



New Program Report

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Institution

Missouri Western State University

Site Information

Implementation Date:

8/22/2022 12:00:00 AM

Added Site(s):

Selected Site(s):

Missouri Western State University, 4525 Downs Drive, St. Joseph, MO, 64507

CIP Information

CIP Code:

440701

CIP Description:

A program that prepares individuals for the professional practice of social welfare administration and counseling, and that focus on the study of organized means of providing basic support services for vulnerable individuals and groups. Includes instruction in social welfare policy; case work planning; social counseling and intervention strategies; administrative procedures and regulations; and specific applications in areas such as child welfare and family services, probation, employment services, and disability counseling.

CIP Program Title:

Social Work

Institution Program Title:

Master of Social Work

Degree Level/Type

Degree Level:

Master Degree

Degree Type:

Master of Social Work

Options Added:

Collaborative Program:

N

Mode of Delivery

Current Mode of Delivery

Classroom

Student Preparation



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Special Admissions Procedure or Student Qualifications required:

No special preparation, other than BSW degree from an accredited program to qualify for the Advanced Program track.

Specific Population Characteristics to be served:

Professionals in the region who are interested in behavioral health, particularly in medical and rural social work.

Faculty Characteristics

Special Requirements for Assignment of Teaching for this Degree/Certificate:

Must hold a terminal degree; a MSW degree, minimum, and have completed 2 years of successful post-grad work

Estimate Percentage of Credit Hours that will be assigned to full time faculty:

Approximately 90% or more of credit hours will be assigned to full time faculty.

Expectations for professional activities, special student contact, teaching/learning innovation:

Sponsorship of student organization and multidisciplinary spring conference; direct supervision of practicum experience

Student Enrollment Projections Year One-Five

Year 1	Full Time: 8	Part Time: 2	
Year 2	Full Time: 16	Part Time: 4	
Year 3	Full Time: 20	Part Time: 6	Number of Graduates: 24
Year 4	Full Time: 24	Part Time: 8	
Year 5	Full Time: 24	Part Time: 8	Number of Graduates: 60

Percentage Statement:

100.00

Program Accreditation



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Institutional Plans for Accreditation:

Missouri Western State University definitely intends to seek accreditation for the Master of Social Work from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

To this end, a MWSU work group has met multiple times with Ms. Anna Holster, an accreditation officer for CSWE, to clarify faculty requirements and seek her advice regarding submission of the “Candidacy Eligibility Application” and “Benchmark One” materials.

MWSU has delayed submitting its initial application until the CSWE changes in accreditation requirements were approved in June 2022. Benchmark One materials may be submitted any time post-January 1, 2023

The Office of the University President, as well as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, has made a commitment to support the \$10,000.00 price tag, up front, that is required with MWSU’s initial submission of its letter of intent and candidacy eligibility fee to develop an MSW program for accreditation. (This would be due in State One, prior to the enrollment of MWSU’s first cohort of MSW students.)

A commitment that the university will support the minimum of an additional \$17,550.00 costs associated with Stages Two and Three of the CSWE accreditation process

Commissioner visit I fee [\$5,000.00]

Commissioner visit II fee [\$5,000.00]

Additional commissioner visit fee [\$2,550.00]

Initial accreditation fee [\$5,000.00].

Missouri Western State University’s BSW and MSW programs would be accredited separately until the MWSU Master of Social Work program earns full accreditation (i.e., which involves three stages). After this point, the two accreditations would be aligned.

All students admitted to the MSW program at any time during the academic year MWSU files its candidacy eligibility and institutional intent WOULD be considered as receiving an accredited degree upon their graduation.

Program Structure

Total Credits:

62

Residency Requirements:

n/a

General Education Total Credits:

0

Major Requirements Total Credits:

34

Course(s) Added

COURSE NUMBER	CREDITS	COURSE TITLE
SWK 555/655	3	Medical and Rural Social Work
SWK 610	3	Practicum in Social Work: Clinical II
SWK 535/635	3	Trauma & Domestic Violence



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SWK 610	3	Practicum in Social Work: Clinical I
SWK 510	3	Family and Child Welfare
SWK 540/640	3	Mental Health & Diagnosis
SWK 550/650	3	Crisis Intervention & Suicide Aware and End Racism
SWK 515	3	Clinical Practice I

Free Elective Credits:

0

Internship or other Capstone Experience:

Practicum: Adv. = 16 cr hrs; Trad. = 26 cr hrs.

Assurances

I certify that the program is clearly within the institution's CBHE-approved mission. The proposed new program must be consistent with the institutional mission, as well as the principal planning priorities of the public institution, as set forth in the public institution's approved plan or plan update.

I certify that the program will be offered within the proposing institution's main campus or CBHE-approved off-site location.

I certify that the program will not unnecessarily duplicate an existing program of another Missouri institution in accordance with 6 CSR 10-4.010, subsection (9)(C) Submission of Academic Information, Data and New Programs.

I certify that the program will build upon existing programs and faculty expertise.

I certify that the program can be launched with minimal expense and falls within the institution's current operating budget.

I certify that the institution has conducted research on the feasibility of the proposal and it is likely the program will be successful. Institutions' decision to implement a program shall be based upon demand and/or need for the program in terms of meeting present and future needs of the locale, state, and nation based upon societal needs, and/or student needs.

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6. Program Structure

A. Total credits required for graduation: MSW-Advanced track = 40 credits; Traditional track = 62 credits

B. Residency requirements, if any: N/A

C. General education: Total credits: ALL general education credits would have been met at the UG level.

Courses (specific courses OR distribution area and credits)

Course Number	Credits	Course Title
FOR THE ADVANCED PROGRAM ONLY (6 credits)		
SWK 505	6	Seminar (Bridge to MSW: Exploration of the Grand Challenges)
FOR THE TRADITIONAL PROGRAM ONLY (28 credits)		
SWK 500	3	Foundation I - Engagement & Assessment
SWK 520	3	Philosophy & Policy
SWK 530	3	Human Behavior and the Social Environment
SWK 565	3	Advanced Research Project
SWK 570	3	Program Implementation
SWK 580/680	3	Clinical Practice II: Introduction to the Grand Challenges
SWK 600	5	Field Practicum in Social Work: Foundation I
SWK 600	5	Field Practicum in Social Work: Foundation II

D. Major requirements: Total credits: 34 credits SHARED by Advanced and Traditional Programs

Course Number	Credits	Course Title
SWK 510	3	Family and Child Welfare
SWK 515	3	Clinical Practice I
SWK 535/635	3	Trauma & Domestic Violence
SWK 540/640	3	Mental Health & Diagnosis
SWK 550/650	3	Crisis Intervention & Suicide Aware (7 weeks) and End Racism (7 weeks)
SWK 555/655	3	Medical (7 weeks) and Rural (7 weeks) Social Work
SWK 610	8	Practicum in Social Work: Clinical I
SWK 610	8	Practicum in Social Work: Clinical II