Social Work - Advanced Standing - (Planning, Administration and Community Practice), MSW

The policy, administration and community practice program will prepare you for professional leadership in macro social work. The purpose of the interventions taught in PAC is to further social and economic justice. PAC students are prepared to enhance the empowerment of the unique populations of the Southwest within their cultural context.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MSW Social Work (Planning, Administration and Community Practice)

The professional program leading to the MSW degree prepares social workers for leadership and effective practice in macro social work positions and to be capable of responding effectively to the needs of special populations in the American Southwest.

The curriculum is designed to provide students with knowledge, skill and practice opportunities in the areas of program planning and evaluation, administration, policy analysis and advocacy, and community practice. The master's degree program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and is located at the Downtown Phoenix campus and in Tucson.

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 portfolio, or
39 credit hours and a thesis

Required Core (3 credit hours)
SWG 510 Foundation Practice I (3), or
SWG 514 Bridge Seminar I (3)

Planning, Administration and Community Practice Concentration (21 credit hours)
SWG 623 Program Evaluation (3)
SWG 632 Policy Practice (3)
SWG 643 Advanced Practicum: Planning, Social Work Administration and Community Practice I (3)
SWG 644 Advanced Practicum: Planning, Social Work Administration and Community Practice II (3)
SWG 681 Social Work Administration (3)
SWG 682 Community Participation Strategies (3)
SWG 685 Program Planning in Social Services (3)

Electives (9 to 36 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (0 or 6 credit hours)
SWG 599 Thesis (6) or
Portfolio (0)

Additional Curriculum Information
39-hour path students have an undergraduate Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited BSW in Social Work or equivalent degree within a 3.20 Jr/Sr GPA within the last 6 years.

51-hour path students have an undergraduate CSWE accredited BSW in Social Work degree.

60-hour path students have an undergraduate degree that is not directly in social work or community advocacy. Students in this path may need to take foundation coursework as part of their elective coursework to satisfy CSWE requirements. Please see the academic advisor when selecting courses.

*Please note that all credit hour path criteria must be approved by the academic unit prior to selection in the iPOS. The academic unit will advise and monitor students to ensure they choose the appropriate coursework. Core course selection will depend on the student's background.

Students will complete a practicum and choose one of the culminating experiences above. The amount of elective coursework allowed depends on the credit hour path chosen and the culminating experience selected.
Electives may be selected from offerings at the School of Social Work or from courses offered through other departments with the approval of the MSW program coordinator.

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 a minimum GPA of 3.20 (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 Master of Social Work program. All applicants are required to have completed a course in human biology and a course in statistics before enrollment 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 must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

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 Bachelor of Social Work field instructor or, if employed in a social work-related job for two or more years, 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.

Students should contact the School of Social Work with any questions about the application process.
Application Deadlines

Summer

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