The Social Work Program at the College of Staten (CSI) prepares students with both the skills and knowledge to pursue a social work career and advanced education in Master of Social Work programs. As graduates of the Social Work Program, students are conferred the BSSW, which prepares them for entry level work with diverse populations of people in a variety of meaningful fields, including child welfare, mental health, family services, criminal justice, housing, disability services, elderly services, urban development, community organizing and health and medical care.

The Social Work Program gained prestige as it became fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) in Spring 2014, hired new faculty, increased student enrollment and developed a Master of Social Work program.

The Social Work BSSW

Students who plan to apply to the social work major should consult with an advisor or carefully read the online catalog to determine what courses should be taken prior to submitting an application for social work. While this does not guarantee that students will be accepted to the program, this does help ensure that students have taken the proper prerequisite courses necessary for consideration. For formal admission, students must complete the social work program application and submit it to the Social Work Admissions Committee for evaluation.

The criteria for admission to the Social Work Program are as follows:

• Matriculation at the College of Staten Island
• Passage of CUNY Mathematics and English Assessment Tests (CATs)
• Completion of a minimum of 40 credits (general education), including SWK 200 or its equivalent
• An overall GPA of no lower than 2.50. Minimum GPA does not guarantee admission into the program
• Demonstration of suitable interpersonal skills and professional potential
• Pertinent volunteer experience or previous work history will be considered in evaluating your application
• Completion of a personal statement
• An interview may be required

The rigorous Social Work curriculum is designed to give students both foundational classroom learning and practical experiential learning. During the senior year, social work majors are placed in social service agencies serving Staten Island and/or the surrounding area. In this 480 hour field internship, social work knowledge, values and skills are brought together in real-life settings, as students work with vulnerable people from a variety of backgrounds on a range of social problems. The challenging course and field work instills nine core competencies in its students:

1. Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior.
2. Engage diversity and difference in practice.
3. Advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.
4. Engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice.
5. Engage in policy practice.
6. Engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
7. Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
8. Intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
9. Evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

CSI’s BSSW is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The rigorous Social Work curriculum is designed to give students both the foundational classroom learning and practical experiential learning.

**FACTS IN BRIEF**

Left: Social Work graduates at Commencement.

Median Annual Salaries*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Salary Level</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Salary</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Entry-Level Social Worker</td>
<td>New York City:</td>
<td>$45,863</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Social Work BSSW</td>
<td>1-4 years experience:</td>
<td>$37,235</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Entry-Level Social Worker</td>
<td>in the USA:</td>
<td>$39,413</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)</td>
<td>in New York City:</td>
<td>$61,278</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Source: PayScale January 2016
Students who complete the BSSW program with a GPA of 3.00 or above will be eligible to apply for admission to the one-year Advanced Standing MSW program.

Those who wish to enhance the social work skills learned during the BSSW program and those who want to practice advanced social work may consider pursuing a Master of Social Work degree.

**Master’s of Social Work: Graduate Studies**

Department of Social Work • Building 2A, Room 201 • 718-982-2070

Program Director:
Dr. Barbra Teater, Associate Professor • Building 2A, Room 201F • 718.982.2166 barbra.teater@csi.cuny.edu

The College of Staten Island’s MSW program has a sole concentration in social work practice with people with disabilities (intellectual, physical, sensory, psychiatric, chronic health and other impairments). We take a critical disabilities perspective, which is grounded in social constructionism, and our curriculum is guided by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and the State of New York Education Department.

The MSW program has been approved by the New York State Education Department as meeting the educational requirements needed to sit for the Licensed Clinical Social Work exam and apply for licensure in New York State, upon graduation. In addition, the 12 credits of clinical content needed to pursue clinical licensure are included in our practice sequence. This means that, upon completion of appropriate clinical supervision (approximately 3 years after graduation), a graduate would be eligible to sit for the Licensed Clinical Social Work exam and licensure in New York. The MSW program was admitted to candidacy for accreditation in 2015. The process is moving forward right on schedule and the program hopes to be fully accredited by February, 2017.

**Degree Requirements**
The Master of Social Work 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 Disability Studies. The program may be completed on a full-time or part-time basis, but internships are weekday, daytime, 8-hour shifts, in both the full-time and part-time programs. Course sequence is predetermined.

**MSW Admissions Requirements**
- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
- Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00
- 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.
- Personal statement
- Three letters of recommendation from faculty or professional supervisors who have graduate degrees
- Resumé
- Graduate school and Field Education applications

**Students in the MSW Program** have interned for the following organizations and many more:
- Bridge Back to Life
- Children’s Aid Society
- Community Health Action of Staten Island
- International Rescue Committee
- Jewish Community Center
- On Your Mark
- Project Hospitality
- SI LGBTQ Center
- Silver Lake Psychotherapy Associates
- South Beach Alcohol Treatment Center
- Staten Island Behavioral Network
- Volunteers of America