

Student Organizations

There are currently four active student organizations in the School:

- Social Welfare Action Alliance (SWAA)
- Association of Black Social Work Students (ABSWS)
- Gerontology Program Student Organizations (GPSO)
- Student Organization of Latino Social Workers (SOLASW)



Students and Employers Speak Out

“Eastern Michigan University’s MSW program is the first place I look when I’m hiring social workers, because EMU graduates are uniquely prepared to work effectively with our diverse client population.”

*“Not only does the School of Social Work at EMU teach diversity, but also **practices cultural competence** in its admissions, hiring, and extra-curricular programs.”*

*“As an **adult learner** and a social worker already in community practice, I was thrilled to find the program both relevant and challenging. The internship opportunities that I had in the MSW program at **Eastern truly prepared me for leadership** in social work!”*

*“The accessibility and **dedication of faculty** members is astounding. I truly feel as though my professors care about my education and nurture my academic growth.”*

About the University

Whether you are a student, alumnus/alumna, future student, friend, faculty or staff member, or community member, our success at EMU is about your success— academically, professionally, and personally.

Since 1849, EMU has been committed to the highest standards in the classroom, the community and the world. With 24,000 students of all ages and walks of life from around the globe, we are able to combine a world-class university with a thriving, connected community environment.



About the School of Social Work

Graduates of the CSWE accredited program will be committed and able practitioners who can work to alleviate social problems and enhance the competence of individuals, groups and communities for engaging their environments to improve social functioning and provide opportunities. The Social Work Program prepares students for culturally competent and gender-sensitive practice.

Financial Assistance

Several options are available to help finance your graduate studies at EMU. For more information contact:

Office of Financial Aid:

403 Pierce Hall

Walk-in advising during office hours:

Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Phone: 734.487.0455

Toll Free: 888.888.3465

MSW Information Sessions

To learn more about the MSW Program, our application process, and answers to your questions, we recommend that you attend one of our information sessions:

Date: Every second Saturday in the months of October, November, December, and January

Time: 10:00AM to 12:00PM

Location: The Marshall Building at Eastern Michigan University

No registration required!

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Master of Social Work



PREPARING YOU FOR A CAREER THAT SHAPES CHANGE

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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The MSW Degree

- Prepares Social Workers to find empowering solutions to social problems and to meet the needs of the most impoverished, oppressed, and underserved people.
- Designed to accommodate working students needing a part-time program
- All classes are offered evenings. Some classes may be available on Saturdays.
- Accredited by the CSWE



School of Social Work Mission Statement

The Eastern Michigan University Social Work Program is committed to the empowerment of poor, oppressed, vulnerable, and underserved populations; the creation of social welfare policy based on a strengths perspective; the advancement of community problem solving; and leadership in organizations and communities.

Admissions Requirements

Full Program* (Foundation and Advanced Curriculum)

- Undergraduate GPA of 2.75; a select number of highly experienced social workers with GPAs below 2.75 will be considered for conditional admission
- Evidence of strong liberal arts base
- Bachelor of Social Work degree from a CSWE accredited program
- Overall Undergraduate GPA of 2.75
- GPA of 3.0 for the last 60 credits of undergraduate work

*No GRE is required

Curriculum

The foundation curriculum draws from the liberal arts background of the entering students and prepares students for the advanced concentration of their choice. The curriculum consists of 11 courses that cover the content areas of policy, human behavior in the social environment, practice, research, and field practicum. These courses are sequenced and integrated, with increasing levels of knowledge, complexity, and critical analysis.

Building on the foundation curriculum, the advanced curriculum addresses one of three concentrations (Families and Children, Mental Illness and Chemical Dependency, or Services to the Aging) and develops professional skills in depth. Research courses allow students to explore and analyze subjects and advanced policy courses focus on the empowerment and social justice to populations in-need.

Family and Children's Services Concentration

Prepares graduates to work in community prevention programs, child and family interventions, protective services, foster care, adoptions, teen pregnancy and parenting programs, youth residential facilities, domestic violence programs, homeless shelters, and family court settings.

Mental Illness/Chemical Dependency Concentration

Prepares graduates to work towards the recovery and empowerment of persons coping with mental illness, substance abuse, and co-occurring conditions in the public and non-profit settings.

Services to the Aging Concentration

Prepares graduates to serve older persons in agencies such as senior centers, adult day-care programs, home-based services, health care settings, protective services, Alzheimer's programs, nursing homes, and caregiver support programs.

Certificates

A number of certificates can be earned concurrently, supplementing the Social Work education provided in the foundation and advanced curriculums.

- Community Building
- Non-profit Administration
- Gerontology
- School Social Work
- Dementia Care

Field Education

All MSW students complete field placements in affiliated public or non-profit agencies that meet the School's Mission. All placements require 16 hours per week; the Field Office works to find flexible placement hours for students employed full-time.

- Full-program students complete a generalist placement (400 hours) and an advanced placement in the selected concentration (500 hours) for a total of 900 hours.
- Advanced Standing students complete one advanced placement in their selected concentration totaling 500 hours.
- Worksite placements may be arranged.
- No credit can be given for past experience.



Attend an MSW Program

Information Session!

Call today for details!

(734) 487 - 6892

(No pre-registration required)