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 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 policy settings.

Social work is one profession with countless ways to help. We 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, etc. 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 the national licensure exam 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 regardless of differences in gender, age, physical or mental abilities, social class, economic status or sexual orientation.

The MSW program is offered as an accelerated program only and can be attended on campus or completely online. There are no requirements for online students to attend campus. However, campus-based student are required to take some of their courses online. Students are required to take courses year-round, including winter and summer sessions. In keeping with accreditation requirements, no academic credit can be awarded for life or work experience.

The Department of Social Work offers 2 programs leading to the MSW degree:

**Regular Program: 60 credit hours**
An undergraduate degree from an accredited institution is required for admission. No particular undergraduate major is required, but if your undergraduate degree is in anything other than social work, you must complete the Regular Program. The Regular program consists of 60 credit hours of professional training, which includes 16 courses and 900 clock hours of supervised field internship, in 2 different settings. Students complete 2 field placements, 400 hours in the first year of the program and 500 hours in the second year of the program. The Regular Program begins in the Fall semester.

**Advanced Standing Program: 39 credit hours**
An undergraduate degree in social work is required. The Advanced Standing program is only available to students who have completed an undergraduate degree in social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Admission to Advanced Standing is competitive and the amount of course credit waived is dependent upon equivalency to courses at Edinboro University.

Students admitted to the Advanced Standing program must complete between one and three prerequisite courses. All three prerequisite courses are offered in the summer preceding Fall entry into the program. Students who have not taken two Human Behavior in the Social Environment (HBSE) courses and/or two research courses as part of their BSW degree, will need to take HBSE II and/or Research II during the summer session prior to entering the program in the following Fall. Students who have completed two HBSE courses and/or two Research courses as part of their BSW degree, will have these courses waived.

*All* Advanced Standing students must complete the pre-entry/bridge course, SOWK699, Principles of Advanced Social Work Practice with Families, with a grade of B or better. This course is only offered online.

(see reverse for more information)
Admission Requirements: All admission materials should be sent to: School of Graduate Studies, 310 Scotland Road, Butterfield Hall, Edinboro, PA 16444 or via email gradstudies@edinboro.edu or fax 814-732-2611.

1. Complete the online graduate application
2. Application fee: $30.00
3. Official transcripts reflecting a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution. This should include one course evidencing significant content in human biology, 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 (not needed if degree was earned at Edinboro).
4. Minimum GPA of 3.0 for Advanced Standing and a 2.80 for Regular 60 credit program.
5. If applying for Advanced Standing must have completed a BSW within the past 5 years from an accredited college/university.
6. Applicants to the Regular program 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.
7. Professional resume.
8. Personal statement, please refer to personal statement attachment.
9. Two Letters of Reference – References and contact information to be provided and submitted via online application.

Spring (regular program only) – November 15th
Summer (advanced standing only) – January 18th
Fall (regular program only) – June 1st

Applications received after these dates will be considered only if appropriate internship opportunities remain available. The total application packet will be considered in making admission decisions. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

An advance tuition deposit of $150 shall be paid by all new students in competitive graduate programs. 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.

**Applicants who wish to be considered for a graduate assistantship should apply by February 15th.**

All students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 to remain in good standing in the program.

A maximum of 6 credit hours of “C” grades will be accepted toward the MSW degree. Only one “C” grade will be accepted for field internships (SOWK 622, 623, 722 or 723). Students are expected to comply with the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers and to demonstrate appropriate professional behavior. Failure to do so may result in termination from the program.

Field Experience:
All students complete field internships and will spend a substantial amount of time serving an agency as part of the requirements for the MSW degree. Hands on social work practice is central to your academic experience. Your field experience, under the supervision of an accomplished social worker and the direction of your faculty liaison, will help you make the transition from student to social work professional. Students are typically in field a minimum of two full days per week. Students in the Regular Program complete a total of 900 hours in field over four semesters. They complete 400 hours during the first year of the program (foundation level year) and 500 hours during the second year of the program (concentration level year). Students in the Advanced Standing program complete a total of 500 hours in field over two semesters. Field placements are assigned by the Coordinator of Social Work Field Education, based on the student's preparation and learning needs as determined by the program. After receipt of their acceptance letter to the program, students will receive a packet of information from the Coordinator of Social Work Field Education.

Advisement:
Students are assigned a full-time social work faculty member as their adviser at the time they are admitted to the MSW program. This person will help them in planning their program of study, adjustment to graduate school, and career development.

Transfer of Credit or Questions:
Questions about transfer of credit should be directed to Dr. Elaine Rinfrette, at (814) 732-1580 or erinfrette@edinboro.edu.

**Regular Program (begins in August) *subject to change, admitted students should contact their advisor for proper course sequence.**
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| Pre-Requisite Courses                                                |                                                                 |                                                                 |
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| SOWK602 HBSE II (If required)                                       | SOWK609 Social Work Research II (if required)                      | SOWK699 Principles of Advanced SW Practice                            |

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| OR SOWK798 Integrative Seminar I                                    |                                                                        | OR SOWK796 Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment                              |

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| SOWK723 Field Education Internship IV                                |                                                                        | SOWK799 Integrative Seminar II                                       |
| SOWK742 Mental Health                                                |                                                                        | OR SOWK 796 Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment                              |

All students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 to remain in good standing in the program.

**Advanced Standing** (begins in May) *subject to change, admitted students should contact their advisor for proper course sequence.*

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's degree in Social Work, please contact Dr. Elaine Rinfrette at (814) 732-1580 (erinfrette@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 Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), at (814) 732-2462 t/tty. For additional information, visit the OSD web page.

Graduate Assistantships: Graduate Assistantships are available for campus based students only. They are awarded on a competitive basis. 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, Winter, Spring, and Summer. 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 Winter and Summer 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 (814) 735-3500 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 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.

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/. 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.
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

Personal Statement

We ask that you submit a personal statement as part of your application to the MSW Program. 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 readiness for graduate education, and your motivation to apply to the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania 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 statement should be 2-3 pages, typed and double-spaced.

Please address the following areas in your essay (as applicable):

1. Please tell us something about yourself and how you chose to enter the profession of social work.
2. Discuss why you believe the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Department of Social Work is best suited to meet your graduate education needs.
3. How do you believe you will manage the rigorous demands of coursework and field education during graduate study?
4. If you have low or inconsistent grades in undergraduate (or graduate) study or have attended multiple schools to earn a degree, please discuss any issues you may have faced to help us better understand your academic background.
5. Identify your strengths and areas in need of improvement that are relevant to the profession of Social Work.
6. What inspires you to pursue this profession?
7. If you have clear career goals please tell us what type of work you see yourself engaged in after earning the MSW.
8. If you have a BSW, tell us how your internship impacted your choice to pursue an MSW and the most significant things you learned at the internship

Transfer Applicants: please include a statement about why you are requesting transfer to Edinboro University of PA, department of social work