THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK
(MSSW NASHVILLE PROGRAM)
THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM IS OFFERED AT THE KNOXVILLE AND NASHVILLE CAMPUSES, AS WELL AS ONLINE. The program’s mission is to educate students for culturally relevant and ethically sound social work practice within a changing global context.

In accordance with social work’s professional code of ethics and values, importance is placed on client empowerment, individual and political advocacy for greater social and economic justice, and challenging the oppression of diverse and vulnerable populations.

“I love being on the Nashville campus and have enjoyed being in the CSWE Minority Fellowship Program which allowed me to address the mental health needs of BIPOC individuals, groups, and communities.”

Jazzmin Mitchell, MSSW Nashville Student
WHY CHOOSE SOCIAL WORK?

Social workers change the world and if you are looking for a career with diversity and meaning, we would encourage you to consider social work. The fundamental mission of the social work profession is to serve people needing assistance and to work to make social institutions more responsive to human needs. Social work is distinguished from other helping professions by its person-in-environment focus and its strong commitment to social and economic justice.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY SOCIAL WORK DEGREE?

Social workers are employed in a wide variety of fields. Depending on the route you choose, employment is available with schools, hospitals, outpatient clinics, mental health facilities, colleges & universities, non-profit agencies, the legal profession, government agencies, corporate HR & finance, and athletics, just to name a few.

THE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK OFFERS SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE MSSW PROGRAM. Advanced elective courses and field settings combine to provide current students with extensive knowledge and experience within the following areas: Forensic Social Work, Gerontology, School Social Work Licensure, Trauma, and Veterinary Social Work. Additionally, an MSSW/MLS dual degree is offered in partnership with the University of Tennessee College of Law.
THE FIELD PRACTICUM IS THE CRITICAL AND REQUIRED INTERNSHIP PORTION OF THE MSSW PROGRAM COMPONENT OF EACH STUDENT’S EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE. Students work with experienced social work professionals in a variety of settings to complement classroom theory and research. Settings include schools, courts, hospitals, nursing homes, state agencies, homeless shelters, women’s shelters, mental health centers, and many others.

UTCSW STUDENTS PROVIDE OVER 230,000 FIELD PLACEMENT HOURS ANNUALLY

THE MSSW PROGRAM COMBINES STATE-OF-THE-ART COURSEWORK WITH IN-DEPTH INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES. It’s important to note that whether you take classes on campus or online, the MSSW program is taught by the same professors, is held to the same high standards, and is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

Full-Time Program
Advanced Standing Program
Extended Study Program
Hybrid Evening Classes (Nashville Only)

WHAT IS HYBRID?
The class will meet every other week allowing time in-between for students to work on their own. The in-person portion of the class will take place in the evenings at our Nashville campus.

CONCENTRATIONS

Clinical Practice
The Clinical Practice (CP) concentration provides students skills in interpersonal evidence-based treatments and interventions for use in individual and group settings.

Organizational Leadership
The Organizational Leadership (OL) concentration equips students with management, social-economic development, and policy practice skills that enable them to lead non-profit and governmental agencies and engage with communities to build strong organizations that address pressing needs.
WHY UTK?

#1 MSSW PROGRAM IN TENNESSEE

FLEXIBLE OPTIONS TO FIT YOUR SCHEDULE

LEARN FROM NATIONALLY RENOWNED, CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH FACULTY

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

COLLABORATION WITH TWO RESEARCH CENTERS

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