



Student Organizations

Concord Social Work Organization

The primary purpose of the Concord Social Work Organization is to give students an opportunity to organize on their own behalf. Student representatives participate on a curriculum committee which acts in an advisory capacity in the social work department. They also participate in service projects, fund raisers, attend conferences together, and play a role in governance of the campus community by attending meetings of the Student Government Association.

Phi Alpha Honor Society

“Through knowledge — the challenge to serve”
The purpose of Phi Alpha Honor Society is to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work.

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CONCORD UNIVERSITY

Master of Social Work



Criteria for Admission to the Master of Social Work (MSW) Program

Standard 2 Year Full-Time or Part-Time

Applicants must:

- Have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university;
- Have a 2.5 or higher GPA overall; and 2.75 GPA in the last 60 hours;
- Submit three letters of reference (two from the student's academic program and the third from someone who knows the candidate well, preferably in a work or volunteer setting and is/was in a supervisory role with the candidate);
- Submit a personal statement that includes the student's background, interests, experiences, and goals; perceptions regarding a social issue; views of social and economic justice in rural settings; and reasons for pursuing the MSW degree; and
- Submit a résumé of work and related volunteer experience.

The GRE is not required.

Advanced Standing MSW Program

Applicants must:

- Have a bachelor of social work degree from an accredited CSWE undergraduate social work program;
- Have a 2.75 or higher GPA overall; and have a 3.0 GPA in the social work classes;
- Indicate application to the Advanced Standing Program on the application;
- Submit three letters of reference (two from the student's academic program including one from a social work faculty member and one from the undergraduate faculty field supervisor; the third reference from either the agency field instructor or an employer/supervisor);
- Submit a personal statement that includes the student's background, interests, experiences, and goals; perception regarding a social issue; views of social and economic justice in rural settings; and reasons for pursuing the MSW degree;
- Submit a résumé of work and related volunteer experience.

The GRE is not required.

The Mission of the Master of Social Work Program at Concord University is:

"To prepare graduates for advanced social work practice with a rural concentration. The Master of Social Work Program builds upon a systems approach and a strengths perspective."

"At this very moment, there are people only you can reach...and differences only you can make." -Mike Dooley, Writer of *Notes to the Universe*

Course Curriculum

Standard Curriculum (24 Hours):

- Foundations of Generalist Practice (3)
- Foundations of Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)
- Foundations of Policy (3)
- Foundations of Practice (3)
- Foundations of Research (3)
- Special Topics (3)
- Foundations Field Practicum (A and B) (6)

Advanced Curriculum (36 Hours):

- Advanced Human Behavior and the Social Environment in Rural Settings (3)
- Appalachian Culture, Structures, and Environment (3)
- Advanced Rural Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups (3)
- Advanced Rural Research Methods for Social Work (3)
- Advanced Field (A, B, and C) (9)
- Advanced Policy in Rural Practice (3)
- Advanced Rural Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)
- Special Topics (9)

What Will I Learn - Program Goals

- Conduct advanced social work practice with a rural concentration, which operates from a systems and strengths perspective with the ability to respond to varying rural contexts.
- Think critically and examine issues within the rural context while applying knowledge from both a person in environment and human behavior perspective to determine appropriate methods of intervention and to communicate these in an ethical manner utilizing the strengths of rural settings.
- Utilize an advanced reflective and developmental approach to practice.
- Apply an advanced critical and analytical approach to practice that incorporates the unique culture and systems within rural settings and includes engaging in research-informed practice and practice-informed research.
- Use advanced knowledge and skills in analyzing rural social policies and promoting change in rural settings through the development of more just and humane policies as they affect clients, social workers, and service systems.
- Address the uniqueness of issues of human rights, mechanisms of operation, discrimination, and social and economic justice in order to improve the social and economic well-being of clients within rural settings across all levels of practice.

Want to Know More?

For more information regarding the MSW program contact us at **1-304-384-6260** or email us at socialwork@concord.edu or visit our website at www.concord.edu/social-work

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are we doing for others?'" - Martin Luther King, Jr.