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. Disabilities is defined broadly to include developmental, intellectual, physical, sensory, psychiatric, chronic health, age-related, alcohol and drug use, and any other impairment. The curriculum is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and guided by the State of New York Education Department.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Social Work Program requires 60 credits to complete. The curriculum is composed of 16 required courses, three internship courses providing 1,200 hours of supervised internship placement, four integrative seminars, and one graduate elective. The curriculum combines both method courses and a field of practice concentration in disability studies in either a clinical or macro track. Students in the clinical and macro track take all general MSW courses with the exception of four specific courses that focus either on clinical social work or on macro social work practice.

The Master of Social Work Advanced Standing Program requires 32 credits to complete. The curriculum is composed of a 6-week summer bridge course, six required courses, one integrative seminar, two graduate electives, and two internship courses providing 720 hours of supervised internship placement. The curriculum combines both method courses and a field of practice concentration in disability studies in either a clinical or macro track. Students in the clinical and macro track take all general MSW courses with the exception of four specific courses that focus either on clinical social work or on macro social work practice.

Clinical Track

The clinical social work track prepares students to work directly with individuals, families, and groups to restore, maintain, and enhance bio-psycho-social-spiritual functioning through multidimensional assessment, diagnosis, and treatment. The MSW clinical track program prepares students to sit for the Licensed Master Social Work (LMSW) exam upon graduation, and provides the 12-credit hours of clinical courses to sit for the Licensed Clinical Social Work (LCSW) exam upon completion of appropriate clinical supervision (usually 3-years post-LMSW). Students on the clinical track will take all general MSW courses and the following four specific clinical courses:

- The range of the human condition
- Assessment and formulation in social work practice with people with disabilities
- Modalities of practice with people with disabilities
- Integrative social work practice with people with disabilities

Macro Track

Macro social work prepares students to work in leadership and management, community organizing and development, advocacy, and policy development and legislation. The MSW macro track program prepares students to sit for the Licensed Master Social Work (LMSW) exam upon graduation. Students completing the macro track will not be eligible to sit for the Licensed Clinical Social Work (LCSW) exam. Students on the macro track will take all general MSW courses and the following four specific macro courses:

- Social work macro practice in organizations
- Social work macro practice: Program planning and evaluation
- Social work macro practice: Community organizing and development
- Financial management

The program may be completed on a full-time (3-year) or part-time (4-year) basis. However, internships are two days per week (8 hours per day) between 8am and 6pm - Monday thru Friday during the first internship and three days for the second internship. Course sequence is predetermined. Please note that the program must be completed within 4 years.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
- Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0
- Applicants (except for students eligible and applying for advanced standing) must have completed a statistics course by the time they are admitted in the Fall
- Applicants applying for Advanced Standing must submit a copy of their BSW final field evaluation with their application
- 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 personal statement questions at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatestudies (please select “Graduate Forms”).

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/graduatestudies (please select “Graduate Forms”).

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/graduatestudies (please select “Graduate Forms”).

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 score is 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 only. The priority deadline is February 15th.

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

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