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Student Name: _____
Advisor Name: _____

Catalog: 2026-2027 Rowan University Academic Catalog
Program: Master of Social Work
Minimum Credits Required: _____

Master of Social Work

The Department offers a Master of Social Work (MSW) with a specialization in Mental Health, Equity and Wellbeing, preparing students to understand how social, economic, and institutional systems shape human development and wellbeing - with equity at the center of mental health practice. Graduates are license-ready and prepared for work across a broad array of fields, including healthcare, schools, community mental health, and social service systems. The program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

The two-year, 59-credit program builds foundational practice knowledge and skills in the first year before students move into specialized coursework in the second, deepening clinical practice. Practicum is the primary pedagogy of social work education, and the program is built around it: students complete 900 practicum hours, and the Department works individually with each student to build a placement that fits their circumstances, including options for employment-based placements. The program is delivered in person, with evening course offerings designed around the demands of practicum and the schedules of working professionals. A three-year full-time study option is also available..

Students who hold a BSW from a CSWE-accredited program and graduated within the past five years may apply for advanced standing, which, if granted, allows eligible students to waive first-year coursework and enter the second year of the program directly. The program's 9 elective credits can also be applied toward a range of graduate certificate programs across the University.

MSW First Year Suggested Sequence - 18 s.h.

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
SWK 01515 - Disparity, Systemic Inequality and Social Work Ethics	Credits: 3			
SWK 01525 - Introduction to Generalist Social Work Practice	Credits: 3			
SWK 01530 - Social Policy, Advocacy and Practice	Credits: 3			
SWK 01540 - Mental Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	Credits: 3			
SWK 01545 - Advanced Social Work Practice	Credits: 3			
SWK 01560 - Advanced Human Behavior in the Social Environment	Credits: 3			

First Year Generalist Field Education: 6 s.h.

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
SWK 01550 - Generalist Field Work and Seminar in Social Work I	Credits: 3			
SWK 01551 - Generalist Field Experience and Seminar II	Credits: 3			

MSW Second Year / Advanced Standing Suggested Sequence: 18 s.h.

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
SWK 01510 - Research Methods in Social Work	Credits: 3			
SWK 01640 - Impact and Intersections of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Trauma	Credits: 3			
SWK 01641 - Impact and Intersections of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Trauma II	Credits: 3			
SWK 01660 - Emerging Approaches to Integrative Health and Well Being	Credits: 3			
SWK 01670 - Transdisciplinary Social Work Practice and Integrated Care	Credits: 3			
SWK 01680 - Power Dynamics in the Clinical Social Work Relationship	Credits: 3			

Second Year / Advanced Standing Field Education: 8 s.h.

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
SWK 01650 - Advanced Field Work and Seminar in Social Work I	Credits: 4			
SWK 01651 - Advanced Field Work and Seminar in Social Work II	Credits: 4			

Electives: 9 s.h.

The MSW requires a minimum of 9 elective credits. To enhance transdisciplinary learning, electives can be fulfilled through social work or other approved Rowan graduate courses from the certificate programs listed below.

MSW Approved Graduate Certificates (COGS)

Students have the option to apply elective credits towards a related certificate in graduate study (COGS). Certificates are not a requirement for MSW degree completion and oversight is provided by the department/program offering the certificate. Certificate

requirements vary and may exceed MSW elective requirements.* • Certificate of Graduate Study in Community, Culture, & Change • Certificate of Graduate Study in Public Policy • Certificate of Graduate Study in Wellness Coaching • Certificate of Graduate Study in Early Childhood Special Education

Advanced Standing and BSW Generalist Course Waivers Advanced Standing (one-year option): Students accepted under Advanced Standing who hold a BSW from a CSWE-accredited program may waive generalist year coursework through Rowan’s transfer credit approval process, as required by CSWE Accreditation Standard M4.1.3. BSW Generalist Course Waivers (standard admission): Students admitted through standard admission who hold a BSW from a CSWE-accredited program and graduated within the past five years may apply to waive eligible generalist courses (excluding generalist field and practice courses) through the transfer credit approval process, provided they earned a B- or higher in those courses.
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Total Required Credits for the Program: 59 s.h. Foundation Courses None Graduation/Exit, Benchmark, and/or Thesis Requirements Completion of 900 hours of field education Minimum Required Grades and Cumulative GPA The Master of Social Work is a Category 3 program. <i>For details regarding satisfactory academic progress and graduation requirements, please visit Academic Program Policy Categories.</i>
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