



## **Master of Social Work**

The USF Tampa School of Social Work MSW program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

### **Hosted by USF Sarasota-Manatee**

All courses are scheduled on the USF Sarasota-Manatee campus

#### **Mission**

The MSW program is a specialized course of study designed to prepare graduates for clinical practice with individuals, families and groups in agency or organization-based community practice settings. The program is designed to produce graduates who exhibit professional standards, values, and ethics in the practice of social work; who demonstrate a respect for human beings and a commitment to the capacity for growth and change in people; and who demonstrate the application of professional social work principles through professional discipline and self-awareness in the service of all clients. Graduates will be able to engage in a range of practice methodologies appropriate for treatment of individual and family problems and in work with groups.

#### **Design**

- The program runs in cohorts.  
**Applications are currently being accepted for the next cohort, scheduled to begin Fall 2017.**  
Visit <http://socialwork.cbcs.usf.edu/masters/admissions.cfm>  
Students take 3 courses a term for 8 consecutive terms.
- The entire program is 24 courses, including field placements (60 credits).
- The program is designed for students to pursue part-time—taking courses in the evenings and some Saturdays.
- Every effort is made to find field placements that can also accommodate the schedules of working students. However, 4 of the 10 hour weekly commitment must be available during the time agencies typically operate (M-F, 8-5 PM).
- Course work is supported online through CANVAS.
- Each student is assigned one of the USF Sarasota-Manatee Social Work faculty members as a mentor.
- Students are assisted in details of registration and progress toward graduation by a graduate academic advisor in the School of Social Work of USF Tampa.

#### **Contacts**

- Students interested in learning more about the program and the application process should contact the Graduate Admissions Officer, Aaron Reeher: [areeher@sar.usf.edu](mailto:areeher@sar.usf.edu) or 941-359-4333
- Students wishing to receive invitations to upcoming information sessions, schedules of GRE Review classes, and updates should contact the Recruitment Officer, Sean Grosso: [sgrosso@usf.edu](mailto:sgrosso@usf.edu) or 941-359-4264
  - Or email your mailing address and phone number to: [admissions@sar.usf.edu](mailto:admissions@sar.usf.edu).



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#### **Eligibility Requirements**

The MSW program places great emphasis on standards of professional behavior and ethics in the practice of social work. Entrance into the MSW program does not guarantee graduation from the program.

An applicant must have one of the following:

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution and satisfying at least one of the following criteria:
- "B" average or better in all work attempted while registered as an undergraduate student working for a degree, or
- "B" average or better in all work attempted while registered as an upper division undergraduate student working for a baccalaureate degree.
- A bachelor's degree with a "B" average or better from a regionally accredited institution and a previous graduate degree with a "B" average or better from a regionally accredited institution.
- The equivalent bachelors and/or graduate degrees from a foreign institution.
- NOTE: "B" average is equivalent to a 3.0 GPA

#### **Application Procedure**

- Applications are now being received for admission to the next cohort, to begin in Fall 2017
- Students should download the department application from the School of Social Work website: <http://socialwork.cbcs.usf.edu/masters/admissions.cfm>

Students must meet University admission requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below and as found on the social work website

(<http://socialwork.cbcs.usf.edu/masters/admissions.cfm>):

- School of Social Work Application
- Three letters of recommendation
- 500-word biographical sketch & 500 –word essay on a social problem
- Liberal arts pre-requisites
- Immunization records

#### **Cost of the Program**

- The cost of the program is the current USF Tampa graduate tuition, plus a fee of \$35 per credit for field courses only.
- For current details, please visit <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/uco/cashaccounting/tuition.asp>.
- Textbooks or other instructional materials are additional.



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### **Program Curriculum**

#### **1ST SEMESTER**

SOW 6105 Found in Human Behavior  
SOW 6305 Foundations of Social Work Micro Practice  
SOW 6348 Diversity and Social Justice

#### **2ND SEMESTER**

SOW 6186 Foundations of Social Work Macro Practice  
SOW 6235 Foundations of Social Welfare and Policy  
SOW 6534 Field Instruction I

#### **3RD SEMESTER**

SOW 6405 Foundations of Social Work Research & Statistics  
SOW 6553 Field Instruction  
SOW 6931 Elective

#### **4TH SEMESTER \*Advanced Standing [AS; BSW] Students Enter Here**

SOW 6124 Psychopathology  
SOW 6342 Social Work Practices with Individuals  
SOW 6554 Field Instruction (AS-Do not take) \*  
SOW 6931 Elective (AS only) \*\*

#### **5TH SEMESTER**

SOW 6362 Social Work Practice with Couples and Families  
SOW 6438 Evaluations of Clinical Practice in Diverse Settings  
SOW 6555 Field Instruction

#### **6TH SEMESTER**

SOW 6126 Health, Illness, & Disability  
SOW 6368 Social Work Practice with Groups  
SOW 6556 Field Instruction

#### **7TH SEMESTER**

SOW 6236 Social Welfare Policy Development & Analysis  
SOW 6557 Field Instruction  
SOW 6931 Elective

#### **8TH SEMESTER**

SOW 8907 Capstone Project  
SOW 6558 Field Instruction  
SOW 6931 Elective

### **Policies**

Students in the MSW program must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in all social work courses, with no grade below "B-" counting toward graduation. Courses with grades below "B-" must be repeated before progressing to the next sequence. Failure to maintain the specified GPA or to exhibit responsible professional behavior, as determined by the School of Social Work of USF Tampa, may result in suspension or dismissal from the program. Students must pass the comprehensive paper during the last semester in order to graduate from the program.