MSW Informational Session

Social Work Program
University of Toledo

Where passion becomes a profession!
Mission

• "Through particular attention to the strengths and empowerment perspectives and the promotion of social and economic justice the social work program is committed to teaching and furthering the development of the knowledge, practice skills, art and science of social work to graduate students in order to prepare them to hear, understand, include, and effectively respond to all voices with particular attention to those of the poor, the vulnerable and the oppressed."
Philosophy

- Social and economic justice
- Strengths and empowerment
- Poor, vulnerable, and oppressed

Accreditation

Program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education
Advanced generalist

• Advanced generalist practice involves:
  – Practice with diverse, multi-level systems to bring about change within and across those systems,
  – Focused on the use of a strengths and empowerment model,
  – Utilizing critical thinking, innovative and complex methods of assessment, intervention, and evaluation to improve the quality of life,
  – While working to achieve the highest levels of social and economic justice.
MSW curriculum

• Advanced standing program: 33 semester hrs.
  – For applicants with an earned BSW
  – Summer + subsequent school year if full-time
Class schedule

• Most classes are on weekday evenings, starting at 5pm, and on Saturday mornings
  – Classes may also be offered on weekday days

• Classes may rotate into different time slots for subsequent years
Part-time study

• Part-time students complete classwork for a year (e.g. foundation year) first
• They complete their practicum placement in a subsequent school year
Required classes

SOCW 6140 – Advanced Social Work Assessment (in summer, if not completed during foundation year)

SOCW 6030 – Macro Research or SOCW 6040 – Micro Research

SOCW 6110 – Advanced Generalist Practice I (micro)
SOCW 6120 – Advanced Generalist Practice II (mezzo)
SOCW 6130 – Advanced Generalist Practice III (macro)

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8 hours in child & family or mental health track
Tracks

• In advanced year, students concentrate their studies in one of these tracks:
  – Practice with children & families, or
  – Mental health practice

• Each track includes:
  – Theories & practice skills
  – Systems of care (historical roots & current trends)
  – Policies affecting systems of care
# C&F and MH classes

## Child and Family

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## Mental Health

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Field placement

Fall

• SOCW 6900 – Advanced Field Experience and Integrative Seminar I

Spring

• SOCW 6910 – Advanced Field Experience and Integrative Seminar II

– Field seminar plus practicum placement will total 262.5 hours per semester and 525 total to graduate.
Field placement notes

PLAN AHEAD!!!

• You **must** be available to complete your field placement during weekday and daytime hours!!
MSW program application requirements

- Earned bachelors degree
- Minimum undergraduate GPA 2.7
  - If <2.7 overall GPA, must take GRE & score at least at 29th percentile on verbal & quantitative sections
- Prerequisite classwork
MSW program prerequisite classwork

• Completion of 3 of the following:
  – Statistics
  – Human biology
  – Psychology
  – Sociology
  – Political science
  – Economics
Advanced standing requirements

• Previous requirements apply, plus:
  – Undergraduate social work degree
  – Grade of at least B- in junior & senior year social work classes

  – (Applicants with less than B- in an undergraduate social work class may have to retake that class at the foundation level before registering for the corresponding advanced year class)
Admission information

• For detailed information on all admission requirements, see http://www.utoledo.edu/hhs/socialwork/pdfs/University%20of%20Toledo%20MSW%20Admission%20Requirements_Updated042717.pdf
Application deadlines

• Priority admission deadline: January 15, 2018

• After January 15, rolling admissions as space allows until March 15, 2018
  – Materials received after March 15, 2018 will not be reviewed
Application materials

- Application materials can be found at:
  http://www.utoledo.edu/hhs/socialwork/gradprogram_application_packet.html
Application process

• Online application to College of Graduate Studies + fee
• Supplemental social work application, including personal statement (&, if full-time, field application)
• Transcripts – sent by your school
• Three letters of reference
• (GRE scores if overall GPA < 2.7)
Application process: transfer students

• Above requirements apply, plus:
  – Have your current MSW program send a copy of your field practicum evaluation(s) to
    • MSW Program
    • MSW Committee Chair
    • 2801 W. Bancroft St., Mail Stop 119
    • Toledo, OH 43606
Application process: foreign students

• Above requirements apply, plus:
  – Must take GRE
  – Submit TOEFL scores & proof of finances directly to College of Graduate Studies

• See University of Toledo College of Graduate Studies web site for more information: http://www.utoledo.edu/graduate/
Letters of recommendation

• Three references required:
  – One reference from work or field supervisor
  – One academic reference
  – One reference of your choice (suggest work/field supervisor)

• Use social work program recommendation form for references
Tips on writing the personal statement

• Be sure to read the program’s Mission Statement
  – Stay with social justice theme
• Follow the guidelines: answer the questions and stay within the page limit
• Pay attention to both content and grammar
Having a criminal background

• Having a criminal background *does not* exclude you from being accepted into the MSW program

• However, it may affect practicum placement options

• It may or may not exclude you from being licensed in social work (contact licensure board)
Application questions

• For questions, contact
  – Louis Guardiola 419-530-4663,
    Louis.Guardiola2@UToledo.edu
  – The College of Graduate Studies 419-530-GRAD (4723)
After applying

• Applicants who completed their applications by January 15 will be notified of admission decisions by the end of February
After admission to the MSW program

• Successful applicants will:
  – Be assigned an advisor
  – Attend a mandatory MSW orientation session in April
  – Be matched with an agency for their field practicum, if full-time students
  – Attend a mandatory Field orientation session held in late summer (date TBD)
General information

• For financial aid purposes, ‘full time’=9 credits during the school year, and 4 credits during the summer
  – Full time MSW students have ~15 credits
• MSW instructors have a Ph.D. and/or MSW
• Most classes are held on Main Campus in the Health & Human Services Building
• Technology and equipment are available for student use
Student handbook and field manual

• Go to: http://www.utoledo.edu/hhs/socialwork/grad program.html

• Study the MSW Student Handbook, Field Manual, and application materials packet
Graduate assistantships

• A limited number of Grad Assistantships (GA) are available

• GA assignments for the Social Work Program are typically 10 hours of work per week. The GA receives a stipend ($2250 per semester) and a portion of tuition paid
Financial aid

• For federal financial aid, complete a FAFSA at https://fafsa.gov/
• General information about loans, grants, scholarships, & work-study at UT: http://www.utoledo.edu/financialaid/
• Information about fellowships, scholarships & awards available to graduate students at UT: http://www.utoledo.edu/graduate/scholarships/
Social Work Faculty
Celia Williamson, Ph.D.
Professor/Chair, School of Social Justice

Celia heads up UT’s Institute for Human Trafficking and Social Justice. She teaches practice courses in both the graduate and undergraduate programs. Her research and community service interests include human trafficking, vulnerable populations, and social justice.
Louis Guardiola, MSW
Associate Lecturer- MSW Program Director

Louis has over 25 years experience working in behavioral health and healthcare settings as a clinician and supervisor/director. He has presented at several national conferences. His areas of interest include cultural diversity and cross-cultural communication. Louis earned his BSW from U.T. & his MSW from Cleveland State.
Dr. Prior has practice experience with adolescents, families and those with chemical dependency issues. His areas of interest include abuse, spirituality, clinical work with families and adolescents, and program evaluation.
Janet Hoy, Ph.D., MSW
Associate Professor

Dr. Hoy's research interests include mental health recovery; contextual and experiential dimensions of implementing practices and policies; peer support; international social work; and ethics.
Dr. Natarajan’s teaching interests include practice, HBSE and research. He has practiced in family therapy, cognitive-behavior therapy and group therapy with clients struggling with substance abuse issues, depression, schizophrenia and obsessive compulsive disorder. His research interests include mental health, criminal justice, substance abuse treatment, and the use of art in the promotion of social justice and individual healing.
Before coming to Toledo, Mamta was at Bowling Green State University. Her research and scholarship addresses work-family, immigrant issues, social work education in macro practice, Intimate partner violence, re-entry, and homelessness. Her work has appeared in various journals and she has presented at national, international, and regional conferences.
Megan Petra, Ph.D., MSW
Assistant Professor

Dr. Petra teaches in both the BSW and MSW programs, and conducts research about addictions and family violence. Dr. Petra’s practice experience includes work with women, the LGBT community, older adults, & community groups.
Heather Sloane, Ph.D., MSW, LISW
Assistant Professor – MSW Advisor

Dr. Sloane has worked as a social worker in various healthcare settings, including as a perinatal social worker. She has presented on issues relating to ethics and healthcare and has been actively involved in bedside bioethics. Her research interest is in medical education culture and understanding of poverty. She works closely with the community care clinic at Rogers High School to provide direct experience in the community for interprofessional students.
Sherry Tripepi was a clinical Social Worker with the UT Counseling Center for 10 years providing individual, group, family & couples therapy & campus wide programming. Areas of interest include treatment for physical & sexual abuse and eating disorders treatment, women’s issues & working with lesbian, gay & bisexual individuals.
Mr. Thompson is the Campus Coordinator for the Child Welfare Workforce Professional Educational Program and serves as an Adjunct Social Work Professor. He retired from Lucas County Department of Children’s Services after a long and distinguished career, he continues to serve as a trainer for the Institute of Human Services throughout the state of Ohio.
Sandra Sieben, MSW
Visiting Professor

Sandy Sieben obtained her master’s in social work at The University of Michigan with a concentration in community organizing. She has experience working in micro social work with populations ranging from youth to older adults. She has a variety of international experience working to promote sustainable communities and education. Ms. Sieben is the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition Co-Chair.
Martha Delgada received her BA from Mary Manse College and her MSW from the University of Michigan. Martha retired in 2014, after working at UT for 22 years. Martha came out of retirement to serve as interim Field Director. Martha has over 30 years experience as a social worker, working in behavioral health and healthcare. She is presently serving on the Nueva Esperanza Community Credit Union, Board of Directors.