The Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) program prepares graduates to work with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations within medical and behavioral health settings, with a special focus on military populations. The Master of Social Work program at UWF develops advanced practitioners who can demonstrate clinical and critical thinking skills necessary to assist clients in a broad range of dilemmas and settings. Guided by a diverse faculty, the department is committed to promoting human rights, social and economic justice, and respect for diversity to improve the lives of the individuals and communities we serve.

The M.S.W. program at the University of West Florida is a clinical program that is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The UWF M.S.W. program is designed to meet the needs of students who wish to pursue a clinical social work license in the state of Florida.

The Department of Social work has two different options for earning the M.S.W. graduate degree. The Traditional M.S.W. program involves completion of 60 semester hours of graduate coursework and is intended for students who have earned an undergraduate degree in a field other than social work. The Advanced Standing M.S.W. program requires 30 semester hours of graduate coursework and is intended for students who have obtained a baccalaureate degree in social work from a CSWE accredited program within seven years of application. All coursework should be completed within a maximum of four years.

**Admission Requirements**

In addition to the University graduate admission requirements described in the Admissions section (http://catalog.uwf.edu/graduate/admissions) of the catalog, the department bases decisions for regular admission on a holistic review of credentials in which the following criteria are used to assess the potential success of each applicant:

**University Requirements**

- Submission of graduate application and processing fee
- Official transcripts
- *International students may have additional requirements*

**Departmental Requirements**

- Submission of one of the following graduate admission tests: Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Verbal and Quantitative score or Miller Analogies Test (MAT)
- Minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Academic preparation as demonstrated by quality and relevance of undergraduate degree major
- Submission of three letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant's ability to succeed in a graduate program (Advanced Standing applicants must include one recommendation form from a supervisor who provided supervision during their undergraduate field experience)
- Submission of the MSW Criminal History Form (https://uwf.edu/media/university-of-west-florida/colleges/ceps/departments/social-work/msw-criminal-history.pdf)
- Professional resume

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**Traditional Specialization**

**Traditional Program Requirements**

The foundation year is 30 semester hours (sh). It includes a professional core of 24 sh, one elective (3 sh), and a field placement (3 sh). The field placement is 300 hours of agency-based field work that complements the foundation year of study.

The concentration (advanced) year is 30 semester hours (sh). The concentration year of the program includes a professional core of 18 sh, two electives (6 sh), and two field placements (6 sh). The field placements are each 300 hours of agency field work that run consecutively beginning in fall through the end of spring semester.

Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA average in their graduate coursework. Students must satisfactorily complete field placement work to receive the M.S.W. degree. Students must complete their M.S.W. program course work within five years of admission to the program.

**Degree Requirements**

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**Foundation Curriculum (30 sh)**

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SOW 6619 Clinical Practice II: Treatment of Families 3
SOW 6548 Advanced Seminar in Clinical Social Work Practice 3
SOW 6536 Advanced Year Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar II 3
SOW 6846 Clinical Practice III: Treatment with Groups 3
Electives in Advanced Clinical Practice 6
Total Hours 30

Advanced Standing Specialization

Only graduates of baccalaureate social work programs accredited by CSWE are eligible for advanced standing admission.

Advanced Standing Requirements

- Applicant for advanced standing must possess an undergraduate degree IN SOCIAL WORK FROM A CSWE ACCREDITED PROGRAM.
- Applicant must have a GPA of 3.5 or better.
- Applicant must have earned their B.S.W. degree within 7 years of admission to the program.
- Additional admissions requirements are listed under the admission requirements section (above).

The Advanced Standing program is 30 semester hours (sh). The concentration year of the program includes a professional core of 18 sh, two electives (6 sh), and two field placements (6 sh). The field placements are each 300 hours of agency field work that run consecutively beginning in fall through the end of spring semester. Students who are admitted with the advanced standing option complete this year of study.

Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA average in their graduate coursework. Students must satisfactorily complete field placement work to receive the M.S.W. degree. Students must complete their M.S.W. program course work within five years of admission to the program.

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