

Master of Social Work Advanced Standing, M.S.W.

The Advanced Standing Master of Social Work (MSW) prepares students with a BSW degree to extend and enhance their ability to utilize the planned change model to improve the well-being of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities in a variety of settings. The program provides students training in trauma-conscious, strengths-based, research-informed social work practices emphasizing the intersection of people within their environments. The MSW teaches diagnosis and interventions related to mental health and substance use disorders. The MSW delineates how laws, policies, culture, and intersectionality impact individual and familial access to equitable opportunity and services. Successful graduates will be eligible for employment in diverse settings, such as mental health therapy, medical social work, school social work, and child welfare, etc. The program fulfills the requirements for licensure as a Certified Social Worker (CSW) in the state of Utah. The CSW license is a precursor to obtaining the Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) license.

Matriculation Requirements

1. Students admitted to the Advanced Standing MSW Program must have a Bachelor of Social Work from a CSWE accredited BSW program.
2. Application for admission to graduate program with application fee by the established deadline.
3. Submit official transcripts from all universities attended.
4. A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college/university, a nationally accredited program, or the international equivalent.
5. A 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA or a 3.0 GPA calculated on the last 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate work.
6. For international students whose native language is not English, submit official TOEFL or IELTS band scores. A TOEFL score of 80 iBT (550 pBT) or higher, or an IELTS band score of 6.5 or higher within the past two years is required.
7. International students must also meet all US government requirements for international students.
8. The university uses a selective admissions process for admitting students to graduate programs. Meeting minimum admissions criteria does not guarantee admission to the graduate program or to the University as a graduate student.

Program Requirements

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
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| Total Credit Hours | | 38 |
| Discipline Core Requirements | | 38 Credits |
| Social Work Core | | |
| Advanced Standing Bridge Requirement | | |
| SW 6490 | MSW Advanced Standing Bridge Course | 4 |
| SW 6491 | MSW Advanced Standing Skills Course | 4 |
| SW 6630 | Mental Health Assessment in Social Work Practice | 3 |
| Complete the following: | | |
| SW 6030 | Social Work Practice III--Advanced Practice with Individuals | 3 |
| SW 6040 | Social Work Practice IV--Advanced Practice with Families and Groups | 3 |
| SW 6050 | Social Work Practice V--Advanced Practice with Organizations and Communities | 3 |
| SW 6500 | Social Work Practice with Substance Related and Addictive Disorders | 3 |
| SW 6950 | Advanced Applied Research--MSW Capstone | 3 |
| Field Practicum Requirement | | |
| Complete the following: | | |
| SW 6830 | Integrative Seminar III | 1 |
| SW 6840 | Integrative Seminar IV | 1 |
| SW 6930 | Advanced Field Practicum I | 2 |
| SW 6940 | Advanced Field Practicum II | 2 |
| Elective requirements | | 6 |
| SW 6530 | Psychopharmacology (3) | |
| SW 6610 | Spirituality in Social Work (3) | |
| SW 6620 | Family Therapy (3) | |

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| SW 6640 | Crisis Intervention (3) |
| SW 6650 | Couples Therapy (3) |
| SW 6660 | Family Violence Across the Lifespan (3) |
| SW 6670 | Post Traumatic Growth--Practice and Clinical Considerations (3) |
| SW 679R | Special Topics in Social Work Practice (undefined) |
| SW 6945 | Supplemental Field Practicum (1-4) |

or other departmental approved courses

Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of a minimum of 38 semester credits required in the Master of Social Work degree.
2. A minimum of two-thirds of graduate degree credit hours must be completed at Utah Valley University.
3. Overall cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher in Master of Social Work courses.
4. A grade of "C" or higher required for all courses used to satisfy graduation requirement.
5. Graduate coursework shall be completed within a six-year period.
6. Graduate credits accepted from another regionally accredited institution or equivalent shall have been completed within four years of the graduate student's matriculation into the graduate program and cannot be older than six years at the time of graduation with a master's degree or graduate certificate from the University.

Graduation Plan

This graduation plan is a sample plan and is intended to be a guide. Your specific plan may differ based on your Math and English placement and/or transfer credits applied. You are encouraged to meet with an advisor and set up an individualized graduation plan in Wolverine Track (<http://www.uvu.edu/wolverinetrack/>).

First Year

| Semester 1 | | Credit Hours |
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| SW 6490 | MSW Advanced Standing Bridge Course | 4 |
| SW 6630 | Mental Health Assessment in Social Work Practice | 3 |
| | Credit Hours | 7 |

Semester 2

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| SW 6491 | MSW Advanced Standing Skills Course | 4 |
| | Credit Hours | 4 |

Second Year

Semester 3

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| SW 6030 | Social Work Practice III--Advanced Practice with Individuals | 3 |
| SW 6040 | Social Work Practice IV--Advanced Practice with Families and Groups | 3 |
| Elective | | 3 |
| SW 6500 | Social Work Practice with Substance Related and Addictive Disorders | 3 |
| SW 6830 | Integrative Seminar III | 1 |
| SW 6930 | Advanced Field Practicum I | 2 |
| | Credit Hours | 15 |

Semester 4

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| SW 6050 | Social Work Practice V--Advanced Practice with Organizations and Communities | 3 |
| Elective | | 3 |
| SW 6950 | Advanced Applied Research--MSW Capstone | 3 |
| SW 6840 | Integrative Seminar IV | 1 |
| SW 6940 | Advanced Field Practicum II | 2 |
| | Credit Hours | 12 |
| | Total Credit Hours | 38 |

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Apply principles of trauma-conscious practice to engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities as a component of the interactive process of social work practice.
2. Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities within the context of social work practice using research-informed assessment tools.
3. Partner with clients to plan and implement interventions to increase well-being with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
4. Evaluate client services, including processes and outcomes, to increase effectiveness.
5. Use critical thinking and ethical decision-making models to practice social work ethically and professionally.

6. Ensure dignity and respect for clients by reducing inequities and promoting social, racial, economic, and environmental justice.
7. Practice anti-oppressive social work informed by intersectionality and the diversity of human experience and identity development.
8. Engage in practice-informed research and research-informed social work practice.
9. Evaluate the impact of laws and social and organizational policy on access to social services, equitable opportunities, and overall well-being.