



# EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

## Master of Social Work

The Social Work Department offers a program leading to a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree. The program prepares students for advanced social work practice with families. It can be completed on a full-time or part-time basis. Qualified applicants who have received a baccalaureate degree in social work within the last five years from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education may be considered for Advanced Standing. The MSW degree program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

**Admission Requirements:** All admission materials should be sent to: School of Graduate Studies, Biggers House, 148 Meadville Street, Edinboro, PA 16444 or via email [gradstudies@edinboro.edu](mailto:gradstudies@edinboro.edu) or via fax 814-732-2611.

1. Complete the online graduate application ([www.edinboro.edu](http://www.edinboro.edu))
2. Application fee of \$30 (if not former EUP student), or \$7 (if former EUP student)
3. Official transcript reflecting a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution. This should include one course in statistics and a 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.
4. Applicants 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.
5. 2.8 GPA (3.0 GPA for applicants to Advanced Standing)
6. Three letters of reference. These should be from teachers or professional persons who know the applicant's character and suitability for working in a helping profession.
7. A typed autobiographical essay answering the following:
  - a. What led to your decision to apply to the MSW program at Edinboro University?
  - b. What do you hope to accomplish as a result of obtaining your MSW degree?
  - c. Tell us about one of your greatest life or career challenges to date, how you addressed it, and what you learned from the experience.
  - d. Tell us about the most memorable experience you have had with diversity.
8. A professional resume

**Admission Deadlines:** *File must be complete by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications received after this date will be considered only if appropriate internship opportunities remain available.*

**Applicants wishing to be considered for a graduate assistantship:** *Application file must be complete by February 15<sup>th</sup>.*

### Master of Social Work Curriculum

**60 credits**

A minimum of 60 graduate credits is required for completion of the degree. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. A maximum of six semester hours of "C" grades will be accepted towards the degree. Only one "C" grade will be accepted for field (SOWK622, 623, 722, 723). Students enrolled full-time in the program complete requirements in two academic years (four semesters). Students enrolled part-time in the program complete requirements in four academic years (eight semesters). Normal entry into the program is in the fall. Courses must be completed in sequence. No credit is given for life or work experience or by examination. Students are expected to comply with all requirements of the National Association of Social Work's Code of Ethics and to demonstrate appropriate professional behavior. Failure to do so may result in termination from the program.

## Course Plans

Course plans of study for the full-time and part-time program follow.

Suggested Sequence of Courses for <i>Full Time</i> MSW Program			
First Semester		Third Semester	
SOWK600	HBSE I	SOWK740	Family Diversity
SOWK604	Social Welfare, Social Policy, & Social Work	SOWK717	Social Work Practice with Families I
SOWK608	Social Work Research I	SOWK722	Field Education Internship III
SOWK612	Social Work Practice I	SOWK798	Integrative Seminar I
SOWK622	Field Education Internship I		Elective
Second Semester		Fourth Semester	
SOWK602	HBSE II	SOWK719	Social Work Practice with Families II
SOWK606	Social Policy and Social Policy Practice	SOWK723	Field Education Internship IV
SOWK609	Social Work Research II	SOWK744	Administration and Supervision
SOWK613	Social Work Practice II	SOWK799	Integrative Seminar II
SOWK623	Field Education Internship II		Elective

Suggested Sequence of Courses for <i>Part Time</i> MSW Program			
YEAR 1 OF PART-TIME PROGRAM (6 credits per semester)		YEAR 3 OF PART-TIME PROGRAM (6 credits per semester)	
<b>Fall:</b>		<b>Fall:</b>	
SOWK604	Social Welfare, Social Policy & Social Work (3)	SOWK740	Family Diversity (3)
SOWK608	Social Work Research I (3)		Elective
<b>Spring:</b>		<b>Spring:</b>	
SOWK606	Social Policy and Social Policy Practice (3)	SOWK744	Administration and Supervision (3)
SOWK609	Social Work Research II (3)		Elective
YEAR 2 OF PART-TIME PROGRAM (9 credits per semester)		YEAR 4 OF PART-TIME PROGRAM (9 credits per semester)	
<b>Fall:</b>		<b>Fall:</b>	
SOWK600	HBSE I (3)	SOWK717	Social Work Practice with Families I (3)
SOWK612	Social Work Practice I (3)	SOWK722	Field Education Internship III (3)
SOWK622	Field Education Internship I (3)	SOWK798	Integrative Seminar I (3)
<b>Spring:</b>		<b>Spring:</b>	
SOWK602	HBSE II (3)	SOWK719	Family Practice II (3)
SOWK613	Social Work Practice II (3)	SOWK723	Field Education Internship IV (3)
SOWK623	Field Education Internship II (3)	SOWK799	Integrative Seminar II (3)

### Advanced Standing:

Eligibility for Advanced Standing 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 QPA of 3.0, references that indicate readiness for advanced social work practice, copies of field internship evaluations and a supportive letter from the applicant's undergraduate faculty field liaison (this can also be one of the required letters of reference) and a statement of career goals and how further study advances these goals. 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 prerequisite courses and SOWK699: Introduction to Principles of Advanced Social Work Practice with a grade of B or better before being permitted to enroll in concentration courses SOWK 717, 719, 722, 723, 798, or 799. The Advanced Standing Program may be engaged either full-time or part-time.

### Financial Assistance:

Graduate Assistantships for full-time study are available to qualified applicants on a competitive basis. Admission application must be completed by February 15<sup>th</sup> to be considered for an assistantship. They provide a 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. Additional information about other forms of financial aid is available through the Office of Financial Aid, (814) 732-5555 or toll-free (888) 611-2680.

**Field Placement:**

Field placements are assigned by the Coordinator of Social Work Field Education, based on the student's preparation, learning needs as determined by the program, and an interview with the field education coordinator. The student should contact the Coordinator of Social Work Field Education, Professor Charlene Kolupski, immediately following receipt of their letter of acceptance to the program to set up an appointment. Professor Kolupski's telephone is (814) 732-1586 and her e-mail is [ckolupski@edinboro.edu](mailto:ckolupski@edinboro.edu). Field placements are normally two days a week and concurrent with classes over four semesters. There are no summer or block placements. Students are required to complete a minimum of 900 hours of field placement, 400 during the first, foundation year, and 500 during the second, concentration year.

**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 or other questions should be directed to Dr. Roselle Scaggs, Director of the Master of Social Work Program, at (814) 732-1658 or [rscaggs@edinboro.edu](mailto:rscaggs@edinboro.edu).