



MSW Program Information

Daemen College

Are you interested in helping others and your community? Do you wish that you had the skills needed to serve individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities? If so, social work may be the profession for you!

Social work promotes human and community well-being. Guided by a person-in-environment framework, a global perspective, respect for human diversity, and knowledge based on scientific inquiry, the purpose of social work is actualized through its quest for social and economic justice, the prevention of conditions that limit human rights, the elimination of poverty, and the enhancement of the quality of life for all persons, locally and globally.

With an MSW degree, you can pursue clinical social work practice in a variety of settings including schools, non-profit organizations, community centers, hospitals and clinics, nursing facilities, courts, correctional facilities, government organizations, and private practice. Social Workers can use their MSW degree to work as social work practitioners, counselors, supervisors, program managers, administrators, consultants, trainers, project coordinators, educators, researchers, and policy advocates.

Testing and Training International (TTI) offers a CSWE accredited Master's in Social Work (MSW) program in collaboration with Daemen College. The program features separate men's and women's cohorts with classes scheduled around Yomim Tovim and the Jewish calendar.

The program is offered online. While the majority of the classwork is done independently (asynchronous), there are some live (synchronous) classes where students and faculty interact together. This is especially important in social work practice courses where students will engage clinical skill and techniques. It is anticipated that students will have up to five (5) hours of synchronous class time each month, depending on the course and class size.

The Daemen College MSW Program prepares students to practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities, with special emphasis on advanced clinical practice with children and families. Students attend classes on-line; engage in interactive coursework; and gain an in-depth understanding of social work theories, methodologies, and techniques.

Along with their classes, students gain practical experience by applying their skills under the direction of a licensed social work professional at field placement sites within their community. Daemen College works with TTI and each student to find appropriate field placements. Students working in social work-related organizations may be able to complete their field placement through their place of employment provided that they complete separate responsibilities under a different supervisor.

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Program Design

Daemen College offers a two-year program for students who have graduated with a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college and university (inclusive of a Bachelor of Talmudic Law or Talmudic Studies).

The first year of the program introduces student to the social work profession, with special emphasis on foundational knowledge, values, and skills. Students gain an in-depth understanding of social work methods, human behavior and development, ethics, research, policy, and diversity content.

In addition to first year coursework, students will complete a 450-hour field placement (approximately 16-18 hours per week) under a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) or Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). Foundation year field placements can take place within not-for-profit agencies, faith and community organizations, schools, clinics, hospitals, the criminal justice system, foundations and governmental institutions, among other locations, with students focusing on building generalist practice skills.

The second-year concentrates on advanced practice with children and families with an emphasis on clinical assessment, diagnosis, use of evidence-based interventions, and evaluation. Students will learn specific techniques for working with adults, children, and adolescents as well as the assessment of psychological or mental disorders. Students will also receive training on child- and family-related policies and regulations.

During the second year, students will complete a 500-hour (approximately 18-20 hours per week) clinical field placement under a Licensed Clinical Social Work (LCSW) professional. This placement will focus on the development of advanced clinical skills including use of standardized assessment tools, differential diagnosis, and evidence-based interventions.

Daemen College also offers a one-year advanced standing program for students who have graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from a regionally accredited college and university.

These students will be responsible for completing the advanced curriculum which emphasizes on advanced practice with children and families with an emphasis on clinical assessment, diagnosis, use of evidence-based intervention, and evaluation. Students will learn specific techniques for working with adults, children, and adolescents as well as the assessment of psychological or mental disorders. Students will also receive training on child-and-family related policies and regulations. Finally, students who have not had a two-course sequence in research will be required to complete a course in applied research and data analysis.

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Fast Facts

- Two-year program (full-time) 60 credits required for completion
- Advanced Standing Program (full-time) 30-33 credits required for completion
- Fully on-line
- Separate cohorts for men and women
- Experienced, professional and culturally-sensitive professors
- Foundation Field Hours: 450 hours (16-18 per week) under a Licensed Master Social Work (LMSW) or Licensed Clinical Social Work (LCSW) Professional
- Advanced (Clinical) Field Hours: 500 hours (18-20 per week) under a Licensed Clinical Social Work (LCSW) Professional
- Daemen College will work with TTI and the Student to secure appropriate field placements.
- Program Cost:
 - Two-year program: Approximately \$40,900 for tuition and fees for TTI members. Non-members will pay an additional \$775.00 upon registration.
 - One-year program: Approximately \$26,000 to \$28,000 for tuition and fees.This does not include books or other supplies.

Application Requirements

Two Year MSW Program

- Bachelor's degree from regionally accredited college or university
- An overall GPA of 2.7 or higher
- Transcripts from all previous colleges or universities attended
- Three letters of recommendation (Two Academic; One Employer/Volunteer)
- Proof of completion of course in Human Biology ("C" or Better)
- Proof of completion of a course in Statistics ("C" or Better)
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) Results

Advanced Standing MSW Program

- Bachelor's degree (Social Work) from regionally accredited college or university
- An overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
- A Social Work GPA of 3.2 or higher from a CSWE-Accredited Program
- A copy of final field education evaluation
- Transcripts from all previous colleges or universities attended
- Three letters of recommendation (Two Academic; One Employer/Volunteer)
- Proof of completion of course in Human Biology ("C" or Better)
- Proof of completion of a course in Statistics ("C" or Better)

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Job Outlook

The Social Work profession is expected to grow by 25 percent between 2010 and 2020 – with more than 300,000 social work leadership positions anticipated to open. There is also a high demand for licensed clinical social workers in New York State and across the country.

How to Apply

Call admissions (877-RING-TTI, ext. 0) to request an application or download it from our website.

- Upon receipt of your application, you will be contacted by Mrs. Lewenstein, the Program Director to set up an interview.
- Following a phone or skype interview, your application will be assessed by TTI.
- Once approved, you will be provided with the link to officially apply to Daemen College. They will determine final eligibility and make a decision about admission into the program.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can you give me examples of some of the courses offered?

A: Foundation Year courses include:

- Foundations of Micro/Mezzo Social Work Practice (Individuals and Families)
- Foundations of Macro Social Work Practice (Organizations and Communities)
- Social Work Research
- Applied Research and Data Analysis. *
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- Theories of Organizational Behavior and Development
- Oppression, Power, and Change
- Social Welfare Policy

Advanced (Clinical) Year courses include:

- Advanced Clinical Practice
- Clinical Practice with Children and Adolescents
- Psychopathology
- Child and Family Policy and Practice
- Children and Families I and II
- Electives (Intervention and/or Populations)

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*-Required of students who have not had a two-course sequence in research.

Q: How much time should I be prepared to give to my school and class work?

A: At the graduate level, students should be prepared to spend two to three hours in independent preparation (reading, writing papers, viewing supplemental materials) for every hour spent in lecture or seminar. In addition to their coursework, students are expected to complete 16-18 hours per week at their Foundation year field placement and 18-20 hours per week at their Advanced (Clinical) Year field placement.

Q: When does Field Placement begin?

A: Field placement takes place in conjunction with your courses. This enables students to apply what they are learning in the classroom to the real-world setting - deepening the learning. In the first year, students will complete 450 field hours (approximately 16 to 18 hours per week) under a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) or Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). In the second year, students complete 500 field hours (approximately 18 to 20 hours per week) under a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW).

Q: Can I choose my field placement?

A: Students complete an application and identify their interests in terms of population, intervention types, and placement location. Daemen College staff will work with the student and TTI staff to identify an appropriate placement that meets student interests and needs.

Q: Is it possible to complete my field placement at my place of employment?

A: Yes, provided that:

- The employer agrees to the field placement and can provide appropriate learning opportunities and supervision to you;
- You are engaged in social work practice (generalist practice in the Foundation year and clinical practice in the Advanced Year) as part of the placement;
- Your fieldwork is separate from your regular work responsibilities and hours; and
- You are supervised by a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) or Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) who is not your regular manager.

Q: What if I have not taken a GRE or MAT exam?

A: You do not have to have completed the exam before applying to the program. You have until the end of the first year to complete the exam if you are in the traditional 2 year MSW program. If you are in the Advanced Standing program you have until the end of the first semester to complete the exam.

Q: Do I need to get a license?

A: While you are not required to secure a license to work as a social worker, there are benefits to doing so including the ability for you (as a Private Practitioner) or your agency bill for your services. In New York State, social workers are able to apply to become a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) or a Licensed

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Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) - with and without Psychotherapy Privileges. They must complete an examination for each level of licensure and meet other criteria.

Q: How do I secure my license?

A. In New York State, you are eligible to apply to take the Association of Social Work Board (ASWB) Licensed Master of Social Work (LMSW) examination after successfully completing your MSW Program. To prepare students for this examination, Daemen College offers a free Licensure Preparation course as part of its curriculum. Students review examination content and complete practice questions in the course.

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