

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ MSW/MSSW degree from a CSWE-accredited program
- ▶ 2 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 pursuing 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.

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Change the world with education and action.

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

- **100% online**
- **No GRE required for admission**
- **Asynchronous (no set class times) & synchronous learning options**
- **No on-campus residency requirement**
- **Earn your degree in just 14 courses**

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

All courses are 3 credit hours unless indicated otherwise.

Students complete both a teaching practicum and leadership practicum as part of coursework. All students must pass a qualifying assessment before proceeding to the thesis or capstone project (6 credit hours) that is completed in the third year of the program.

COURSES

Year	Term	Course
1	Fall	SW 730: Social Service Leadership and Teaching & Learning: History, Philosophy & Current Practices
		SW 731: Ethics, Equity, and Social Justice: Theory & Practice
	Spring	SW 774: Implementation Science, Program Development, & Administration
		SW 775: Continuous Quality Improvement, Data Driven Decision-Making, and Evidence-Based Practice and Management
	Summer	SW 776: Research Methods
		SW 735: Program Evaluation
2	Fall	SW 736: Applied Social Service Leadership, Management & Practice (4 credits) - Leadership Practicum*
		SW 737: Program Planning, Finance and Budgets
	Spring	SW 738: Social Work Teaching & Learning: Theories, Methods & Assessment (4 Credits) - Teaching Practicum*
		SW 739: Teaching in Social Work: Course Design, Instruction & Evaluation
	Summer	SW 740: Policy Analysis & Advocacy: Contemporary Issues
		SW 777: Integrative Seminar & Qualifying Assessment
3	Fall	SW 778: Thesis/Capstone Project
	Spring	SW 778: Thesis/Capstone Project

Total Credit Hours Required:

44

* Practicums occur across the entire semester

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE 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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