MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW)

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The Master of Social Work (MSW) program strives to educate students for advanced, urban social work practice in the community, region, and worldwide, with an emphasis on meeting the needs of people with disabilities. The curriculum is guided by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and the State of New York Education Department.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Social Work General Program requires 60 credits to complete. The curriculum is composed of 12 required courses, four internship courses providing 1,200 hours of supervised internship placement, four integrative seminars, and one social work elective.

The Master of Social Work Advanced Standing Program requires 30 credits to complete. The curriculum is composed of six required courses, two internship courses providing 720 hours of supervised internship placement, two integrative seminars, and two social work electives.

The curriculum combines both method courses and a field of practice concentration in disabilities. The program may be completed on a full-time or part-time basis. Course sequence is predetermined.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
- Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0
- One statistics course
- Students who graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work from a CSWE accredited program within the past five years may be considered for Advanced Standing.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Graduate Application:
The application must be completed online at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatestudies.

Transcripts:
Applicants must request official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. If you are currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution, have one transcript sent now and another sent when you complete the courses that you are taking. Applicants who have been enrolled at CSI do not need to request a CSI transcript; the Office of Recruitment and Admissions will obtain a copy.
Application Fee:
A $125.00 non-refundable application fee is required of all applicants. Please make your check or money order payable to the College of Staten Island.

Personal Statement:
Submit a four- to five-page personal statement that answers a predetermined set of questions. Access the Master of Social Work Recommendation Form at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatescholarships.

Letters of Recommendation:
Three letters of recommendation from instructors or employers are required. Access the Master of Social Work Recommendation Form at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatescholarships.

Field Placement Application:
All applicants are required to complete a field placement application. If admitted, students are required to complete a specified amount of internship hours. The information applicants provide in this application does not affect their eligibility to the program. However, the application will not be considered complete without the field placement application. Access the Field Placement Application at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatescholarships.

Résumé
Current résumé detailing all relevant past and present professional employment, experience, and related service.

Interview:
After initial review, an interview may be required.

TOEFL or IELTS:
The TOEFL or IELTS exam is a requirement of students for whom English is a second language.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): The minimum required scores are 600 (Paper), 250 (Computer), or 100 (Internet). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the TOEFL website at www.ets.org. Our institutional code is 2778.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS): We will only accept the academic exam scores. The minimum required score is 7 (overall band). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the IELTS website at www.ielts.org.

DEADLINE
The Master of Social Work program only admits new applicants for the fall semester. The deadline for the fall semester is March 3.

All documents must be submitted to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

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