



College of Arts and Sciences

Master of Social Work

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OVERVIEW

The Concentration focus of Seton Hall University's Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) program is on behavioral health. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act focuses on the prevention of illness and remediation of the impact of chronic diseases through a behavioral health framework. **We also offer the only graduate forensic social work program in the state of New Jersey.**

As a student in the program, you'll be a natural fit to help implement these new approaches as you prepare for advanced practice in the areas of behavioral health, substance abuse, health care and forensic practice.

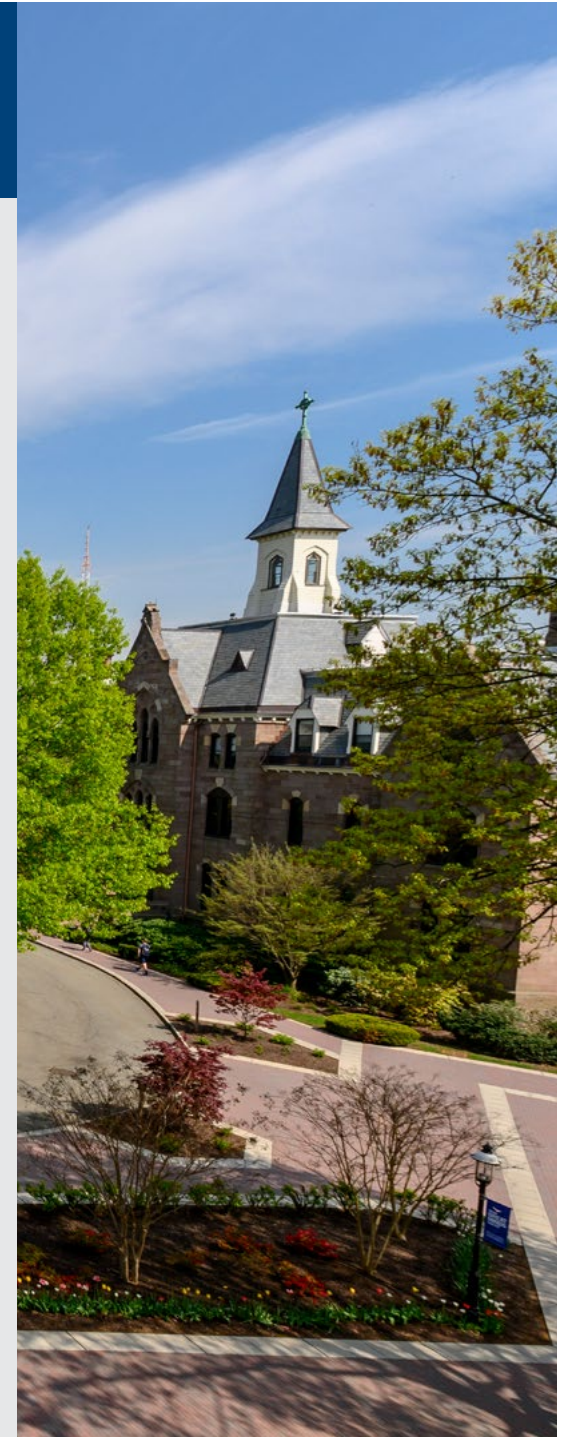
WILL AN M.S.W. HELP ME?

Yes. While many states will grant licensure to those with a bachelor's in social work, master's level social workers are eligible for licensing in all states. Additionally, according to the National Association of Social Workers, a master's in social work is often required for social work positions in health care and always required for clinical work.

CURRICULUM

The M.S.W. program offers two separate tracks:

- Applicants without an accredited undergraduate degree in social work may be admitted to the 60-credit track, designed to be completed in two years – the first on campus, the second consisting of online course work and on-site field work in the community.
- Applicants with an accredited undergraduate degree in social work are eligible to apply for advanced standing. Advanced Standing students will move right into the second year of the program after completing a three-credit seminar in the preceding summer.



Foundation Year (30 credits) courses include:

Social Problems and Programs
Social Policy Analysis
Behavior and Environments
Theory and Practice

Concentration Year (30 credits) courses include:

Clinical Evaluation
Administration and Supervision
Substance Abuse Theory
Behavioral Interventions for Chronic Health Conditions

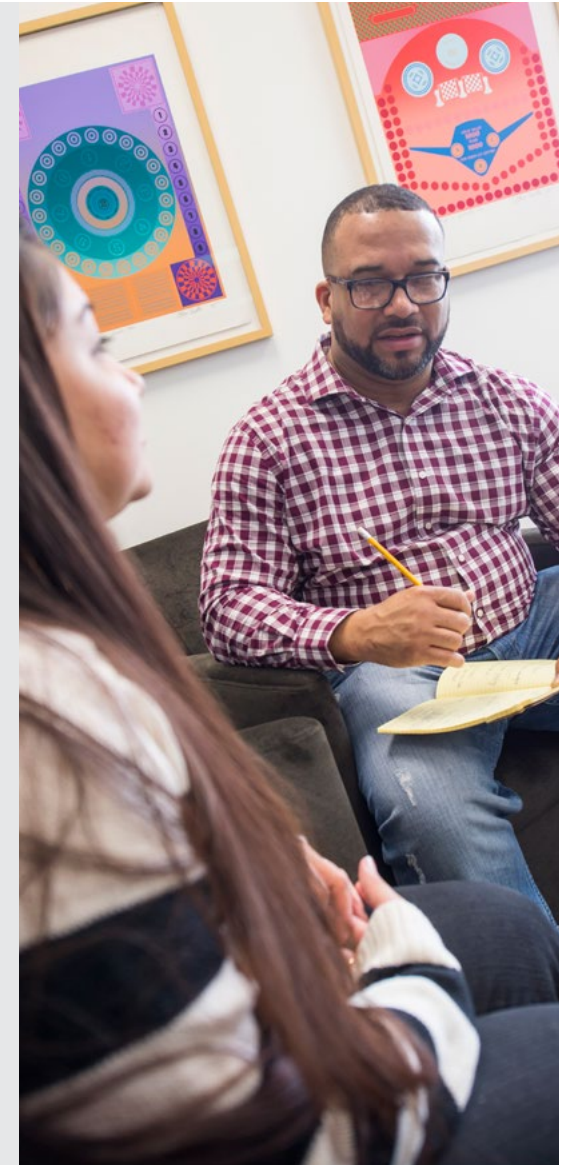
Additionally, advanced standing students must complete the three-credit course
Advanced Standing Seminar during the summer preceding their first semester.

CAN I RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID?

Graduate assistantships, which provide tuition benefits and a stipend, are available on a competitive basis. Other financial aid options include loans, payment plans and part-time jobs on campus. Visit www.shu.edu/gradfinance to learn more.

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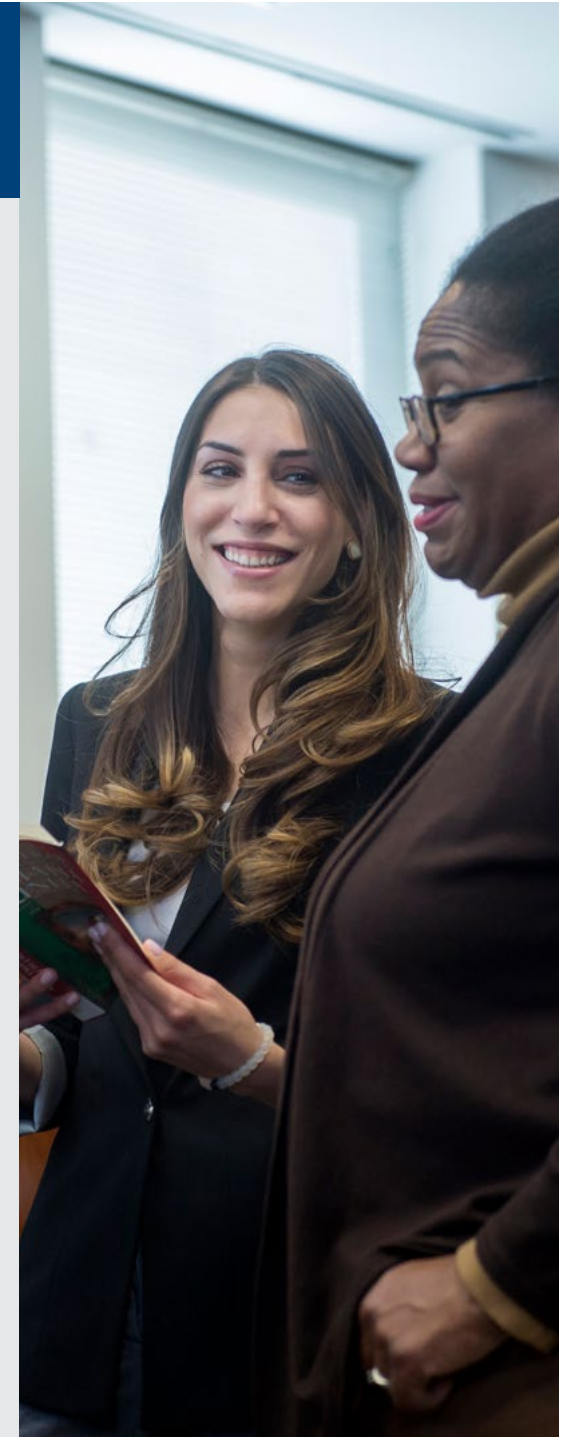
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

DEADLINES

- **Final applications for Spring – November 15**
- **Early acceptance for Fall – February 15**
- **Final Applications for Fall – July 31**
- **Final Acceptance for Part Time, for Fall – June 15**

Students seeking admission to the M.S.W. program must demonstrate that they:

1. Hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
2. Have completed a broad liberal arts background with a minimum of 24 credit hours including at least one course in sociology, psychology, English, political science or history, statistics, and human biology. A course in introductory statistics is required. These undergraduate requirements may be taken at any accredited college or university, including community colleges. All prerequisites for admission must be completed prior to admission, except statistics and human biology, which must be completed by the end of the first semester in the program. All offers of admission are conditional upon the successful completion of the undergraduate coursework.
3. Have earned a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average on the last 120 graded credits that appear on their bachelor's degree transcript, as well as a 3.0 on all social work courses.
4. Meet the requirements for advanced standing if the applicant seeks admission to the program. Applicants for advanced standing must have graduated from an undergraduate social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.
5. Have submitted transcripts of any completed graduate courses.



6. Submit three letters of recommendation. The three professional letters of recommendation are usually from persons such as professors, employers, supervisors, professional colleagues and community associates. Only one reference may be from a Seton Hall University Social Work program faculty member. Applicants who have been employed in a social service agency should request a recommendation from a recent employer or supervisor. Student applicants should provide a recommendation from a faculty advisor or instructor.
7. Submit a 3-5 page Personal Statement that includes the following: your reasons for applying to Seton Hall University's Social Work Program; your personal values, philosophy, knowledge of social issues, and the professional and community experiences that have influenced your decision to enter the Social Work profession; your skills, strengths and weaknesses; and your plans for a career in social work.

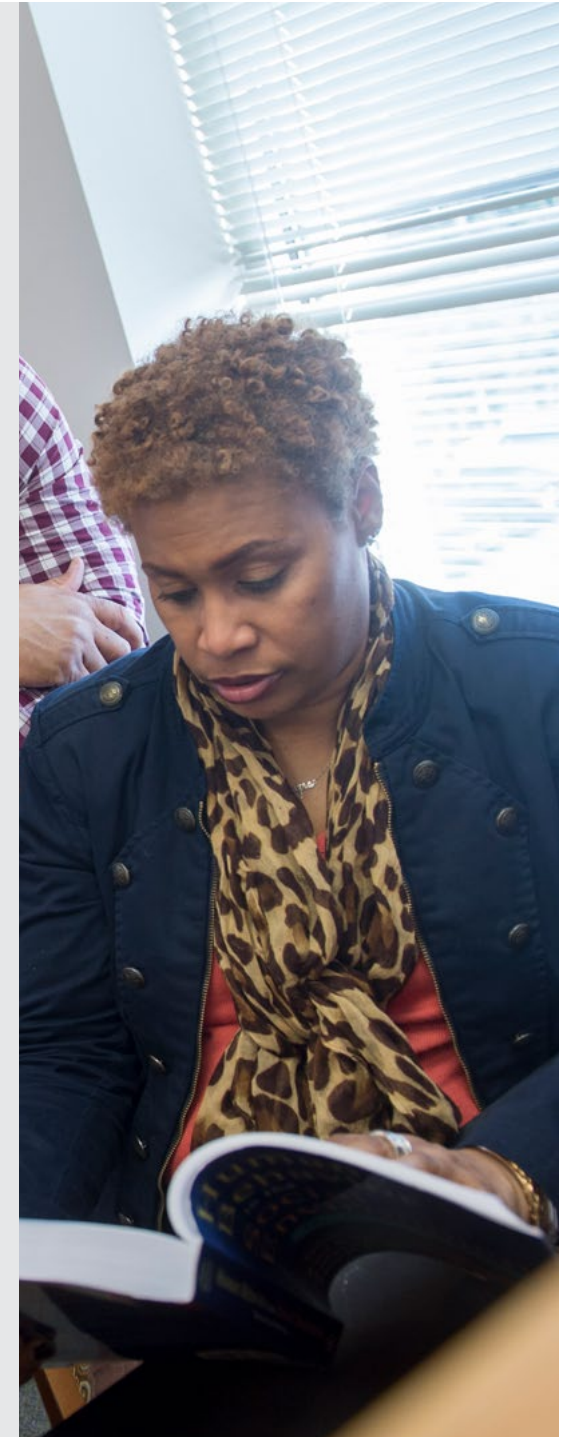
ADVANCED STANDING

Applicants for advanced standing must submit the following material in addition to the usual application requirements:

1. Transcripts documenting eligibility for advanced standing.
2. Recommendation for advanced standing from the Social Work Department chair/director of the school in which they completed their Bachelor of Social Work.
3. A detailed evaluation of their field instruction experience and performance by the agency supervisor or an evaluation of their employment performance. They may submit evaluations of field performance conducted at the end of each undergraduate semester.

PROVISIONAL ADMISSION

Provisional admission may be granted to applicants to the M.S.W. program who have a GPA below 2.5 on the last 120 graded credits that appear on their bachelor's degree transcript and have an otherwise strong application. Provisionally admitted applicants must complete one semester of graduate courses (at least two courses) with a GPA of 3.0.



PERSONAL STATEMENT GUIDELINES

Respond to the following questions in a three to five-page typed narrative; add any additional information that may be helpful to the admissions committee.

What are your reasons for applying to Seton Hall University's Social Work Program?

Discuss your personal values, philosophy, knowledge of social issues, and the professional and community experiences that have influenced your decision to enter the Social Work profession.

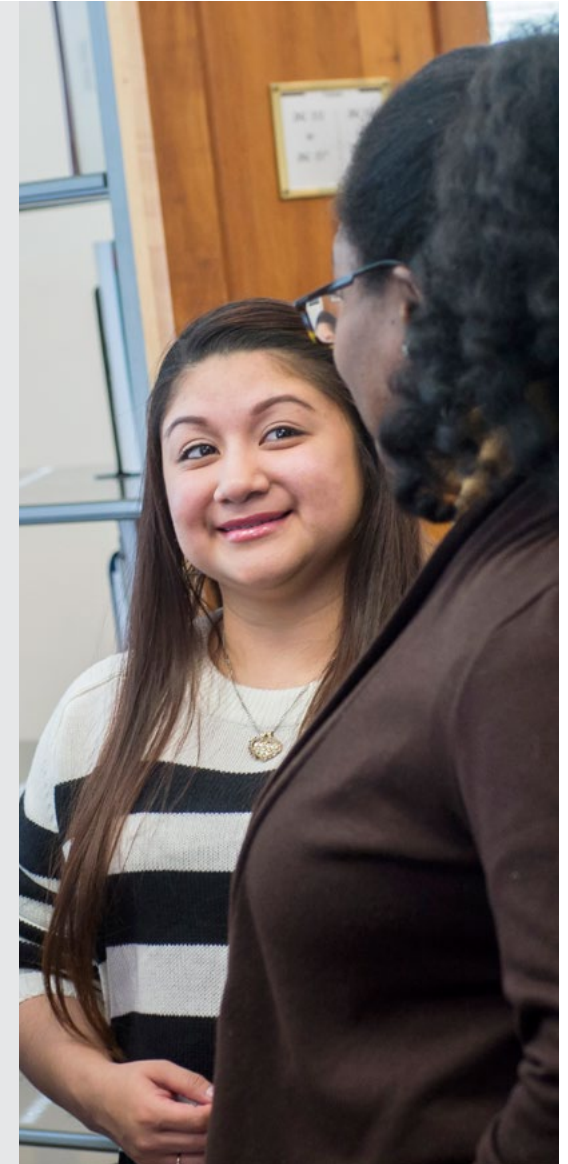
Comment on your skills, strengths and weaknesses.

Discuss your plans for a career in social work.

Make sure that the personal statement is well written in your own words. There is no particular format required except that the statement is typed.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where is the online application?

The online application can be found [here](#).

Should I apply to the Regular Standing or Advanced Standing program?

If you have a bachelor's degree in social work, then you should apply to the Advanced Standing program. If you have a degree in any other discipline, you should apply to the Regular Standing program.

How do I submit my letters of recommendation?

This can be done online. Once the application itself is completed, return to the Overview page. There will now be online invitations that you send to your references. They will then submit them back to us electronically.

Do I need to submit GRE scores?

No. The M.S.W. program doesn't require the GRE.

I'm an international applicant. Do I have to do anything extra?

You need to submit [TOEFL](#) scores and a credential evaluation from [World Education Services](#).

What is Seton Hall's code for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?

Seton Hall's FAFSA code is 002632.

Are there graduate assistantships and teaching assistantships available?

Yes, there are a limited number of assistantships available. A couple of caveats, though. First, you have to be accepted into a program before being offered a position. Second, the positions are limited, so an assistantship is by no means guaranteed.

General, university-wide positions are posted in the [GA job database](#).



“ Enrolling in the M.S.W. program at Seton Hall was the best thing I could have done for my career. The program was thorough and provided me with the foundation needed to be successful as a competent social worker, empowering others and raising awareness of the importance of mental health. ”

TREENETTE RICHARDSON

Medical Social Worker

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How long will it be before I receive a decision about my application?

Generally speaking, about 3-4 weeks. It is simply a matter of the availability of your department's review committee. All applications are reviewed as quickly as possible and applicants are notified of the decision very shortly thereafter.

May I visit the campus before I decide to apply or accept an admissions offer?

Absolutely. Please contact Michael Dooney, Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs, to schedule a visit. He can be reached at michael.dooney@shu.edu or (973) 275-2155.

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“ The Master of Social Work at Seton Hall University is an exemplary program providing a rigorous, yet innovative, education preparing students with relevant, results-oriented instruction to excel and prevail in the professional world. ”

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