



Master of Social Work – School Social Work Practice

Regular Standing

Degree Awarded: Master of Social Work
Requirements for the Degree: 59 credits

The Master of Social Work (MSW) program prepares students for professional practice with diverse systems, emphasizing the provision of competent, ethical services based on the core competencies of social work. Students will be prepared to carry out inclusive practice with diverse and vulnerable groups in society through a variety of professional settings. Students will develop the skills needed to take an active role in addressing social problems and challenging social, economic, and environmental injustice.

This specialty prepares the graduate for work with students from birth to age 21 in a school setting or Area Education Agency. Coursework prepares the student with skills, knowledge, and competencies in individual, family, and group counseling assessment and intervention; and understanding of general, special, and gifted and talented education principles. The student will complete the field education experience in a school or Area Education Agency setting.

Students who do not have a bachelor's degree in social work from an institution accredited by the Council on Social Work Education must complete Foundation coursework in addition to Core Courses, Specialty Courses, and Electives.

Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and have no more than two final course grades of C. Please review the program handbook for program policies.

Foundation Coursework (24 credits):

Course	Title	Credits
SWGR 505	Fundamentals of Human Behavior	3
SWGR 507	Social Work Foundation Skills Lab	2
SWGR 510	Foundations of Social Work Practice	3
SWGR 511	Orientation to Social Work Profession	1
SWGR 515	Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion	3
SWGR 520	Practice, Theory, and Methods: Organizations and Communities	3
SWGR 525	Social Welfare Policy and Practice	3
SWGR 526	Foundations of Social Work Research	3
SWGR 589	Foundation Practicum Experience	3

Social Work Core Courses (20 credits):

Course	Title	Credits
SWGR 508	Advanced Social Work Practice Skills Lab	2
SWGR 565	Developing Socially Just Policy	3
SWGR 566 or SWGR 567 or SWGR 568	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Leadership or Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Organizational Behavior or Social and Economic Determinant of Inequities <i>Meets DE requirement for coursework in related studies topics</i>	3 or 3
SWGR 580	Research-Informed Practice I <i>Meets DE requirement for coursework in related studies topics</i>	3
SWGR 585	Research-Informed Practice II <i>Meets DE requirement for coursework in related studies topics</i>	3
SWGR 598	Advanced Practicum Experience I <i>Meets DE requirement for coursework for practicum experience</i>	3

This information must be used in conjunction with the 2026-2027 Grand View University Catalog and does not reflect a student's official record of progress. Students are expected to use the Progress tool found on myGVU >Tools > My Academics > 'Plan and register for courses' to monitor and plan coursework. Other available resources include: Course Planning Documents (found on myGVU under Academics and Advising Resources) and the faculty and staff who work with academic requirements.

	SWGR 599	Advanced Practicum Experience II <i>Meets DE requirement for coursework for practicum experience</i>	3
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School Social Work Practice Specialty Courses (12 credits):

	Course	Title	Credits
	SWGR 535	Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice with Individuals <i>Meets DE requirements for coursework in Assessment, Intervention</i>	3
	SWGR 545	Social Work Diagnosis and Assessment <i>Meets DE requirement for coursework in Assessment, Intervention</i>	3
	SWGR 546	Working in Schools	3
	EDGR 501	Pedagogies of Exceptional Learners <i>Meets DE requirement for coursework in Special Education, Education of Individuals with Disabilities, Gifted and Talented</i>	3

Social Work Electives (Choose 3 credits):

Meets DE requirement for coursework in General Education topics

	Course	Title	Credits
	SWGR 555	Social Work Across the Healthcare Continuum	3
	EDGR 526	Empowering the Community through Education	3
	EDGR 528	Serving Immigrant and Multi-Lingual Students	3
	EDGR 536	Working with Families, Teachers, and Community Agencies	3
	EDGR 559	Educational Policy and Law	3
	EDGR 577	Modern Language for Today's 21 st Century Classroom	3

All courses in the above categories will be counted in computing the 3.0 GPA required for this program.

Grand View University has achieved Candidacy for Accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation.