CONNECTIONS

- Health Sciences
- Human Services
- Law, Government, & Public Safety
- Science, Mathematics, Engineering, & Research
- Education & Training

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### ENROLLMENT SERVICES

- 1 Apply for admission at [www.uaa.alaska.edu/admissions](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/admissions).
- 2 Submit official transcripts reflecting:
  - Completion of an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited institution, which includes statistics, human biology, and human development courses
  - All graduate-level credit
- 3 Contact 907.786.6900 or 907.786.4405 for additional information.

### PROGRAM SPECIFIC

- 1 Submit an application to the School of Social Work (available online at [socwork.uaa.alaska.edu/msw-info.htm](http://socwork.uaa.alaska.edu/msw-info.htm) or by direct contact) by the January 15 deadline:
  - Program Application form
  - Personal statement
  - Three letters of reference
  - Professional resumé
  - Writing sample
- 2 Admission with advanced placement requires additional materials.  
*The MSW program reserves the right to request additional materials and/or interviews pertaining to program admission.*

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### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Active Social Work Coalition
- Annual luncheon for the social work professional community
- Student involvement in faculty searches and the Community Advisory Committee
- Program sponsored community service projects
- Membership in the Epsilon Chi Chapter of Phi Alpha, the national honor society for social work students
- Afternoon and evening classes
- Full-time, part-time, and distance-delivered MSW options
- Curriculum incorporating original research under faculty guidance

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND STIPENDS

- Dove Kull Memorial Scholarship – up to \$1,500 per year at the MSW level
- NASW Alaska Chapter scholarship – \$500 to \$1,000 (NASW membership required)
- Graduate assistantships through the School of Social Work
- Tuition waivers for graduate students
- Teaching and research assistantships
- Scholarships and stipends offered by community-based social service organizations
- Americorps stipend program for students in field placement

## SOCIAL WORK (MSW)

Recommended course sequence for full time students. A part time education plan is available from the School of Social Work.

### ▶ FIRST YEAR: Foundation Curriculum

Complete or receive a waiver for the following required courses.

#### Fall Semester (16 credits)

SWK 606	Social Welfare: History and Contemporary Programs (3)
SWK 630	Practice Skills Lab (1)
SWK 631A	Social Work Practice I (3)
SWK 631B	Generalist Practicum I (3)
SWK 642	Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3)
SWK 643	Human Diversity in Social Work Practice (3)

#### Spring Semester (15 credits)

SWK 607	Contemporary Social Welfare Policy and Change (3)
SWK 624	Social Work Research (3)
SWK 632A	Social Work Practice II (3)
SWK 632B	Generalist Practicum II (3)
SWK Elective	Graduate-level (3)

### ▶ SECOND YEAR: Concentration Curriculum

#### Fall Semester (16 credits)

SWK 608	Social Policy for Advanced Generalist Practice (3)
SWK 625	Social Work Research Lab (1)
SWK/HS 628	Program Evaluation (3)
SWK 633A	Social Work Practice III: Direct Practice (3)
SWK 633B	Advanced Generalist Practicum III (3)
SWK 634A	Social Work Practice IV: Organizational Practice (3)

#### Spring Semester (16 credits)

SWK 634B	Advanced Generalist Practicum IV (4)
SWK 635	Advanced Generalist Integrative Seminar (3)
SWK 698	MSW Research Project (3)
SWK Elective	Graduate-level (6)

*A minimum of 32 credits is required for the degree.*

