

WVU/WVSU Collaborative Program MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Location and Scheduling

CLASSES

WVSU Campus

All students enrolled in the **full-time Advanced Standing** program take classes on the WVSU campus in Institute. Classes are offered two days per week. Students enrolled full-time complete the program in 12 months.

WVU Campus

All students enrolled in the **part-time Advanced Standing** and the **part-time Regular Standing** take classes on the WVU Charleston campus in Kanawha City. Classes are offered primarily in the evenings. Students enrolled part-time complete the program in two years (Advanced Standing) or three years (Regular Standing).

Classes begin in August of each year.

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**Earn your MSW
in 12 MONTHS**



Advance Your Career as a **SOCIAL WORKER**

- An MSW is often required for social work positions in specialized clinical settings, such as health care, veteran's services, mental health and addiction services.
- An advanced degree leads to higher salaries within the field of social work.
- Supervisory and administrative positions within social work settings often require a master's degree.
- An MSW is the minimum educational requirement for private clinical practice.
- Regardless of setting, an MSW expands career options.

Reasons to Choose the **WVU/WVSU Collaborative MSW PROGRAM:**

- Personal attention from professors in small, familiar classroom settings.
- Choice of two curriculum tracks:
 1. Direct Practice
 2. Community Organization & Social Administration (COSA)
- Completion in as little as 12 months if you qualify for Advanced Standing admission.
- Support and fellowship through the Graduate Social Work Organization (GSWO).

TYPES OF ADMISSION

Advanced Standing

Applicants who have received a BSW from a Council of Social Work Education-accredited program within the last eight years may apply for Advanced Standing, enabling the student to move directly to the program's advanced curriculum and waiving 12 credits of foundation-level courses, as well as the foundation field experience.

Regular Standing

Applicants who have an undergraduate degree in a discipline other than social work are eligible to apply for Regular Standing admission. Regular Standing students must take 12 credits of foundation-level courses, as well as a foundation field experience, prior to taking the program's advanced curriculum.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The School of Social Work considers past academic performance, standardized test scores, paid and volunteer experiences in the human service field, references, personal qualifications, and commitment to social work as evidenced in the applicant's admission essay. A candidate must have:

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and a GPA of at least 3.0. Applicants whose GPA is below a 3.0 may be granted "provisional" admission if they demonstrate a potential for graduate studies. In addition, applicants with an undergraduate GPA below 3.0 must demonstrate aptitude for graduate study as evidenced by performance on the GRE.
- International students whose first language is not English must take the TOEFL and the GRE (if their GPA is below a 3.0).

The Collaborative MSW Program is fully accredited by the Council of Social Work Education.

