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Master of Social Work

MSW

SOCIAL WORK



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Thank you for your interest in

THE MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM AT KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY!

The Master of Social Work Program is a unique experience in graduate social work education. The program's hallmark is academic excellence, but it is also designed to be accessible and affordable.

Family-In-Environment

This program is dedicated to elevating the quality of life for Pennsylvania's families in all their diverse forms and backgrounds. Through the program's curricular and programmatic activities, it aspires to create a social environment in which the family, as a pivotal social institution, functions to assist individuals to realize their fullest potential. This environment is ideal for accomplishing goals, developing resources, preventing and alleviating personal distress and social injustice, finding personal fulfillment, and making social contribution. That is what social work is all about.

We are aiming high, but when an entire community works together, these goals are within our grasp. Toward this end, students, faculty, and human service providers collaborate to provide services to families at risk, intervene with families in crisis, and change the social environment to support the families of today and tomorrow.

Carrying the Torch of Change

We are aspiring to create a tradition of excellence in providing leadership to the enterprise of human services. Coming to the Master of Social Work Program means becoming a member of an elite league of professionals, faculty, students, and alumni who carry the torch of change in our communities. We believe that a select group of committed and qualified individuals can benefit from our curriculum. Good luck!

John Vafeas, D.S.W.

Director, Master of Social Work Program

More Information

For more information on the Master of Social Work Program at Kutztown University, call the College of Graduate Studies at **610-683-4200** or visit **www.Kutztown.edu**.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

- ✓ **Graduate application** (available from the Graduate Studies Office or at www.kutztown.edu/academics/graduate/applyonline.shtml)
- ✓ **\$35 application fee** (waived if combined BSW/MSW applicant)
- ✓ **Official transcripts from previous colleges or universities** (non KU)
- ✓ **Minimum undergraduate major GPA of 3.0 and minimum overall GPA of 2.5**
- ✓ **GRE scores** (waived if combined BSW/MSW applicant)
- ✓ **Three letters of recommendation** (one from an academic advisor, one additional academic reference, one employer reference)
- ✓ **Personal narrative including the following two elements** (waived if combined BSW/MSW applicant):
 - In a two-page essay, discuss a current social problem which has an international impact. Describe the problem and develop solutions for alleviating that problem and preventing its occurrence in the future.
 - In a two-page statement, please explain the role you expect your graduate studies to play in your professional and personal development. Be sure to state your employment goals as well as your personal motivation. Note your strengths and needs as a graduate student of social work.

ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM

Advanced standing status may be granted to students who have earned a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) from a Council on Social Work-accredited program. Advanced standing status allows students to complete the Master of Social Work (MSW) program in one calendar year. In the summer before they begin their advanced year, advanced standing students engage in a practicum and seminar experience which allows them to step into their advanced year of study.

Advanced Standing Curriculum:

Summer Before Advanced Year

All courses are 3 credits.

- SWK 491: Internship for Advanced Standing I
- SWK 492: Advanced Generalist Social Work Theory & Practice I
- SWK 493: Internship for Advanced Standing II
- SWK 494: Advanced Generalist Social Work Theory & Practice II

PROGRAM OF STUDY

The Master of Social Work Program at Kutztown University is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Graduates of accredited social work programs are eligible to take the Pennsylvania State Board of Social Work Examiners license exam.

I. Foundation Courses

- SWK 400: Foundations in Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- SWK 450: Foundations in Social Work Practice with Individuals
- SWK 455: Foundations of Social Welfare Policies
- SWK 460: Foundations in Social Work Research Methods
- SWK 465: Foundations of Social Work with Groups & Families
- SWK 480: Foundations of Social Work Practice, Organizations & Communities
- SWK 481, 483: Foundation Internship I, II
- SWK 482, 484: Integrated Generalist Social Work Practice Seminar I, II

II. Advanced Courses

- SWK 500: Families in the Social Environment
- SWK 555: Applied Family Policy & Family Service Programs
- SWK 560: Applied Methods of Social Work Research
- SWK 581, 583: Advanced Internship I, II
- SWK 582, 584: Advanced Theory in Family-Centered Generalist Social Work Practice
- SWK 595: Capstone Experience: Social Work & the Family-In-Environment

III. One-Credit Elective Courses

- SWK 501: Treatment Modalities for Social Work with Families
- SWK 502: Social Work Crisis Intervention with Families
- SWK 503: Social Work with Family Groups
- SWK 504: Short-Term Treatment Models in Social Work with Families
- SWK 505: Psychopharmacology for Social Workers
- SWK 507: Differential Assessment Techniques for Social Work
- SWK 508: Maltreatment in the Family: Social Work Practice
- SWK 516: Social Work in Healthcare
- SWK 520: Community Social Needs Assessment
- SWK 524: Program Evaluation & Social Work
- SWK 525, 526: Information Technology & Social Work Practice I, II
- SWK 536: Skills for Working with the New Immigrant Family
- SWK 538, 539, 540: Practice of Family Group Decision Making I, II, III
- SWK 545: Child Permanence and the Family-in-Environment
- SWK 559: Social Work Intervention with Substance-Abusing Populations
- SWK 561: Motivational Interviewing Strategies for Gender, Addictions
- SWK 573: Publishing & Professional Presentation in Social Work
- SWK 575: Clinical Supervision in Social Work
- SWK 576: Family Mediation

CURRICULUM

I. Course Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Fall (7-10 a.m.)	SWK 400 SWK 500	SWK 450 SWK 555	SWK 460 SWK 581-2*	SWK 481-2* SWK 560
Spring	SWK 455 **Elective	SWK 465 **Elective	SWK 480 SWK 595	SWK 483-4* SWK 583-4*

*Seminar and practicum are taken concurrently. Fieldwork is completed on Thursdays (8 hours) and as arranged (8 hours) throughout the week.

**6 one-credit elective courses are taken during the advanced year of study. Elective courses are scheduled for 15 contact hours per course, flexible days and times to be announced.

II. Two-Year Full-Time Program Sequence

Fall	Credits	Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Spring	Credits
SWK 400	3	SWK 500	3	SWK 455	3	SWK 501-30	3
SWK 450	3	SWK 555	3	SWK 465	3	SWK 600-25	3
SWK 460	3	SWK 560	3	SWK 480	3	SWK 583	4
SWK 481	4	SWK 581	4	SWK 483	4	SWK 584	3
<u>SWK 482</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>SWK 582</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>SWK 484</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>SWK 595</u>	<u>3</u>
Total	16	Total	16	Total	16	Total	16

III. Three-Year Part-Time Program Sequence

Fall I	Credits	Spring I	Credits
SWK 400	3	SWK 455	3
<u>SWK 450</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>SWK 465</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Fall I	6	Total Spring I	6
Fall II	Credits	Spring II	Credits
SWK 460	3	SWK 480	3
SWK 481	4	SWK 483	4
<u>SWK 482</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>SWK 484</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Fall II	10	Total Spring II	10
Fall III	Credits	Spring III	Credits
SWK 500	3	SWK 501-30	3
SWK 555	3	SWK 600-625	3
SWK 560	3	SWK 583	4
SWK 581	4	SWK 584	3
<u>SWK 582</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>SWK 595</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Fall III	16	Total Spring III	16

IV. Four-Year Part-Time Program Sequence

Fall I	Credits	Spring I	Credits
SWK 400	3	SWK 455	3
<u>SWK 450</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>SWK 465</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Fall I	6	Total Spring I	6
Fall II	Credits	Spring II	Credits
SWK 460	3	SWK 480	3
SWK 481	4	SWK 483	4
<u>SWK 482</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>SWK 484</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Fall II	10	Total Spring II	10
Fall III	Credits	Spring III	Credits
SWK 500	3	SWK 501-530	3
<u>SWK 555</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>SWK 600-625</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Fall III	6	Total Spring III	6
FALL IV	Credits	SPRING IV	Credits
SWK 560	3	SWK 583	4
SWK 581	4	SWK 584	3
<u>SWK 582</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>SWK 595</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Fall IV	10	Total Spring IV	10

SOCIAL WORK INSTITUTES

The Social Work Program at Kutztown University is home to five institutes of research, study, and innovations in practice. Each institute represents an area of expertise which focuses research, curriculum, practical, professional education, and collaborative innovations in practice.

- The Institute on Children & Families
- The Institute on Aging
- The Justice Institute
- The Addictions Studies Institute
- The Institute for Mental Health

These institutes have been developed to provide students with specialized learning experiences and the funds to defray the costs of graduate education. Institutes also provide the laboratory for faculty scholarly activity. Continuing education credits are offered through the institutes for licensed MSW practitioners. Ultimately, social services are enhanced through cooperative programs that synthesize faculty expertise, student internships, and agency practice wisdom.



CAREER OPTIONS

- ✓ **Agency Executive Director**
- ✓ **Clinical Social Worker: Family Therapist**
- ✓ **Program Director**
- ✓ **Clinical Supervisor**
- ✓ **Director of Development**
- ✓ **Clinical Social Worker: Child Therapist**
- ✓ **Program Planner**
- ✓ **Social Work Hospice/Grief Counselor**
- ✓ **Organizational Consultant**
- ✓ **Higher Education Administrator**
- ✓ **Community Planner**
- ✓ **Clinical Social Worker: Marriage Counselor**
- ✓ **Researcher**
- ✓ **Legislator**
- ✓ **Community Organizer**
- ✓ **Long-Term Care Facility Director**
- ✓ **Policy Analyst**
- ✓ **Clinical Social Worker: Child Therapist**
- ✓ **Educator**
- ✓ **Public Welfare Agency Director**
- ✓ **Family Group Decision Making Coordinator**
- ✓ **Family Mediator**
- ✓ **Clinical Social Worker: Group Therapist**
- ✓ **Director of Behavioral Health Services**
- ✓ **Emergency Room Social Worker**

ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS

“I treasure the quiet and persistent guidance and wisdom of the Social Work Department professors who encouraged me to ‘become me,’ to dream ‘big,’ and who would not allow me to hesitate on my journey.”

Melissa Hightower '07

“The journey has been both challenging and rewarding, and I feel as though I have been well prepared to assume a role in the noble profession of social work as a result of my participation in this dynamic and innovative program.”

Robert Pompa '08

FACULTY

The Social Work curriculum at Kutztown University is taught by faculty members who have completed graduate education from accredited schools of social work. They are recognized academicians, professional practitioners, and researchers who bring a broad range of experiences to the classroom which include work in public welfare, aging, United Way administration, aging, addictions, vocational rehabilitation, child welfare, disabilities, and mental health.

John Conahan, LCSW, ACSW, CAC, Ph.D.

Marywood University, Ph.D.

Marywood University, M.S.W.

Belknap College, B.S.

Janice A. Gasker, D.S.W., LCSW, ACSW

University of Pennsylvania, D.S.W.

Marywood University, M.S.W.

Cedar Crest College, B.A.

Edward P. Hanna, D.S.W.

University of Pennsylvania, D.S.W.

University of Pennsylvania, M.S.W.

Colby College, B.S.

Sharon C. Lyter, LCSW, Ph.D.

Rutgers University, Ph.D.

Temple University, M.S.W.

East Stroudsburg University, B.A.

Varsha Pandya, Ph.D., ACSW

Case Western Reserve University, Ph.D.

University of Bombay, India, M.S.W.

University of Bombay, India, B.S.

Veronica Sabater, Ph.D.

New York University, Graduate School of Social Work, Ph.D.

Columbia University, M.S.W.

Brooklyn College of the City University, B.A.

Kimiko Tanaka, Ph.D.

Columbia University, Ph.D.

Columbia University School of Social Work, M.S.

Ryukoku University Graduate School of Sociology

and Social Welfare, Japan, M.S.W.

Tokyo Gakugei University, Japan, B.S. Math Education

John Vafeas, L.S.W., D.S.W.

University of Pennsylvania, D.S.W.

University of Pennsylvania, M.S.W.

Winthrop University, B.A.

KATEE, Heraklion Crete, Greece, Social Work Diploma

Barth Yeboah, L.S.W., D.S.W.

University of Pennsylvania, D.S.W.

University of Delhi, India, M.S.W.

Jamia Millia Islamia, India, B.S.W.

Fast Facts

- ✓ Graduate program began in 1960.
- ✓ Over 6,300 graduate degrees have been awarded.
- ✓ Student-to-teacher ratio is 14 to 1; average class size is 16.
- ✓ Financial aid options include Stafford Loans, graduate assistantships, private educational loans, and PSECU scholarships. Please call the Financial Aid Services Office (610-683-4077) for more information. Professional credit students are ineligible for federal aid (alternative loan programs are available).
- ✓ Graduate students who receive tuition reimbursement at the completion of a class can obtain a tuition deferment by contacting the Bursar's Office (610-683-4133) prior to the start of the class (\$25 activation fee is required along with payment for any additional course costs).
- ✓ On-campus housing is available in Dixon Hall, Kutztown University's newest residence facility. For more information, please call the Housing and Residential Services Office (610-683-4027). Visit kutztown.edu/admin/offcampushousing for information on alternative housing.