ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- MSW/MSSW degree from a CSWE-accredited program
- 3 years post master's social work experience
- Currently employed in a human service setting
- 3 letters of recommendation current resume
- Personal statement of goals for pursing the DSW degree
- Writing sample
- Cumulative graduate GPA of 3.0 or above
- Transcripts from all postsecondary schools attended
- Completed application and application fee
- Interview (strong applications are invited to interview)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Admission to the DSW Program is competitive. Applicants should visit our website for the Application Checklist (uofl.me/dswappchecklist) and instructions. The application deadline for the DSW program is February 1st for a Fall Program start. Admissions decisions are made by faculty after consideration of written applications and interview in the spring of each year.

Contact us or visit our website for further information about the program and how to apply:



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The Doctor of Social Work (DSW) program is designed for the working professional interested in obtaining their DSW degree to advance their knowledge and skills in leadership and teaching. Students are expected to demonstrate that they can critically analyze models of teaching and learning and social service leadership, apply and evaluate best practices in the classroom and social service agency settings, and demonstrate use of social work ethics in leadership actions and in teaching.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Fall and Spring courses are 8 weeks. Summer courses are 6 weeks.
- Students complete both a teaching practicum and leadership practicum as part of coursework.
- All students must pass a qualifying assessment before proceeding to the capstone project (6 credit hours) that is completed in the third year of the program.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

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COURSES

Fall

SW 730: Social Service Leadership and Teaching & Learning: History, Philosophy & Current Practices - 3 hours

SW 731: Ethics, Equity, and Social Justice: Theory and Practice - 3 hours

Spring

SW 774: Implementation Science, Program Development, & Administration - 3 hours

SW 775: Continuous Quality Improvement, Data-Driven Decision-Making, and Evidence-Based Practice and Management - 3 hours

Summer

SW 776: Research Methods - 3 hours SW 735: Program Evaluation - 3 hours

Fall

SW 736: Applied Social Service Leadership, Management & Practice - 4 hours

SW 737: Program Planning, Finance, & Budgets - 3 hours

Spring

SW 738: Social Work Teaching & Learning: Theories, Methods & Assessment - 4 hours

SW 739: Teaching in Social Work: Course Design, Instruction & Evaluation - 3 hours

Summer

SW 740: Policy Analysis & Advocacy: Contemporary Issues -3 hours

SW 777: Integrative Seminar & Qualifying Assessment - 3 hours

Fall

SW 778: Capstone project - 3 hours

Spring

SW 778: Capstone project - 3 hours

Minimum Total Hours - 44



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR DSW GRADUATES

In the community, DSW degrees prepare individuals for leadership roles in human service and non-profit organizations, policy and advocacy positions, and community activism. In practice roles, DSW degrees prepare individuals for advanced social work positions in private practice and consulting and training. In academia, DSW degrees prepares individuals for roles as faculty members and administrators.

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