



Put Your Passion Into Practice

Once you begin your journey with [Yeshiva University](#), your passion for service can truly begin to take shape. Working through the online [Master of Social Work \(MSW\)](#) program, you will have the opportunity to start developing your professional identity while gaining an informed and well-rounded theoretical understanding of social work and its application as a practice.

Program Benefits

- Study online—anytime, anywhere—with the flexibility working professionals need
- Choose either a [full- or part-time course load](#) to best fit your schedule
- Enroll in specialized courses that are developed and taught by experts in their respective fields
- Receive training in advanced clinical practice with individuals and families, group work and community practice
- Engage with interactive casework simulations in our dynamic virtual environment, [“The Heights”](#)
- Apply what you learn directly in the field through supervised [practicum](#) experience
- Choose one of three MSW pathways:
 - Pursue a **general-track MSW**
 - Earn an additional **Gerontology and Palliative Care Embedded Certification**
 - Earn an added **Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) Credential**

Advanced Standing Requirements

For students applying for [Advanced Standing](#) in the general-track MSW, the following additional requirements must be met:

- A Bachelor of Social Work (BSW), with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale), from a CSWE-accredited program
- Final practicum evaluation from your completed BSW program

Admissions Requirements

- [Completed application](#)
- An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
- One personal statement (500 words):
 - Topic: Why do you want to work in the social work profession?
 - A second, optional personal statement may be included to provide additional relevant admissions information, such as gaps in academic or employment history, GPA, etc.
- One letter of recommendation
- Unofficial transcripts from academic institutions where nine or more credits were earned can be submitted via the online application to start the review process. If admitted, official transcripts provided directly from academic institutions where nine or more credits were earned must be submitted no later than one month prior to the first day of class
- \$50 nonrefundable application fee submitted by credit card
- International students: All transcripts and letters of recommendation must be translated by an accredited service provider
- For non-native English speakers, evidence of English proficiency through a minimum TOEFL score of 90–91 on the internet-based test, 223 on the computer-based test or 577 on the paper test
- Applicants who have been awarded a bachelor's and/ or graduate degree from an international higher education institution outside of the United States or a non-English speaking Canadian institution will need to submit a course-by-course [NACES transcript evaluation](#) (see [admissions requirements](#) for more details)



Curriculum and Course Structure

To earn the online Master of Social Work (MSW):

- Students must complete a total of 60 credit hours of coursework. Full-time online MSW students can complete their degree in as few as 2 ½ years
- Advanced standing students must complete 30 credit hours of concentration courses and can complete their degree in as few as 16 months
- Advanced standing students in the Gerontology/Palliative Care or CASAC tracks must complete 33 credit hours of concentration courses
- Students who wish to pursue the online MSW on a part-time basis may take one course per term (roughly 15-20 hours of coursework per week). At this rate, they can complete their degree in as few as 3 ½ years, although they have up to five years to complete the program
- Advanced Standing students who pursue the online MSW on a part-time basis can complete their degree in as few as 20 months
- Students may switch between full- and part-time course loads throughout their time in the program, as their schedule allows
- Online MSW students, including those in the Gerontology/Palliative Care or CASAC tracks, are required to complete two practicum placements in the area of their specialization. Advanced Standing students are required to complete one practicum placement in the area of their specialization. The University aids in the search for practicum placement in these areas

Practicum and Elective Courses

Full MSW and Advanced Standing students will participate in [practicum](#) throughout their program tenure. These directly supervised experiences allow students to begin integrating classroom knowledge into client exchanges at hospitals, welfare agencies, mental health facilities, schools and more.

Following completion of the [core courses](#), general-track students will move on to take three [elective courses](#) of their choosing. Elective topics in the past have included poverty, LGBT communities, immigration and family systems, but offerings may change. Students in the Gerontology/Palliative Care or CASAC tracks will be required to take the electives assigned for their specialization. Be sure to speak with an admissions outreach advisor for up-to-date course listings.

Core Courses: 51 Credit Hours

- SWK 6001, SWK 6002 – Practicum Orientation I & II
- SWK 6003 – Generalist Social Work Practice I
- SWK 6004 – Generalist Social Work Practice II
- SWK 6531C, SWK 6532C – Generalist Social Work Practice Field Work I & II
- SWK 6100 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment
- SWK 6135 – Cultural Diversity
- SWK 6201 – Social Welfare and Social Change
- SWK 6401 – Social Work Practice and Evaluation Research
- SWK 6013 – Advanced Clinical Practice with Individuals and Families I
- SWK 6014 – Advanced Clinical Practice with Individuals and Families II
- SWK 6535C – Advanced Practicum Seminar I
- SWK 6536C – Advanced Practicum Seminar II
- SWK 6111 – Psychosocial Pathology
- SWK 6133 – Philosophical Foundations of Social Work
- SWK 6134 – Social Work Values and Ethics
- SWK 6210 – Advanced Policy Advocacy
- SWK 6402 – Applied Methods in Social Work Research
- SWK 6023 – Advanced Group Work Practice I
- SWK 6024 – Advanced Group Work Practice II
- SWK 6901 – Capstone

Elective Courses: 9 Credit Hours

View currently offered elective courses [here](#), or speak with an admissions outreach advisor for more information.

Please note: Each course is worth 3 credit hours unless otherwise noted. The course offerings and sequence are subject to change.

Start Your Path to a Greater Purpose at Yeshiva University

Interested in answering your calling to serve and turning your passion into your profession? Learn more about our CSWE-accredited online Master of Social Work (MSW) program by reaching out to an admissions outreach advisor at **866-545-9506**.