

# Department of Social Work

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The Social Work Department offers the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) with a concentration in Advanced Generalist Social Work Practice. The M.S.W. is a partnership among MTSU, APSU, and TSU and will be offered beginning Fall 2009; advanced standing will begin Fall 2010.

## Requirements for the Master of Social Work

The purpose of the Master of Social Work program is to prepare students for advanced generalist social work practice with systems of all types and sizes in both rural and urban areas, to prepare knowledgeable and competent professionals, and to provide leadership in the development of social delivery services, especially public social services.

The M.S.W. degree is a 60-hour program as outlined below, including 30 hours of foundation courses and 30 hours of concentration courses. There are 9 hours of electives (3 from foundation courses and 6 from concentration courses). This is a non-thesis program with a capstone course culminating in a written comprehensive examination.

## Admission Requirements

Candidate must

1. be admitted to the graduate college of his/her home campus (MTSU, APSU, or TSU).
2. have a minimum GPA of 2.75 for admission to the program.
3. apply for admission to the M.S.W. program at the social work department of the selected home campus.
4. submit an application which includes an essay and resume.
5. submit three letters of recommendation from professionals who can address the applicant's interest in social work, potential for successfully completing a master's program, and potential for professional social work practice.
6. have completed a bachelor of social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education to be admitted to advanced standing (requires a minimum GPA of 3.0 in undergraduate B.S.W. coursework).

### Admission to Candidacy

All M.S.W. students will be reviewed for candidacy by the social work faculty prior to beginning their second practicum. Students must obtain a favorable candidacy recommendation to remain in the program.

### M.S.W. Foundation Courses (30 hrs.)

MSW Practice I\*  
 Human Behavior and the Social Environment (online)\*  
 Research I\*  
 Social Welfare Policy and Services (online)\*  
 MSW Practice II\*  
 Social Justice (online)\*  
 Research II\*  
 Practicum IA\*  
 Practicum IB\*  
 Special Topics (online)\*

### M.S.W. Concentration Courses (30 hrs.)

Advanced Practice with Individuals\*  
 Advanced Practice with Families\*\*  
 Advanced Group Practice\*\*  
 Advanced Macro Practice\*  
 Social Policy Analysis (online)\*  
 Empirical Social Work Practice\*  
 Practicum IIA\*  
 Practicum IIB\*  
 Special Topics (online)\*

*\*Indicates course is in development*

*\*\*Either course meets requirement; the other one may be taken as an elective.*

### Electives (9 hours)

5000-level courses

