



# Master of Social Work Program



## *Why Study Social Work?*

"The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs of those who are vulnerable, oppressed and living in poverty."

– National Association of Social Workers (2012)

The study of social work prepares you for a career in a strong growth area. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of social workers is expected to increase 25 percent from 2010 to 2020. The median annual salary for social workers was \$42,480 in 2010, with the top 10 percent earning more than \$70,390.

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*"I would not have missed the opportunity to pursue my MSW at the U of M for anything. My hands-on experience has taught me how important social work is to the community and how I am a part of something greater than myself. I will be able to make a difference in someone else's life because of my education on advocacy, policy and the truth of social injustice, and how it impacts others."*

— Rachel Duerr, MSW Graduate Student



## About the MSW Program

The Department of Social Work offers a program of study leading to the Master of Social Work (MSW) degree. The Department of Social Work is dedicated to:

- Educating social workers with knowledge, values and skills for evidence-based practice with children and families.
- Advancing the knowledge base of the social work profession.
- Providing regional leadership in the development and implementation of policies, programs and services for at-risk populations, particularly children and families.

## Council on Social Work Education

The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) is the accrediting body for social work programs. The University of Memphis MSW program is in candidacy for accreditation, with full accreditation anticipated for February 2014.

## Three Study Options

### Full-time study

(4 semesters of study; 60 credit hours)

### Extended study

(6 - 8 semesters of study; 60 credit hours)

### Advanced Standing

(3 semesters of study; 37 credit hours)\*

Students in the full-time and extended-study options complete the same courses regardless of program of study and follow the same learning expectations for field education.

*\*Advanced standing is an accelerated program for students who have a BA in social work, a minimum GPA of 3.0 overall and 3.3 in social work courses. Advanced standing is anticipated Summer 2013, and is pending approval by the Tennessee Board of Regents.*



## Course Content

- Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- Cultural Competency
- Social Work Practice
- Research
- Social Welfare Policy
- Advanced Practice with Children and Families

## Admission Requirements

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university is required.
- An undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or better (A = 4.0) is strongly preferred.
- Experience in social work (paid or volunteer) is strongly preferred.

## How to Apply

### Submit to U of M Graduate School Admissions:

- A complete Graduate School Application (may be completed online at <http://www.memphis.edu/gradschool/admproc.php>)
- Non-refundable fee (\$35 domestic, \$60 international)
- Official transcripts from ALL universities you have attended
- Official graduate record (GRE) score (TOEFL if applicable)

### Submit to U of M Department of Social Work:

- Completed Master of Social Work Application (must be completed online via the "Apply Now" button on the Department of Social Work website)
- Three letters of reference on letterhead or using the social work form (1 from a faculty member, 2 from supervisors or from volunteer work)
- Completed professional goal statement (submitted as part of the online MSW application)

## Deadlines

Scholarship/Assistantship Deadline: **March 1st**

Regular Admission Deadline: **April 15th**

The MSW Program accepts new full-time and extended study students in the fall. Advanced Standing students are accepted in the summer.