

## **Master of Social Work Program**

The School of Social Work at Arizona State University Downtown Phoenix Campus is committed to the preparation of professional social work practitioners who take pride in their practice, who place the highest values on excellence, who are willing to devote their careers to finding the most effective methods of intervention, and who are committed to understanding and serving those most in need of help. The program prepares social workers for advanced direct practice or planning, administration, and community practice. The program is designed to prepare social workers capable of responding effectively to the needs of special populations in the Southwest. The Master of Social Work Degree program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

The School is committed to the University's mission to be competitive with the best public research universities in the country. Faculty members have active research agendas that include a wide variety of topics, including work with children, with drug and alcohol abusers, with the developmentally disabled, in human services administration and planning, and many other areas. Practice methods have a heavy research-oriented or empirical focus at the clinical and community levels of intervention.

Arizona State University requires a comprehensive examination or a thesis for graduation in all professional master's programs. All social work graduate students must pass a comprehensive examination administered by the School or complete a thesis prior to graduation.

No academic credit is awarded for life or work experience.

### **Advanced Standing Program**

The Advanced Standing Program is a full-time 36 credit hour program, including both classroom and field instruction. The program is available both in Downtown Phoenix Campus and Tucson; however, it is not available for students who wish to study part time. All applicants must have a BSW degree from a CSWE accredited program. The deadline for applying to the Advanced Standing Program is January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Students must start the program in summer (beginning first summer session) and complete a total of three credit hours in each summer session for a total of six credit hours. The six credit hours of summer courses are available in Downtown Phoenix Campus only.

Advanced Standing students complete one internship (480) hours and select one of two concentrations:

- Planning, Administration and Community Practice (courses are generally offered at the Downtown Phoenix Campus only).

or

- Advanced Direct Practice, which prepares students to facilitate change in individual, family and community systems

## **Standard MSW Program**

The Standard MSW Program is a 60 credit hour program, including both classroom and field instruction and is available in Downtown Phoenix Campus and Tucson. The program is available to students as either a full time or part time program. The deadline for applying is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Priority review is given to completed applications received on or before February 1<sup>st</sup>. Applicants who are admitted to the Standard MSW Program begin classes in the fall.

The Standard Program prepares students to facilitate change in individual, family and community systems. It is divided into a foundation year (core curriculum) taken by all students and a concentration year. The foundation year includes basic courses in clinical practice, organizational and community change, social policy, human behavior, and research. The second year students select a concentration in either:

- Planning, Administration and Community Practice (courses are generally offered at the Downtown Phoenix campus only)

or

- Advanced Direct practice, which prepares students to facilitate change in individual, family and community systems.

In addition, Advanced Direct Practice students select a specialization from one of the following (all specializations may not be available in Tucson):

- Children, Youth & Families
- Health, Behavioral/Health Specialization
- Public Child Welfare

## **Tucson Component**

The School of Social Work offers the full foundation year (30 credits) at its Tucson Component. Advanced Direct Practice students may complete their professional degree entirely in Tucson while Planning, Administration and Community Practice students take 6 to 12 credits at ASU Downtown Phoenix Campus. Students admitted to the Advanced Standing Program take the first six credit hours of the program during the first and second five week summer sessions at the ASU Downtown Phoenix Campus.