The Master of Social Work (MSW) degree program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). MSW graduates are prepared to work in a wide range of practice settings, including private practice, family based agencies, mental health care agencies, addiction treatment centers, schools, medical care facilities, psychiatric facilities, rehabilitation facilities, hospitals, correctional facilities, veteran's agencies, foster care and adoption agencies, nursing homes, senior centers, and in community practice and policy settings.

Social work is one profession with countless ways to help. Social workers work with clients who face challenges such as domestic violence, mental health problems, substance abuse, chronic or catastrophic illnesses, disabilities, adoption, divorce, loss of loved ones and other challenges. Social workers are employed as family therapists, adoption facilitators, community organizers, psychotherapists, case managers, patient advocates, directors of nonprofit agencies and disaster relief workers.

Trends suggest that the demand for the social work professional will grow dramatically over the next decade. In fact, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (www.bls.gov) reported that "Employment for social workers is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations." Upon completion of the MSW program, graduates are eligible to sit for state licensure examinations and pursue additional credentials to become licensed social work practitioners.

Applicants should have a commitment to a career in social work and serving those who are vulnerable and who face multiple challenges. Applicants must also possess the interpersonal qualities to work with a multicultural and diverse population including differences in gender, age, physical or mental abilities, social class, various races/ethnicities, economic status or sexual orientation.

**Admission Requirements and Procedures:** Visit the [Graduate School webpage](https://www.edinboro.edu/graduate-school/) and click the “Apply” link on the left side of the screen. Begin by creating an account on CollegeNET by clicking the “account” link on the Apply page. CollegeNET is a self-managed application system. It will allow you to submit admission materials, check the status of your application, and view your decision letter using this account. If you have issues with your CollegeNET account, consult the CollegeNET help desk by submitting a Help Request Form or email [help@collegenet.com](mailto:help@collegenet.com).

Individuals seeking admission as degree students in this program must comply with the general admission requirements for graduate students at Edinboro University and with the following specific admission requirements for this program:

1. Complete the online application.
2. Pay an application fee of $30.
3. Provide an official transcript verifying an earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. The transcript should include one course evidencing significant content in human biology or human anatomy & physiology (this can be completed during the first year of the program if not taken during undergraduate studies), as well as a minimum of 21 semester hours of credit (or equivalent) distributed within a liberal arts curriculum in humanities, mathematics, physical and biological sciences, social and behavioral sciences, and fine arts.
4. Professional Resume.
5. Applicants to the regular 2 year tract must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 (3.0 for Advanced Standing applicants). Applicants to the 2 year tract with an overall GPA of less than 2.80 must produce scores from the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or the general aptitude portion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Required scores are related to the applicant’s GPA level.
6. Submit a personal statement. The purpose of this statement is to obtain a clear understanding of your background, why you have chosen to enter the social work profession, your ability to value the perspectives of diverse populations, your readiness for graduate education, and your motivation to apply to the Edinboro University Department of Social Work. Please describe how your academic, professional, personal, and volunteer experiences have prepared you for graduate studies in social work. This statement is considered a writing sample and is reviewed as part of your application for content and writing quality. Your personal statement should be 3-4 pages, typed and double-spaced.
7. Two letters of reference (from individuals who know you in a professional or educational setting).

The priority deadline for application to the Regular program is July 1st for fall and November 15th for spring. Applications received after that date will be considered on a space-available basis. Students wishing to enter the campus-based program must begin in the fall. Online students can begin in either fall or spring semesters.

**Admission to Advanced Standing program.** Eligibility for the Advanced Standing tract requires a completed baccalaureate degree in social work received within the last five years from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, a minimum GPA
of 3.0, two references that indicate readiness for advanced social work practice, copies of field internship evaluations, a supportive letter from the applicant's undergraduate field supervisor, and a personal statement as described above.

The priority deadline for application to the Advanced Standing program is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications received after that date will be considered on a space-available basis. The Advanced Standing program begins in the summer session.

An advance tuition deposit of $150 shall be paid by all new students in the MSW program. This deposit is required within two weeks of an offer of admission to the Graduate School. This student deposit is a guarantee of the intention of the applicant to register at the University for the term indicated on the admissions letter. Upon receipt, the University will credit the $150 deposit to the student's account. Applicants who subsequently cancel their application or fail to register shall forfeit their advance deposit; there will be no full or partial refunds.

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**Curriculum**

The program prepares student for advanced social work practice with a specialized focus on family centered trauma-informed approaches providing services at all system levels.

**Regular Program.** The Master of Social Work degree requires a minimum of 60 semester hours of professional training and a minimum of 900 clock hours of supervised internship. The curriculum is divided into two levels, the foundation year and the concentration year.

**Advanced Standing.** Through the advanced standing tract, students can generally receive a waiver for the first semester of MSW study (12 credits). Further course waivers are dependent on the specific course equivalency to the required MSW courses at EU. All students admitted to the Advanced Standing program are required to complete Concentration Year courses and summer courses prior to the start of their Concentration Year. Admission to Advanced Standing is competitive and the amount of course credit waived is dependent on equivalency to courses at Edinboro University. Course syllabi may be requested. No credit will be given for life or work experience or by examination. Students admitted to Advanced Standing must complete all of the prerequisite courses with a grade of B or better: two semesters of Social Welfare History and Policy, two semesters of Human Behavior in Social Environment, two semesters of Research, two semesters of Social Work Practice (macro and micro), and a minimum of 500 clock hours of field instruction.

I. Foundation Year
   SOWK 600 HBSE I
   SOWK 602 HBSE II
   SOWK 604 Social Welfare, Social Policy, & Social Work
   SOWK 608 Social Work Research I
   SOWK 609 Social Work Research II
   SOWK 612 Social Work Practice I
   SOWK 613 Social Work Practice II
   SOWK 622 Field Education Internship I *
   SOWK 623 Field Education Internship II *
   SOWK 640 Human Diversity

II. Concentration Year
   SOWK 706 Trauma-Informed Policy
   SOWK 717 Social Work Practice with Families I
   SOWK 719 Social Work Practice with Families II
   SOWK 722 Field Education Internship III *
   SOWK 723 Field Education Internship IV *
   SOWK 742 Mental Health Practice in Social Work
   SOWK 743 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD) Interventions with Families
   SOWK 744 Administration and Supervision
   SOWK 795 Trauma Theory and Treatment
   SOWK 796 Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment: Theory and Intervention

*All internship courses, whether in an online or campus-based program, will be charged at the on-campus rate.

**Degree Requirements:**

Students must maintain a cumulative quality point average of 3.00 or better to remain in good standing in the program. A maximum of six semester hours of "C" grades will be accepted. Only one "C" grade will be accepted for any field internship (SOWK 622, 623, 722 or 723).
Students are expected to comply with the Code of Ethics for the National Association of Social Workers and to demonstrate appropriate professional behavior. Failure to do so may result in termination from the program. Please see [https://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/code/default.asp](https://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/code/default.asp)

**For More Information:** If you have questions about the application process, please contact Edinboro University's School of Graduate Studies at gradstudies@edinboro.edu or at (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890. For questions specific to the Master of Social Work, please contact Dr. Rine at (814) 732-2013 (crine@edinboro.edu).

**Office for Students with Disabilities:** For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with a disability, contact the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), at (814) 732-2462. For additional information, visit the [OSD web page](https://www.edinboro.edu/graduate-studies/student-life/student-resources/disability-services).

**Graduate Assistants:** Graduate Assistantships are available for campus based students only. They are awarded on a competitive basis. Admission applications must be completed by February 15th to be considered for an assistantship. Assistantships provide a partial waiver of tuition and a stipend, as well as an opportunity to gain experience in research and professional activities. Additional information about assistantships is available through the School of Graduate Studies and Research, (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890.

**Financial Aid Considerations:** An academic year consists of fall, spring, summer, and winter. Graduate students taking graduate level courses may receive up to $20,500 in the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Most students will use their Stafford loans during the 9 month period (Fall and Spring). **Students will want to be mindful of their financial aid to allow for funding for 12 months if planning on enrolling during the Summer and/or Winter terms.** Students will have an option to apply for Graduate Plus loan or private loans if other funding has been exhausted. For more specific information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (888) 611-2680 or finaid@edinboro.edu.

**Employer Reimbursement:** Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employer-paid education benefits. The purpose of the [employer tuition reimbursement agreement](https://www.edinboro.edu/graduate-studies/student-life/student-resources/disability-services) is to allow employees who receive reimbursement to defer payment of their tuition and fees until after grades are available at the end of the semester. Edinboro University accepts employer benefit plans through arrangements with the Bursar's Office by completing the enclosed employer tuition reimbursement agreement.

**Veterans' Education Benefits:** Information and printable forms regarding Veterans' Education Benefits and the Montgomery GI Bill are available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website, [http://www.gibill.va.gov/](http://www.gibill.va.gov/). After the Department of Veterans Affairs approves a student's eligibility, and after the school certifies the student's enrollment, benefits are paid directly to the student after the end of each month.

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