DOCTOR OF SOCIAL WORK
(DSW ONLINE PROGRAM)
The College of Social Work offers a Doctor of Social Work (DSW) program in clinical practice and leadership. Geared toward professionals, the DSW is an intensive accelerated program that enables students to satisfy all degree requirements in three years without career disruption.

“My involvement with the College of Social Work changed my life. Not only did the quality of my education provide me with the knowledge and skills to be prepared for the challenges of the profession, but the attention and interpersonal interactions with the faculty and staff also provided me with support and role models for being a social worker in spirit not merely in title.”

Jo Willey, DSW Student
The DSW is a professional practice degree – designed to prepare students for advanced clinical practice and advanced practice leadership. The curriculum is offered in an online format where students who are full-time working clinical social workers can continue in their on-going clinical practice while taking classes.

The PhD program is a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree with a major in social work – a research degree designed to prepare students for careers in research and teaching. Students take a mix of classes in-person and virtually for two years, and work on their comprehensive exam and dissertation for an additional one to two years.

THE DSW PROGRAM
is unique in the country in that it has an advanced clinical social work curriculum focused on evidence-based practice, clinical leadership, clinical science, and applied research.
THE DSW PROGRAM will train students to understand and critically apply knowledge from neurobehavioral science and research-informed advanced clinical practice to address the socio-emotional and physical health of the community, with particular focus on including under-resourced groups. Students will be mentored to demonstrate the evidence-based practice process through designing and executing a research project.

THE DSW CURRICULUM follows eight (8) semesters of rigorous coursework with two classes per semester. Students will complete three semesters, or six courses, before writing and defending the Capstone I paper. Capstone II papers are completed in the final semester.

Students are required to come to the Knoxville campus for one week in each of the two consecutive summers during the program.
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