

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK ACCELERATED PATHWAY

**START YOUR MASTER'S OF SOCIAL WORK
YOUR JUNIOR OR SENIOR YEAR!**

HOW THE MSW ACCELERATED PATHWAY WORKS

- The accelerated MSW allows students from any major to use up to 12 credits of graduate MSW courses towards upper-level undergraduate coursework. Allowing students to fulfill both undergraduate and graduate courses at the same time.
- Students considering the Accelerated MSW Pathway should meet the following qualifications:
 - Junior or Senior status
 - From any undergraduate major
 - 3.0 GPA or above
 - Complete the Graduate Admissions Application
 - If accepted, students will be enrolled as a provisional admit
 - Secure advisor approval
- Students participating in the Accelerated MSW Pathway will need to meet the following while participating in the program:
 - Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
 - Graduate with an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
 - Achieve a B+ or higher in MSW courses taken.



***Designed for ambitious
students who are completing
an undergraduate degree in
a social science field other
than social work.***

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Start Dates: Applications are accepted for the Fall semester (traditional program start) and Summer (optional to begin elective course work).

Who Should Apply: Great fit for students from any undergraduate major. Some of the more common applicant majors are psychology, sociology, education, and criminal justice.

Program Flexibility: Full-time and part-time options available.

MSW Curriculum: Because this MSW curriculum is standardized, you'll be eligible for professional licensure in Pennsylvania, as well as the rest of the United States. You'll receive advanced generalist training for helping professionals working in a number of practice settings, such as school systems, behavioral health institutions, medical settings, and child welfare agencies.

CSWE Accreditation: The Commonwealth University Master of Social Work program has been awarded full accreditation through the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

ROI on Your Degree: The Accelerated MSW Pathway will allow you to fast track your graduate degree by starting your MSW your junior or senior year. Also, for the first nine credits, you'll be billed at the undergraduate rate, saving you both time and money!



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WHY THE MSW?

Diverse Career Opportunities: With an MSW, you can work in various sectors such as healthcare, education, child welfare, mental health, criminal justice, and community organizations. The degree opens doors to roles like clinical social worker, policy analyst, or program director.

High Demand for Skills: The world is constantly evolving, and so are the needs of its people. Trained social workers are in high demand to address issues ranging from mental health crises to social justice advocacy. Social work is a steadily growing field. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for social workers is projected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations, offering strong job security and growth potential.

Career Opportunities and Advancement: An MSW opens doors to a broad range of career opportunities in diverse settings, including healthcare, education, community organizations, and government agencies. The degree also provides a platform for advanced positions and specializations, such as clinical social work, school social work, and social work administration.

Making a Difference: Social work is a profession dedicated to helping individuals, families, and communities deal with challenges and improve their well-being. With an MSW, you can make a tangible impact on people's lives and contribute positively to society by addressing issues such as mental health, substance abuse, homelessness, and inequality.

Advanced Clinical Skills: The MSW program will provide you with advanced skills in assessment, intervention, and case management, enabling you to effectively support and advocate for your clients.

Licensure and Certification: Many MSW programs offer specialized training in clinical practice, preparing you to become a licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). This certification enables you to provide therapy and mental health services, expanding your career options significantly.



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