Master of Social Work

Standard & Advanced Standing MSW Programs

What Is Social Work?

Social Workers help individuals, families, and communities overcome challenges and improve their well-being. Social workers assist individuals facing a wide range of challenges - such as poverty, mental health struggles, family conflict, abuse, disability, or substance use- by connecting them with resources, providing counseling, advocating for their needs, and empowering them to lead more stable, fulfilling lives.

A degree in social work opens the door to careers in mental health services, healthcare, education, family counseling, substance abuse treatment, and community support. Social workers are employed in a variety of settings, including schools, hospitals, non-profits, government agencies, and private practice.

Who Is This Program For?

This program is for students who have a bachelor's degree and are looking to earn a Master's in Social Work (MSW) through a combination of online courses and fieldwork requirements.

Important Dates

Registration Deadline: July 31, 2026
Classes Begin: October 11, 2026

Program Details

- **College:** Daemen University
- **Degree Credits:** 60 credits (30-33 credits, Advanced Standing)
- **Program Format:** Online courses and fieldwork requirements
- **Program Length:**
  - Standard Program: 2 years
  - Advanced Standing Program: 1 Year
- **Separate Mens and Womens Cohorts**
- **Program Accreditations:** Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited
- **Tuition & Fees:** ~$47,600*
  - Daemen University Tuition: $41,600
  - TTI Program Fee: $6,000
  - TTI Premium Membership: $1,300 (if applicable)

** Tuition and fees are accurate as at time of writing and are subject to change. Book fees are not included.*

Program Design

- **Online Courses:**
  Our fully-online program is delivered through a combination of live and pre-recorded classes, alongside relevant field work. Students take two courses every eight weeks with about 20 hours of course work per week.

- **Fieldwork:**
  Students are required to complete 950 fieldwork hours under the supervision of an LCSW. This includes 450 generalist hours in year one and 500 clinical hours in year two.

Advanced Standing MSW Program

Our Advanced Standing MSW Program is an accelerated one year program open to students with a bachelor's degree in social work (BSW) from a CSWE accredited program and 3.0 GPA.

Standard MSW Program - Accelerated Track

The Standard MSW Program typically takes two years to complete. Students who maintain straight As throughout the first year of the program may be eligible to join an accelerated track for the second year allowing them to graduate in 18 months.

LMSW & LCSW Licensure

Social Work licensure is optional and varies by state, but it can enhance your professional opportunities. MSW graduates are eligible to take the Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) examination. When they have passed and earned their LMSW licensure they may obtain additional supervised clinical experience that will qualify them to sit for the Licensed Clinical Social Worker examination where they can earn their LCSW licensure and practice privately.

Career Outlook

Social Work is a rewarding and meaningful field. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, demand for social workers is projected to grow **9% over the next five years**. Salaries vary based on experience and location, but generally but generally range from **$60,000 to $70,000** annually.

Admissions Requirements

- **Standard MSW Program (2 Years)**
  - Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 2.7
  - Suggested undergraduate credits: Human Biology & Social Statistics

- **Advanced Standing MSW Program (1 Year)**
  - A bachelor's degree in Social Work from a CSWE and regionally accredited institution
  - An overall minimum GPA of 3.0 and a minimum of 3.2 in social work courses
    Suggested undergraduate credits: Human Biology & Social Statistics

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Partial Course Listing

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

- **Advanced (Clinical) Year Courses**
  - 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)

How to Get Started

- **Apply Online:**
  testingandtraining.com/applications/msw/
  A **$100 non-refundable application fee** will be due at this time.
- **Schedule An Interview:**
  Upon submission of your application you will receive a link through which you can schedule an interview with our program director.
- **Acceptance:**
  If accepted, you will receive an acceptance letter along with details as to how to continue your application with Daemen University.