

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) DEGREE PROGRAM

FOSTERING SOCIAL CHANGE IN COMMUNITIES & THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

The Chamberlain University College of Health Professions MSW degree program focuses on developing exceptional social work professionals who maintain a passion for advancing human rights and social, economic and environmental justice. The degree program is designed to prepare social work students to be agents of social change in their communities and throughout the world. A culturally responsive curriculum prepares graduates to work with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities in the context of healthcare, mental health and support services.

EARN YOUR
MSW DEGREE
IN AS FEW AS **2 YEARS**

Choose from two options:

Traditional Option (60 credit hours): For students entering the program with a baccalaureate degree in social work or a degree in another field.

Advanced Standing Option (36 credit hours): For students who have completed a baccalaureate degree in social work from a CSWE accredited program within the last five years.*

Choose from three tracks:

- **Crisis & Response Interventions**
- **Medical Social Work**
- **Trauma**

* Degrees earned in excess of five years ago require an active social work license in good standing with a state board in the U.S. For detailed information, visit chamberlain.edu/catalog.

Receive up to **50%** in tuition savings on MSW coursework at Chamberlain University taken prior to the program achieving candidacy status with the CSWE.

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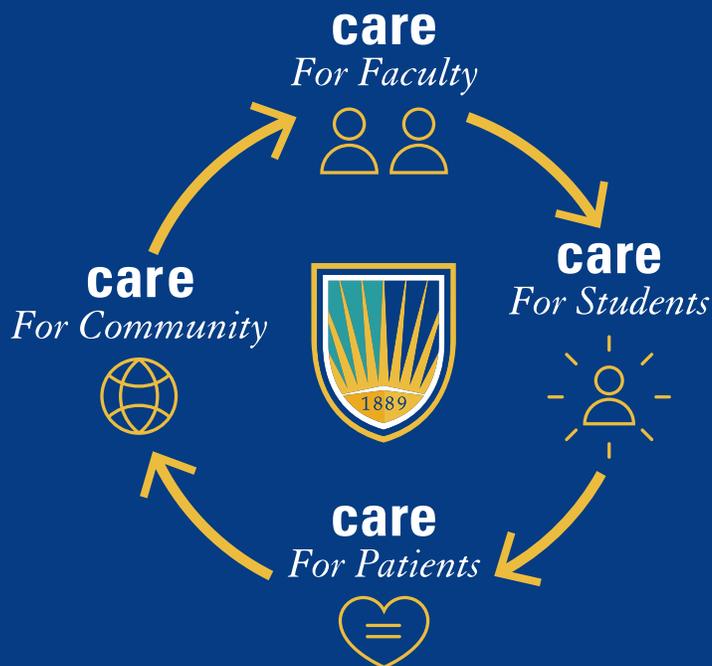
BROADENING OUR REACH IN HEALTHCARE EDUCATION

Chamberlain University continues to build upon our more than 130-year legacy by broadening our reach in healthcare education. Our College of Health Professions is a natural extension of our mission to educate, empower and embolden diverse healthcare professionals who advance the health of people, families, communities and nations. We are one university focused on the transformation of healthcare by educating extraordinary healthcare professionals.

CHAMBERLAIN*Care.*

At Chamberlain University, our commitment to delivering a high value education that prepares students to thrive as healthcare professionals is stronger than ever. We call this commitment **Chamberlain Care**[®] – our dedication to providing students with the tools and resources to be successful while being immersed in a community of care exemplified by faculty and student support that helps foster academic success.

At Chamberlain, we believe that if we take extraordinary care of our students, we will graduate extraordinary healthcare professionals who will have a significant and positive impact on healthcare around the world. Care is what distinguishes us – **Chamberlain Care**. Care for our students, healthcare partners, patients and the community at large.



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The mission of the social work degree program is to inspire, educate and empower practitioners and scholars to become agents of social change: to advance the well-being of children, families, communities and the oppressed.

The College of Health Professions advances its mission by centering the students' entire academic experience on **Chamberlain Care®** as its fundamental purpose. Through the paradigm of academic compassion, inspiration, scholarship, innovative technology, esteemed faculty and a rigorous culturally responsive curriculum, the program is designed to prepare graduates to be leaders in their communities and abroad.

The MSW Immersion Experience

Chamberlain MSW students are required to demonstrate specific competencies prior to entering fieldwork courses through the completion of the foundation and advanced-year immersions*. The immersion experience prepares students for field education while assessing their readiness for interactions with clients and organizations. As part of the MSW curriculum, students in the Traditional Option attend two on-ground immersion experiences and students in the Advanced Standing Option attend one. Each immersion experience is three days.

The purpose of the immersion is to provide students the opportunity to interact with professors and fellow students. In addition, students will actively observe and participate in practice exercises that will prepare them for specialized fieldwork experiences. The immersion will also provide faculty and staff the opportunity to evaluate students and their ability to engage with peers and potential clients prior to entering fieldwork.

Chamberlain MSW students are required to demonstrate specific immersion competencies in order to pass their direct practice courses (MSW-512 and MSW-517) and enter their practicum rotations.

Field Education Requirements

All MSW students will be required to complete an integrated learning experience in a social work setting in order to earn the MSW degree. Field education is the essential component that prepares students for social work practice by providing the framework for knowledge and skill development through immediate application of theoretical knowledge presented in the classroom to real situations presented by individuals, groups or service delivery systems.

Field education sites are carefully vetted to ensure that students receive optimum experiences in safe and nurturing learning environments. Students are required to successfully complete 500 (Advanced Standing Option) to 1,000 (Traditional Option) hours of field education, in alignment with CSWE accreditation standards.

Licensure

At the completion of the program, students are eligible to seek licensure in their respective state according to the state's standards and regulations. The minimum academic credential required to obtain licensure to practice as a social worker in most states is a Master of Social Work (MSW) from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Licensure requirements vary by state and may include additional criteria. It is important that you understand what is required by the state in which you will ultimately practice.

We recommend visiting your state professional licensing board website for details specific to your state. State-specific social work licensure and certification requirements, including education requirements, exam requirements, reciprocity licensure information and professional organization contacts, are available at socialworklicensure.org.

Chamberlain limits student enrollment to states where our MSW degree program is approved to ensure the program meets the state's education requirement for licensure.

* Students are responsible for travel costs while participating in the immersion experience. Typical costs include travel to/from Illinois, lodging and meals for two to three nights. Further details of the immersion experience will be provided within the individual courses.





Master of Social Work (MSW) Degree Program Curriculum

The Council on Social Work Education Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (2015 EPAS) require master's degree programs to prepare students for both generalist and specialized practice. The 2015 EPAS describe generalist practice as introducing students to basic concepts in social work, which include promoting human well-being and applying preventative and intervention methods to social problems at the individual, group and community levels while following ethical principles and critical thinking. The first year of the traditional two-year program is focused on preparing students for this type of practice.

Additionally, the program must develop at least one specialization, upon which the second year of the program, and the advanced standing option curriculum, are built. Chamberlain's MSW program offers an Advanced Generalist specialization and three optional tracks from which students can choose.

Chamberlain University selected an Advanced Generalist Specialization for its Master of Social Work (MSW) degree program due to the belief that graduate-level practitioners should be prepared to practice across all five system levels: individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. Chamberlain's MSW degree program is designed to prepare students to work across systems, lead task groups, manage projects, and understand financial and budgetary issues, along with providing high-quality direct practice services to clients.

ADVANCED GENERALIST PRACTICE

The advanced generalist curriculum builds upon students' social work knowledge, skills, values, and cognitive and affective processes previously cultivated during the generalist curriculum. It prepares students to assist clients from an ecological and systems perspective, which incorporates the fundamental principles of person-in-environment and strength-based perspective. Collectively, these perspectives influence and inform the elements of advanced generalist practice by underlying the basic tenants of micro, mezzo and macro practice.

MSW Tracks

Crisis & Response Interventions

The Crisis and Response Interventions Track focuses on intervention strategies that help address immediate and long-term needs of trauma victims and their caregivers. Students pursuing this advanced track will study crisis intervention theories and models for working with a wide range of populations through the paradigm of social work practice. Students will also examine best practices for counseling victims in the aftermath of natural or man-made crises. Upon completion of this track, students will be prepared to design proactive crisis plans, prepare for future emergencies and mobilize appropriate responses to international and domestic crises.

The Crisis and Response Interventions Track prepares students for careers in diverse settings, including federal and state governments, private and public organizations, faith-based institutions and disaster relief organizations such as the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, United Way and many other non-profit agencies.

Medical Social Work

The Medical Social Work Track embraces the philosophy that treating an illness biomedically does not necessarily solve a patient's problems. This track addresses the fact that physical illness often causes emotional and social problems. This advanced track is designed to prepare students in developing the appropriate skills to provide counseling, connect patients with community resources, serve as advocates, work as part of a triage team of healthcare professionals and work with self-help groups of patients experiencing similar problems.

Medical social workers also work as clinicians, case managers, program directors and administrators. Medical social workers in social administrations and community organizations work in healthcare organizations to study patterns of illness, develop and implement programs to prevent disease, administer services to improve health and advocate for a better healthcare system. Medical social workers provide social work services in a range of healthcare settings, including neighborhood health centers, community and rehabilitation hospitals, large urban medical centers, AIDS service organizations, home and community-based programs, long-term care institutions and hospice programs.

Trauma

The Trauma Track prepares students to provide evidence-based clinical services to those with a history of trauma across the lifespan, including children, adolescents, adults, survivors and perpetrators and to those who have experienced a wide range of traumas, such as child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, community violence, combat, witnessing violence, human trafficking, natural disasters and/or traumatic accidents. Students pursuing this track will be prepared to work with individuals, families, groups, communities and organizations. This track is designed to prepare students for advanced social work practice with diverse populations including sexual minorities and racial and ethnic groups. This track is designed to prepare the graduate to work in a variety of settings including: mental health clinics, hospitals, schools, judicial systems, jails, prisons and faith-based institutions.





MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Traditional Option

- A degree at the bachelor's level or higher with a minimum CGPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale from an institution accredited by either a regional accrediting agency or an agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Degrees earned from non-U.S. schools will be considered based on evaluation of transcripts by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services, Inc. (NACES) approved evaluating agency
- A cleared background check

Advanced Standing Option

- A degree in social work at the bachelor's level or higher with a minimum CGPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale from an institution accredited by either a regional accrediting agency or an agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Non-U.S. schools will be considered based on evaluation of transcripts by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services, Inc. (NACES) approved evaluating agency. Applicants with foreign transcripts must have graduated from an accredited international program in social work where the accrediting body has a memorandum of understanding with CSWE or whose degree has been evaluated and approved by the CSWE International Social Work Degree Recognition Service.

Degrees earned in excess of five years ago require an active social work license in good standing with a state board in the U.S.*

- A cleared background check

Applicants from countries where English is not the primary language spoken, whose native language is not English or who earned their last degree from an institution where the language of instruction was not English, must demonstrate English-language proficiency.

No GRE or entrance exam required.

* Chamberlain reserves the right to admit candidates with social work licensure from countries outside the U.S. where equivalent standards can be demonstrated. These decisions are made on a case-by-case basis according to the general academic principles of integrity outlined by the Academic Standards committee in the view of the policies regulated by the Council of Social Work Education.



Program Details

Traditional Option – Semesters: 5 full-time (60 credit hours)

Courses	Credits
MSW-500: Student Success & Self-Care	1
MSW-501: Professional Writing	1
MSW-504: Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
MSW-505: Direct Practice I (Individuals & Families)	3
MSW-506: Policy I: Social Welfare & Social Policy †	3
MSW-507: Research Methods & Applications	3
MSW-508: Foundation Field I*	4
MSW-510: Foundation Field II*	4
MSW-511: Social Work in a Multicultural Society	3
MSW-512: Direct Practice II (Families, Groups, Communities & Organizations)	3
MSW-513: Policy II: Social Policy & Social Justice**	3
MSW-514: Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
MSW-515: Advanced Social Work Research	3
MSW-516: Advanced Social Work Theory Across Systems	3
MSW-517: Advanced Practice Skills Across Systems	3
MSW-550: Advance Practicum I*	4
MSW-551: Advanced Practicum II*	4
Elective and/or Track Course Requirement†	9

* This course requires students to complete 250 contact hours in an approved social work setting. Students must complete 1000 fieldwork hours in the Traditional Option and 500 fieldwork hours for the Advanced Standing Option to complete their program.

** Student electing to complete the Medical Social Work Track will complete MPH-503: Advocacy in Public Health Policy and Law in lieu of MSW-513.

† It is recommended that all MSW students declare their intent to pursue either the generalist degree or a track prior to enrolling in MSW-506 for the Traditional Option or MSW-515 for the Advanced Standing Option. Students wishing to pursue a generalist degree program will choose three courses from those listed in the above electives area.

Advanced Standing Option – Semesters: 3 full-time (36 credit hours)

Courses	Credits
MSW-500: Student Success & Self-Care	1
MSW-511: Social Work in a Multicultural Society	3
MSW-512: Direct Practice II (Families, Groups, Communities & Organizations)	3
MSW-513: Policy II: Social Policy & Social Justice**	3
MSW-514: Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
MSW-515: Advanced Social Work Research†	3
MSW-516: Advanced Social Work Theory Across Systems	3
MSW-517: Advanced Practice Skills Across Systems	3
MSW-550: Advance Practicum I*	4
MSW-551: Advanced Practicum II*	4
Elective and/or Track Course Requirement†	9

Crisis and Response Interventions Track

Courses	Credits
MSW-520: International Social Work	3
MSW-521: Social Work Response to Mass Violence & Disasters	3
MSW-524: Understanding Trauma	3

Medical Social Work Track

Courses	Credits
MPH-503: Advocacy in Public Health Policy and Law**	3
MPH-504: Cultural Competency & Global Public Health	3
MSW-528: Medical Social Work	3
MSW-529: Medical Social Work II	3

Trauma Track

Courses	Credits
MSW-524: Understanding Trauma	3
MSW-525: Trauma Treatment for Children & Adolescents	3
MSW-526: Mindfulness & Stress: Understanding the Breaking Points	3

ONLINE DOESN'T MEAN ALONE

At Chamberlain, we work hard to support your success in school and in achieving your career goals.

100% ONLINE COURSEWORK*

- No mandatory login or chat times
- No group work
- Robust virtual learning resources
- Exchange ideas with faculty and classmates from around the country

DIRECT ACCESS TO OUR ACCOMPLISHED & COMMITTED PHD-PREPARED FACULTY

- Accomplished, progressive and professional educators – innovators in healthcare and social work education and experienced teaching in the online platform
- Individualized instruction
- Typical course faculty response time – 24 hours or less



A NATIONAL CLASSROOM

- Interact and exchange ideas with students from across the country to expand and explore knowledge in new ways
- Take advantage of varying experiences and insights

1^{on}1 ADVISING & SUPPORT

- Your admission representative will assist you throughout the enrollment process – from requesting your official transcripts to registering for your first class
- Your Student Services Team provides personalized support and helps you plan your degree program, register for classes and coordinate financing**
- Complimentary counseling services through ASPIRE are available to address any issues affecting your daily life and academic performance

VIRTUAL CLASSROOM REAL SUPPORT

Our degree programs are not simply campus-based curriculum transferred to an online format, **they were designed around you!**

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* On-site immersion experience and fieldwork are required.

** Financial aid is available to those who qualify.

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