Doctor of Social Work (DSW)

"Pursue Your DSW Degree While Working Full Time"
Response to Community Need

• Need for more practitioners who have the ability to evaluate outcomes.

• Need for more social workers who are prepared for leadership & management positions.

• Projection that higher education social work jobs in TN will grow by 126%.
Program Mission & Goals

The mission of the DSW program is to:

• Prepare practitioner-scholars who can generate new social work knowledge and respond to increasingly complex practice environments.

The DSW program seeks to:

• Enhance the professional skills of practicing social workers and prepare them for supervision, management, and data-driven decision-making.
Program Learning Outcomes

The program learning outcomes for the DSW are to:

1) Evaluate social work services and practice environments using twenty-first century skills in data-driven analysis and informatics.

2) Demonstrate social work leadership and management skills to respond to complex practice environments locally, nationally, and globally.

3) Educate the next generation of social workers through supervision and training to be leaders in a changing practice environment.

4) Demonstrate leadership skills in interdisciplinary environments in collaboration with diverse clients and communities.

5) Contribute to social work knowledge through research and practice.
Features of the Program

• Fall admission only
• Cohort of about 10 students
• Part-time
• Online
  ✓ Synchronous meetings
  ✓ 1 week residency each year
• Approximately 3 years
• Dissertation required
One Week Residencies

• Year one: Statistics and Research Boot Camp
  (August 9-14, 2021)
• Year two: Management Boot Camp
• Year three: Dissertation Boot Camp
# Coursework

## DSW Study Plan

### Year 1

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Certificate Opportunities

• Quantitative Studies in Education
• Qualitative Studies in Education
• Health Analytics
• Higher Education Teaching (proposal in progress from education)
• Clinical Methods (Proposal in progress for MSW or DSW students)
Funding

• Graduate assistantship for teaching & research
  ✓ May not pay for all expenses

• Opportunities through the Graduate School
  [https://www.memphis.edu/gradschool/current_students/fellowships/awards_current.php](https://www.memphis.edu/gradschool/current_students/fellowships/awards_current.php)

• Opportunities through Student Affairs
  [https://www.memphis.edu/academicsuccess/students/assistantships.php](https://www.memphis.edu/academicsuccess/students/assistantships.php)
How does this degree fit with your talents?

• Are you strong in research? Do you have basic algebra skills?

• How are you with completing self-directed projects without set deadlines? This will impact your ability to finish a dissertation.
What Are Your Career Goals?

• PhD is more marketable than a DSW in higher education settings, particularly research universities.

• Universities don’t typically hire their own graduates for tenure-track positions.

• How do you shape your DSW experience to accomplish your career goals?
Who Are Eligible?

Admissions eligibility includes:

• An MSW degree from a CSWE-accredited program

• A minimum of two-year post-MSW work experience
How To Apply?

What you will need includes:

• Online application
  (www.memphis.edu/graduateadmissions/future/apply_grad.php)
• Official transcripts
• Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score (and TOEFL score, if international)
• Three (3) professional references
• Professional goal statement
• A writing sample (optional)
• Non-refundable application fee ($35 domestic, $65 international)
How To Apply?

Click “APPLY NOW: ONLINE APPLICATION”
How To Apply?

Click “ALL OTHER COLLEGES/SCHOOLS SUMMER/FALL 2021”
How To Apply?

Click “Create an Account”
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“My Application / Program Materials / Documents”

To complete the Doctor of Social Work Application you need to be ready to:

- Report your GRE scores (Verbal, Quantitative, Analytic) and overall GPA scores.
- List institutions attended with dates, degrees (MSW required), and majors.
- Supply e-mail addresses and telephone numbers for three recommenders who will be automatically recommended after the recommendation request is saved.
- List academic honors and awards.
- List social work publications (a writing sample optional).
- List social work related work experiences (a minimum of 2-year post-MSW work experiences required).
- Provide no more than three double-spaced pages of Professional Goal statement.

**Program Details**

- **Start Term:** Fall
- **Program Name:** DSW - Social Work
- **Concentration:**
- **Degree Level:** Doctoral/PhD

**Required Documents**

- **CV/Resume**
  - [Add Document]
- **Goal Statement**
  - [Add Document]

**Optional Documents**

- **Writing Sample**
  - [Add Document]
How To Apply?

“My Application / Program Materials / Recommendations”

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**Recommendations**

Please remind your three (3) Recommendation Letter Writers of addressing at least one of the follows in the letter:

1. Skills and ethics in social work practice
2. The potential of research on social work areas.

Once you have saved an electronic recommendation, an email request will automatically be sent to the recommender on your behalf. Please advise your recommender to look for this email in their inbox, as well as their spam or junk-mail folder, as emails do occasionally get filtered out.

**LOR Upload**

- Request LOR Upload Recommendation

**Deadline:** 04/01/2021
How To Apply?

Documents: Resume/CV

- All institutions attended with dates, degrees (MSW required), and majors.
- All paid or unpaid social work related work experiences: A minimum of 2-year post-MSW work experiences required.
- All academic honors and awards.
How To Apply?

Documents: Personal Goal Statement

- No more than three (3) double-spaced pages in length, with 1-inch margins and 12-point Times New Roman font
- Answer the following questions:
  - Describe the primary population you have been serving and the problem of social work interest (e.g., social injustice, poverty, health disparities, etc.).
  - Identify your theoretical approach to direct and/or macro practice as it relates to the identified population and problem of interest, and then discuss how you applied the theoretical approach to your practice.
  - What motivates you to pursue a DSW at this time in your career and how will a DSW help you to achieve your professional goals as manager, supervisor, researcher, or evaluator?
  - Why did you choose the University of Memphis to pursue a DSW degree?
How To Apply?

Documents: Writing Sample (optional)

- Presents your critical thinking and writing capacity.
  - A peer-review journal publication,
  - A capstone paper, or
  - In-class assignment paper, etc.
How To Apply?

Documents: Recommendations

• Three (3) recommendation letter writers that address at least one of the follows:
  ✓ Skills and ethics in social work practice
  ✓ The potential of research on social work areas.
When Is Due?

• Deadline: April 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2021 for Fall 2021 Admission

• Fall admissions only
Contact for Questions

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