Social Work - Advanced Standing - Direct Practice, MSW

This master's degree program prepares recent BSW graduates for advanced professional social work practice with diverse populations. Completing the program, you will be able to pursue a career in a variety of professional settings that include mental health organizations, schools, and community, nonprofit and government agencies.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MSW Social Work (Advanced Direct Practice)

The professional program leading to the MSW program prepares social workers for advanced direct practice. The program is designed to prepare social workers who are capable of responding effectively to the needs of special populations in the American Southwest.

This program is located at the Downtown Phoenix campus and in Tucson. It is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus, ASU@Tucson

Degree Requirements
39 credit hours and a thesis, or
39 credit hours including the required capstone course (SWG 621)

**Summer Session Coursework (9 credit hours)**

- SWG 516 Social Work Skills Seminar (3)
- SWG 598 ST: Advanced Standing Bridge Seminar I (3)
- SWG 598 ST: Advanced Standing Bridge Seminar II (3)

**Specialization (27 credit hours)**

**Children, Youth and Families**

- SWG 606 Assessment of Mental Disorders (3)
- SWG 608 Ecological Approach to Practice with Children, Youth and Families (3)
- SWG 617 Advanced Social Work Practice with Children and Adolescents (3)
- SWG 619 Practice-Oriented Research (3)
- SWG 641 Advanced Practicum: Direct Practice I (3)
- SWG 642 Advanced Practicum: Direct Practice II (3)

electives: Two electives must be from an approved list of electives. (9)

**Health, Behavioral Health**

- SWG 603 Practice in Health/Behavioral Health Settings (3)
- SWG 604 Advanced Social Work Practice in Health (3) or SWG 613 Advanced Social Work Practice in Behavioral Health (3)
- SWG 606 Assessment of Mental Disorders (3)
- SWG 619 Practice-Oriented Research (3)
- SWG 641 Advanced Practicum: Direct Practice I (3)
- SWG 642 Advanced Practicum: Direct Practice II (3)

electives: Two electives must be from an approved list of electives. (9)

**Public Child Welfare**

- SWG 606 Assessment of Mental Disorders (3)
- SWG 608 Ecological Approach to Practice with Children, Youth and Families (3)
- SWG 609 Advanced Social Work Practice with Child Welfare Families (3)
- SWG 619 Practice-Oriented Research (3)
- SWG 633 Child Welfare Services (3)
- SWG 641 Advanced Practicum: Direct Practice I (3)
- SWG 642 Advanced Practicum: Direct Practice II (3)

electives approved by Child Welfare Training Project staff (6)

**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**

- SWG 621 Integrative Seminar (3)
Additional Curriculum Information

Students must start the program in summer, beginning with the first summer session, and complete three credit hours in each six-week summer session and three credit hours during the eight-week session, for a total of nine credit hours. The seven credit hours of summer courses are offered in Phoenix only. The summer practicum is available in Tucson. The remainder of the program is completed within two semesters (full time).

Students complete their practicum during the fall and spring semesters and select one of three specializations: children, youth and families health; health, behavioral health; or public child welfare. Students must complete all requirements of the specialization selected.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Applicants must have a BSW from a Council on Social Work Education-accredited program with at least a 3.20 GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last two years of work leading to the Bachelor of Social Work (junior and senior GPA). Applicants must have received their Bachelor of Social Work degree no more than six years prior to the date of admission to the MSW program. All applicants are required to have completed a course in human biology and a course in statistics before enrolling in the advanced standing program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work
3. three letters of reference
4. professional resume that includes volunteer and paid work experience
5. statement of educational and career goals
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

A combination of academic and professional references is desirable. References from friends, family members or personal therapists are not accepted. At least one of the three required references must be from the applicant's BSW field instructor, or if employed in a social work-related job for two or more years, a recommendation from the applicant's supervisor.
Guidelines for writing the statement can be found at [https://socialwork.asu.edu/content/msw-application-proceduresmaterials](https://socialwork.asu.edu/content/msw-application-proceduresmaterials).

Applicants should see the program website for application deadlines. Applicants admitted to the advanced standing program begin classes in the summer.

For questions about the applications process, students should contact the School of Social Work at 602-496-0800.

Global Opportunities

- PLuS Alliance
- Global Experience
- Global Degree

Career Opportunities

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