

The Master of Social Work (MSW)*

The Family-in Environment: Advanced Theory and Practice of Social Work

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Hours: 64*
Hours Advanced Standing 44**

The Master of Social Work Program at Kutztown University focuses on the needs of the family in its social environment. During their study, MSW students are actively engaged with faculty experts in both exploring and enhancing their knowledge as it relates to the strengths and needs of the family in all its diverse forms. Students, faculty and human service providers collaborate to provide service to families at risk, intervene with families in crisis, connect clients to causes and change the social environment to support the families of today and the families of tomorrow.

Students develop a generalist perspective of social work practice in their foundation year of study. The advanced year provides a concentration in knowledge on the family in its social environment. Students develop further specialization through elective course offerings and an over 900-hour agency-based practicum experience. This specialized program of study is achieved through each student's choice of six, 1-credit elective courses from a broad range of topics, from therapy to agency, program evaluation, and policy development.

Foundation Level Courses (32 hours)

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 of Social Work Research Methods
SWK	465	Foundations of Social Work Practice with Groups and Families
SWK	480	Foundations of Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities
SWK	481	Foundation Internship I
SWK	482	Integrated Generalist Social Work Practice Seminar I
SWK	483	Foundation Internship II
SWK	484	Integrated Generalist Social Work Practice Seminar II

Advanced Standing Level Courses (12 hours)**

SWK	491	Internship for Advanced Standing I
SWK	492	Generalist Social Work Practice for Advanced Standing I
SWK	493	Internship for Advanced Standing II
SWK	494	Generalist Social Work Practice for Advanced Standing II

Advanced Year Level Courses (26 hours)

SWK	500	Families in the Social Environment
SWK	555	Applied Family Policy and Family Service Programs
SWK	560	Applied Methods of Social Work Research
SWK	581	Advanced Internship I
SWK	582	Advanced Theory in Family-Centered Generalist Social Work Practice I

SWK	583	Advanced Internship II
SWK	584	Advanced Theory in Family-Centered Generalist Social Work Practice II
SWK	595	Capstone Experience: Social Work and the Family-In-Environment

One-Credit Elective Courses (6 hours)

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 Workers
SWK	508	Maltreatment in the Family: Social Work Practice
SWK	516	Social Work in Health Care
SWK	519	Qualitative Research in Social Work
SWK	520	Community Social Needs Assessment
SWK	524	Program Evaluation and Social Work
SWK	525	Information Technology and Social Work Practice I
SWK	526	Information Technology and Social Work Practice II
SWK	559	Social Work Intervention with Substance Abusing Populations
SWK	561	Motivational Interviewing Skills: Implications for Gender and Addiction
SWK	573	Publications and Professional Presentations in Social Work
SWK	575	Clinical Supervision in Social Work
SWK	579	Independent Study in Advanced Generalist Social Work Practice

***A program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)**

**** Advanced Standing** — Advanced Standing Status may be granted to students who possess the Bachelors of Social Work (BSW) degree from a CSWE accredited program. Advanced Standing status students may complete a 44-credit program within a calendar year, i.e. 12 S.H. Advanced Standing Level Courses, 26 S.H. Advanced Year Level Courses, and 6 S.H. Electives Courses.

No Academic Credit for Life, Work Experience — No credit is given for life or work experience.

All MSW students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the National Association of Social Work *Code of Ethics*. If a student demonstrates behavior inconsistent with the *Code of Ethics*, the social work faculty reserves the right to implement the program's dismissal policy as described in the *Student Handbook and Advisement Guide*.