

"The MSW program prepares students with the knowledge, skills, and values for advanced clinical social work practice with diverse populations and emerging social issues..."

## Master of Social Work ~ Fact Sheet

## Admission Requirements:

- Complete all prerequisites before beginning the program;
- Minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0;
- Provide 3 strong letters of reference;
- Submit complete paper application packet to the Social Work Department, MSW Program (download application at <a href="www.usi.edu/socialwork">www.usi.edu/socialwork</a>);
- Also submit application and application fee to the University Office of Graduate Studies at www.usi.edu/gradstud;
- No GRE or other entrance exam required.

Clinical Social Workers practice in a wide variety of settings... mental health centers, schools, cancer centers, dialysis clinics, the military, Veterans Administration, substance abuse clinics. victims assistance programs, universities, hospitals, hospice, assisted living homes, outpatient, child protective services, marriage and family counseling, department of corrections, law enforcement agencies...

You can find social workers in all of these places and more!

- Any discipline may enter the program. Prerequisites include six social science classes (18 credit hours), plus foundation statistics and research courses (for prerequisite listing see www.usi.edu/socialwork).
- Psychology, sociology, and criminal justice majors usually meet all admissions requirements.
- Students with a non-social work degree will take 61 credit hours, completing 17 classes and two internships for the degree. One internship is generalist and one is a clinical practice internship.
- This is a full-time program with day classes. It will take two years to complete.



- Students with a BSW may apply for advanced standing and choose from two scheduling options (cohorts):
  - Full-time day classes (1 year)
  - Part-time evening classes (2 years)

These each offer 36 credit hours, completing 11 classes and one clinical internship.

 A Master of Public Administration (MPA) may be earned jointly with the MSW (see USI bulletin for details).

All cohorts begin in the fall semester and continue through July of their year of graduation.

Please see the Social Work Department website for detailed information about the MSW Program: <a href="www.usi.edu/socialwork">www.usi.edu/socialwork</a>

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