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 Advanced curriculum

• Advanced standing program: 33 hours
  – For applicants with an earned BSW
  – Summer + subsequent school year if full-time
    • 6 credit hours in the summer
    • 12 credit hours in the fall
    • 15 credit hours in the spring
MSW curriculum

• Foundation program: 60 hours
  – For applicants who earned a bachelors degree in an area other than social work
  – 2 years if full-time: foundation year, then advanced year
    • 15 credit hours per semester
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

• Part-time foundation students must complete all foundation year requirements before beginning advanced classes
Required classes foundation year

- SOCW 5110 – Social Work Practice I (micro)
- SOCW 5210 – Micro Perspectives in Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- SOCW 5330 – Policy Issues and Analysis in Social Work
- SOCW 5010 – Social Work Research Methods and Analysis
- SOCW 5120 – Social Work Practice II (mezzo)
- SOCW 5130 – Social Work Practice III (macro)
- SOCW 5220 – Macro Social Work Perspectives in Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- SOCW 6140 – Advanced Social Work Assessment

*Must maintain 3.0 GPA in all graduate work
Field placement foundation year

**Fall**

- SOCW 5900 – Foundation Field Experience and Integrative Seminar I
  - Seminar class plus practicum placement
    (16 hours/week beginning in 3rd week)
  - Total of 208 hours in fall

**Spring**

- SOCW 5910 – Foundation Field Experience and Integrative Seminar II
  - Seminar class plus practicum placement
    (17 hours/week)
  - Total of 217 hours in spring

- Total 425 hours
Required classes advanced year

SOCW 6140 – Advanced Social Work Assessment (in summer)
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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Advanced year 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
Advanced year C&F and MH classes

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Field placement advanced year

Fall
• SOCW 6900 – Advanced Field Experience and Integrative Seminar I
  – Field seminar plus practicum placement
    (17.5 hours/week)

Spring
• SOCW 6910 – Advanced Field Experience and Integrative Seminar II
  – Field seminar plus practicum placement
    (17.5 hours/week)

• Total 525 hours
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 with B- or better grade:
  – Statistics (strongly encouraged)
  – 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 & Application

• For detailed information on all admission requirements and application process:
  - [http://www.utoledo.edu/hhs/socialwork/gradprogram_application_packet.html](http://www.utoledo.edu/hhs/socialwork/gradprogram_application_packet.html)
Application deadlines

• Priority admission deadline: February 1, 2019

• After February 1, rolling admissions as space allows until March 15, 2019.
  – Materials received after March 15, 2019 will not be reviewed
Application process

✓ Online application to College of Graduate Studies + fee
✓ Transcripts – sent electronically by your school
✓ Social Work program application, including personal statement (&, if full-time, field application)
  • sent to: MSWgradApp@UToledo.Edu
✓ Three letters of reference
  • sent to: MSWgradApp@UToledo.Edu
✓ (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
    • Attn: Sandy Sieben
    • 2801 W. Bancroft St., Mail Stop 119
    • Toledo, OH 43606
Application process: international 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

• Send to: MSWgradApp@UToledo.Edu
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
  – Sandy Sieben, MSW, LSW 419-530-4185, [Sandra.sieben@UToledo.edu](mailto:Sandra.sieben@UToledo.edu)
  – The College of Graduate Studies 419-530-GRAD (4723)
After applying

• Applicants who completed their applications by February 1\textsuperscript{st} will be notified of admission decisions by the end of February, early March.
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’ = 12 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 in this building
• Technology and equipment are available for student use
Student handbook and field manual

• Go to: http://www.utoledo.edu/hhs/socialwork/gradprogram.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 ½ 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
Sandra Sieben, MSW
Assistant Lecturer, MSW Program Director

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.
Louis Guardiola, MSW
Associate Lecturer- MSW Field 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. Natarajan’s teaching interests include practice, HBSE and research. He has experience working 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.
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.
Celia Williamson, Ph.D.
Professor, Human Trafficking & Social Justice Institute

Dr. Williamson heads up UT’s Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute. 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.
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. She is currently conducting research around animal assisted therapy.
Dr. Ojha recently joined our faculty as an assistant professor. Mamta received her Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky. Her teaching interests include human behavior and the social environment, oppression and social justice, research methods, and international social work. She was nominated for Faculty Excellence in Service Learning and Civic Engagement award and her class projects received Excellence in Service Learning and Civic Engagement award twice at Bowling Green State University.
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.
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.
George Thompson, MSW
Child Welfare Program Campus Coordinator

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.
Carole has an MSW from the University of Michigan with a concentration on community organizing. She joined the faculty this year as a Visiting Assistant Professor, bringing 30 years of nonprofit leadership experience and expertise in housing and homelessness, behavioral health and violence against women, as well as international development work in Nicaragua. Her areas of interest include community organizing, advocacy, organizational development, management and leadership.
Meredith joined our faculty this year as an Assistant Lecturer. She earned her MSW from Case Western Reserve University. She is a LISW-S within the State of Ohio and a Licensed Master's Social Worker within the State of Michigan. She has experience working over 20 years in the Social Work field at the micro, mezzo and macro level. Her areas of interest include working with individuals within the criminal justice system, policy development, and clinical practice for anxiety, depression, personality disorders and PTSD.
Thank you for joining us today!

Questions?
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