CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Inspiring faculty, high-impact field placements, collaborative projects — at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work (SSW), you have all the resources to thrive academically as you prepare for a social work career in direct or macro practice. Ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a top school of social work, our School enrolls nearly 300 MSW students annually and our program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

At SSW, you’ll learn from educational leaders who are among the best in their fields — including tenured and tenure-track faculty, clinical faculty, research faculty and an outstanding group of distinguished professors.

You’ll be matched with field experiences in a wide range of state, national and international agencies where you’ll explore career paths and interests, develop professional skills and receive guidance from supportive mentors. You’ll be well prepared for North Carolina’s licensing exam in clinical social work (LCSW) — SSW graduates have achieved extremely high pass rates.

You’ll develop a solid foundation of knowledge that will serve you well in any state or nation. Although each student’s path is unique, SSW introduces students to some of the most pressing social issues of our time, including child welfare, developmental disabilities, aging, family and youth violence, mental health, military family support, poverty and asset development, behavioral health and more. Some SSW students collaborate with other UNC students in medicine, public health, physical therapy, dentistry, pharmacy and nursing to serve the local community through SHAC (Student Health Action Coalition), the oldest student-run interdisciplinary free health clinic in the United States.

DUAL-DEGREE MSW PARTNERS
- Duke University Divinity School
- UNC School of Government – Public Administration
- UNC School of Law
- UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health

CERTIFICATES, LICENSURES AND OTHER SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS
- Certificate, Innovation for the Public Good
- Licensure, North Carolina School Social Work
- Specialization, Substance Use & Addictions Specialist
- Traineeship, Child Welfare Education Collaborative
- Traineeship, Leadership in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders
- Traineeship, UNC-PrimeCare on Integrated Behavioral Health

OUR MISSION
ADVANCING EQUITY,
TRANSFORMING SYSTEMS,
IMPROVING LIVES
EARN YOUR MSW HERE

SSW offers several paths to the Master of Social Work degree:
- Advanced standing (12- and 20-month program options for applicants with BSW degrees)
- 2-year MSW (full-time)
- 3-year MSW (Chapel Hill or Winston-Salem site)
- Dual-degree options

You may concentrate in either direct practice or community, management and policy (macro) practice. You may choose to emphasize a field such as geriatrics, child welfare, family and children's services, behavioral health and health care, school social work or human services management. Your academic advisor will help you identify a personal plan for study that will support your professional development.

EARN YOUR PH.D. HERE

If your career goals are in academic and research settings, prepare to become a leader in the social work profession with a Ph.D. in Social Work. Our School enrolls approximately 25 students in doctoral studies, offering an intensive and supportive academic setting where students help develop new approaches to social interventions, conduct innovative research and disseminate their work through scholarship and teaching.

ENJOY YOUR ACADEMIC HOMETOWN

Chapel Hill is a beautiful college town, nestled in North Carolina's Research Triangle (the “triangle” is marked by UNC, Duke University and North Carolina State University). There’s plenty for individuals and families to see and do here — multicultural festivals, outdoor recreation, world-class museums and a thriving arts scene. Plan a day trip to the beach or the mountains, easy to reach via Interstate 40. Cheer for the UNC Tar Heels in more than a dozen sports. Choose a favorite cause and meet new friends while volunteering.

UNC NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is committed to equality of educational opportunity. The University does not discriminate in offering access to its educational programs and activities on the basis of race, color, gender, age, national origin, religion, creed, genetic information, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. The Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office, 137 E. Franklin St., Suite 404, CB #9160, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-9160 or 919-966-3576 has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the University's non-discrimination policies.
Admission Requirements for MSW Program

NOTICE: Individuals interested in attending the UNC School of Social Work apply for admission to the UNC Graduate School. Applicants must (1) complete the Graduate School application and pay the $95 fee and (2) submit all required documents electronically. Please check the School of Social Work’s website (http://ssw.unc.edu/) for the current application instructions and policies.

Applicants can apply to only one social work program per year. The only exception are those that apply for the 20-Month Advanced Standing Program. Applications MUST be submitted by the deadlines noted below. Please note that the deadlines vary by program.

20-Month Advanced Standing Program (for BSWs), Application Deadline – November 10, 2020:
Enrolling January 2021

12-Month Advanced Standing Program (for BSWs), Application Deadline – January 12, 2021:
Enrolling May 2021

2-Year Program, Application Deadline – January 12, 2021:
Enrolling August 2021

3-Year MSW Programs, Application Deadline – February 9, 2021
Chapel Hill Program, enrolling August 2021
Winston-Salem Program, enrolling August 2021

We encourage early applications! Applicants to full-time programs who want to be considered for University Merit Awards or the Weiss Urban Livability Masters Fellowship are encouraged to submit their applications by December 8, 2020. Priority will be given to those that have submitted their applications by the recommended date; however, any applications submitted by their program application deadline will still be considered.

Application Requirements

1. Submit the following required information online:

   - Graduate School application
   - Application fee of $95
   - Resume
   - Unofficial copy of all transcripts (official transcripts will be required if an offer of admission is made)
   - Statement of purpose (admission requirements and guidelines for the statement of purpose, resume, and recommendations are available at https://ssw.unc.edu/admissions/msw-admissions/msw-admission-requirements/)
   - Three (3) letters of recommendation. The email address of three recommenders will be required within the application for electronic submission. (Applicants who attended school within the past three (3) years should include at least one academic reference.)

(These documents are uploaded together within the online application—electronic submissions only!)
2. **Other Requirements and Special Circumstances**

- Interviews are required for all 3-Year, 20-Month Advanced Standing, and competitive international applicants and will be scheduled after an applicant has submitted their completed application.

- **If applying to the 12- or 20-Month Advanced Standing program:**
  - Recommendation letter from a faculty member at the applicant’s BSW program
  - **Applicants who have been out of school more than seven (7) years: Before** completing the Graduate School application, applicants who completed their BSW more than seven years ago must submit a written formal request to be considered for the Advanced Standing Program. Requests must be submitted to: Sharon Thomas, Assistant Dean of Recruitment, Admissions, & Financial Aid, sharon_thomas@unc.edu. The request must include:
    - professional social work experiences
    - relevant trainings and continuing education workshops
    - involvement in relevant professional social work activities, and
    - reasons for seeking admission to the MSW Advanced Standing program rather than the 2-Year or 3-Year MSW programs.
  - **Applicants who are offered admission:** Once an offer of admission is made, applicants will be required to submit a copy of their field instructor’s final evaluation of the BSW placement.

- **If applying as an international applicant:**
  - TOEFL or IELTS scores (no more than 2 years old)
  - Interviews are required for all competitive international applicants. Applicants selected for an interview will be contacted by e-mail.

**GRE (optional):** The GRE is not required. Applicants with non-traditional transcripts or undergraduate coursework GPAs below 3.0 may still chose to take the exam if they feel their application may be strengthened by competitive scores on the GRE.

**Note about Residency:** If you believe that you qualify as a North Carolina resident under state law, you will need to submit a residency application with the North Carolina Residency Determination Services (RDS), which is a government agency that serves the entire state. Please note that the application process for in-state residency is separate from the application for admission. For more information, see http://gradschool.unc.edu/studentlife/resources/residency/.
Concentration Choices

Direct Practice Concentration

The Direct Practice (DP) Concentration prepares MSW students to work directly with individuals, families, and small groups as well as with people of all ages. The Direct Practice Concentration draws on several theoretical perspectives and practice methods and uses both family-centered and ecological perspectives to explore the influence of the social context on the well-being of individuals and families. This concentration emphasizes the impact of diverse factors on individuals and families, including factors such as age, disability, economic status, gender, national origin and immigration status, poverty, race, religion, and sexual orientation.

The primary goal of the Direct Practice Concentration is to prepare social work students for careers as practitioners who can effectively provide direct services to individuals and their families across the life span.

Community Management and Policy Practice Concentration

The Community Management and Policy Practice (CMPP) Concentration prepares MSW students for leadership careers in community practice, human services administration, and policy practice/advocacy. The goals of the CMPP concentration include preparing students as leaders who will promote positive social change in the lives of vulnerable populations and as leaders who will guide efforts toward improving the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities. The CMPP Concentration helps students acquire knowledge and develop skills in promoting citizen participation and building stronger social networks and communities; developing supportive programs and responsive human services organizations to meet identified needs; and influencing change in policies within legislative, agency, and community settings by analyzing existing polices, establishing new policies, and working toward continuous improvement of policy implementation.

The CMPP Concentration uses a strengths-based approach in working with groups, organizations, coalitions, and communities. This concentration emphasizes the role of a community’s or organization’s assets in social development, community organizing and planning practice, non-profit leadership, coalition building, social administration, public advocacy, and community-based research and program evaluation.
Dual Degree Programs at the School of Social Work

UNC School of Social Work collaborates with other Schools to provide opportunities for completion of dual degrees upon graduation. Students enrolled in dual degree programs typically complete one or two summers of coursework and/or their concentration field practicum. Students interested in participating in the dual degree programs must apply to and be accepted for admission to each School’s program independently. Admission to one program does not guarantee admission to the other program. Students may apply to both programs concurrently.

Advanced Standing students are able to participate in the dual degree program with Duke Divinity School; however, due to the Advanced Standing plan of study, they are not able to complete any other program as a dual degree student.

Social Work and Divinity
The Dual Degree Program in Social Work and Divinity is offered in conjunction with the Duke University Divinity School. The mission of this program is to prepare students for service roles in churches, public service agencies, faith-based agencies, and a variety of human service agencies. This mission is accomplished by equipping students with clinical and administrative skills grounded in social work and pastoral skills and perspectives grounded in theology. This enables students to integrate theological, biblical, theoretical (bio-psychosocial-spiritual and person-in-environment framework), ethical, pastoral, social justice, empirical perspectives, and practical dimensions of social work. Students typically begin the dual degree program at Duke Divinity School, completing two years of study before enrolling in the MSW program, although it is possible for students to begin the dual degree program at the School of Social Work.

Social Work and Law
The Dual Degree Program in Social Work and Law is offered in conjunction with the UNC School of Law. This program prepares students for leadership and direct practice roles in advocacy, policy, management, and social justice in a specialized area of human services practice. Participants gain knowledge and expertise in social work and in the legal system, dispute resolution, and legal analysis and advocacy. Graduates are prepared to pursue a variety of careers in the public or private sector — working on a direct services or policy level — in positions involving non-profit organizations, community development and housing, alternative dispute resolution, and social justice issues (e.g., child welfare, domestic violence, aging, or civil rights). Graduates are conferred the Master of Social Work (MSW) and Juris Doctor (JD) degrees upon completion. Students usually begin in the School of Law, complete two years of law school, and then begin courses in the School of Social Work.

Social Work and Public Administration
The Dual Degree Program in Social Work and Public Administration is offered in conjunction with the UNC School of Government and prepares students for public service leadership roles in human services. The combined program ensures that students have two complementary but distinct areas of professional competence, thus preparing graduates for public service leadership roles in human services. Graduates are conferred the Master of Social Work (MSW) and Master of Public Administration (MPA) degrees. The joint program includes a paid summer practicum (summer of second year). The MSW curriculum ensures dual MSW/MPA candidates develop mastery of generalist social work knowledge, values, and skills as well as expertise in their chosen area of concentration. The MPA curriculum ensures candidates develop mastery of core public management knowledge. Students typically begin their first year in the MSW program and then complete their studies in the MPA program in their second and third year.

Social Work and Public Health
The Dual Degree Program in Social Work and Public Health is offered through a cooperative arrangement with the Gillings School of Global Public Health. This combined program focuses on macro practice and prepares social work students for program planning, management, evaluation, policy development, and advocacy in public health. Students are required to complete the Community, Management and Policy Practice concentration in the MSW program. Several concentrations are available to students within the MPH program including Health Behavior, Health Equity, Health Policy, Global Health, Leadership in Practice, and Maternal, Child and Family Health. Graduates are conferred the Master of Social Work (MSW) and a Master of Public Health (MPH). Students typically begin their first year in the MSW program and then complete their studies in the MPH program in their second and third year. Students work with advisors in the Gillings School of Global Public Health and the School of Social Work’s Field Office to plan their second-year summer field practicum in public health social work.
Graduate Certificate, Licensure, and Specialized Training Programs

**Graduate Certificate in Innovation for the Public Good**

The Carolina Graduate Certificate in Innovation for the Public Good (CIPG) gives masters and doctoral students an educational pathway to explore modern change making and practice the skills they need to help create meaningful change in the world. CIPG provides students with the mindset, tools, and methods they need to work effectively across disciplines to solve complex problems. CIPG also equips them with career-ready skills that they can use when working on multi-disciplinary teams in businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies that increasingly demand the ability to apply cross-sector, community-engaged practices.

**State Licensure for School Social Workers**

UNC School of Social Work offers graduate-level students the opportunity to meet the requirements set forth by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for school social work licensure. The goals of the School Social Work program are to prepare master’s level social workers to help children and their families overcome barriers to learning through interventions delivered in the home, school, and community; encourage communities to develop and maintain effective school social work services; and promote legislation and policies that support school social work practice. This program also extends to newly-hired, graduate-level professionals through a licensure-only process to complete requirements during the initial year provisional status.

**Substance Use and Addictions Specialist Program (SUAS)**

UNC School of Social Work offers a program in Substance Use and Addictions that meets the educational requirements and fifty percent of the clinical requirements for the Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS) credential administered by the NC Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board (NCSAPPB). SUAS provides a research and practice-based course of study in problematic substance use, substance addiction, and behavioral addiction, with a focus on prevention, intervention, and treatment. The curriculum is grounded in social work and incorporates a biopsychosocial-spiritual framework that is strengths-based, culturally competent, and gender sensitive across the life span. The program is designed for MSW graduate students to broaden their skills and knowledge to work with clients who have co-occurring diagnoses and/or substance use and behavioral addictions. Upon completion of the SUAS program requirements, MSW students will be eligible for their LCAS - Associate designation with NCASPPB (https://www.ncsappb.org/).

**The North Carolina Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disorders (LEND)**

The NC Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disorders (LEND) program provides interdisciplinary leadership training to undergraduate and graduate-level students. Participants receive interdisciplinary leadership training in screening, assessment, diagnosis, evidence-based treatment, and general health promotion for persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Developmental Disabilities (DD) and their families. Rising final-year MSW students selected for this program will receive a stipend for the academic year, as well as a proportional tuition and health insurance benefit. The program is provided through the UNC Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities and funded through the Health Resources and Services Administration’s (HRSA) Maternal Child Health Bureau. *There is a competitive selection process and there are a limited number of training spots.*
**UNC PrimeCare**

UNC-PrimeCare and UNC-PrimeCare-OUD are specialized training programs available to Master of Social Work (MSW) and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The UNC-PrimeCare programs are an exceptional opportunity for students interested in integrated behavioral health care with rural and underserved groups and in the treatment of opioid use and other substance use disorders. UNC-PrimeCare offers a generous $10,000 stipend and supplemental training. The goal of the project is to prepare MSWs to work effectively in integrated care settings after graduation and contribute to the behavioral health workforce. *There is a competitive selection process and a limited number of training spots available to rising final-year students.*

**NC Child Welfare Education Collaborative**

The North Carolina Child Welfare Education Collaborative seeks to strengthen public child welfare services by increasing the number and diversity of well-trained and highly committed MSWs in public Departments of Social Services. The Collaborative partners with the social work program to provide an educational process for social work students who want to seek employment in child welfare in a North Carolina County Department of Social Services.
The 12-Month Advanced Standing MSW Program offers an accelerated 12-month program for applicants who hold a BSW from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program. The Advanced Standing program admits new students each spring, with incoming students beginning the program in early May. Applicants may apply to only one program each spring semester.

In addition to completing the basic admissions application to the UNC Graduate School, Advanced Standing applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have a B or better average GPA in the last 60 credit hours of an accredited bachelor’s degree and a B or better in all of the required undergraduate social work classes. Exceptions are made on a case-by-case basis.
- Satisfactory completion of a direct service field placement of at least 400 clock hours with a grade of B or better. Applicants with MSW supervision in their undergraduate placement are preferred.
- Applicants who completed their BSW program more than 7 years ago, must request approval to be considered for the Advanced Standing program. Applicants must submit a written request describing their social work experience and continuing education activities; this must be submitted to the School of Social Work before applying to the UNC Graduate School. Please contact Sharon Thomas, Sharon_thomas@unc.edu, for more information.

Applicants accepted for the Advanced Standing program attend both summer school sessions beginning early May, earning 13 credit hours. The summer sessions offer an intensive start to our MSW curriculum. In the first session, students enroll in a bridge course that integrates generalist practice, human behavior in the social environment (HBSE), research, and policy. In the second session, students enroll in a specialized practice course within their chosen concentration and begin their field placement.

**Summer Session I**
- SoWo 715: Advanced Standing Bridge Course (6 credit hours)

**Summer Session II**
- SoWo 740: Implementing Evidence-Informed Practice for Individuals, Families, and Groups (3 credit hours) - for Direct Practice concentration students
  or
- SoWo 770: Implementing Evidence-Informed Practice with Organizations and Communities (3 credit hours) - for Community Management and Policy Practice concentration students
- SoWo 522: Advanced Standing Pre-Specialization Practicum (4 credit hours)

Students complete the remaining 27 of 40 required credit hours in Advanced Curriculum courses in the student’s chosen area of concentration. Advanced Standing students continue in their summer field placement setting for the entire academic year.

**Fall Semester**
- Advanced HBSE/Practice from your concentration (3 credit hours)
- 1-2 Electives (3-6 credit hours)
- Field placement: 24 hours per week (6 credit hours)

**Spring Semester**
- SoWo 810: Evaluation of Social Interventions (3 credit hours)
- Advanced Policy (1.5 credit hours)
- 2-4 Electives (6 credit hours)
- Field placement: 24 hours per week (6 credit hours)

Contact:

**12-Month Advanced Standing Program**
Ms. Tauchiana Williams, Program Director
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20-Month Advanced Standing MSW Program

The UNC Chapel Hill School of Social Work is pleased to announce the launch of a new program — the 20-Month Advanced Standing (AS) MSW Program for applicants who hold a BSW from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program. The application for the 20-Month AS program will open in August. New students will be admitted in fall and begin the program in early January. Applicants currently employed in social work related settings and/or those interested in advancing their macro social work skills are strongly encouraged to apply.

In addition to completing the basic admissions application to the UNC Graduate School, 20-Month Advanced Standing applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have a B or better average GPA in the last 60 credit hours of an accredited bachelor’s degree and a B or better in all of the required undergraduate social work classes. *Exceptions are made on a case-by-case basis.*
- Satisfactory completion of a direct service field placement of at least 400 clock hours with a grade of B or better. Applicants with MSW supervision in their undergraduate placement are preferred.
- *Applicants who completed their BSW program more than 7 years ago* must request approval to be considered for the Advanced Standing program. Applicants must submit a written request describing their social work experience and continuing education activities; *this must be submitted to UNC School of Social Work before applying to UNC Graduate School.* Please contact Sharon Thomas, Sharon_thomas@unc.edu, for more information. Given the program’s demands and emphasis on current social work knowledge, the supplemental information helps the School determine a student’s eligibility and likelihood of success as an Advanced Standing student. If an applicant is not eligible for the Advanced Standing MSW Program, they may apply for the 2-Year or 3-Year programs.

Applicants accepted for the 20-Month Advanced Standing Program will begin the program in early January and complete the Bridge Program over the course of the spring semester. The Bridge Program offers an intensive start to our MSW curriculum. In the first half of the semester, students enroll in courses that integrate policy and human behavior in the social environment (HBSE); the second half of the semester, students enroll in bridge courses that integrate research and generalist practice. During Summer Session I and II, students enroll in a specialized practice course within their chosen concentration (Direct Practice or Community, Management, and Policy Practice), complete an elective, and begin their field placement.

**First Spring Semester**
- SoWo 715: Advanced Standing Bridge Course (6 credit hours)

**Summer Session I**
- 1 Elective (3 credit hours)
- SoWo 522: Advanced Standing Pre-Specialization Practicum (4 credit hours)

**Summer Session II**
- SoWo 740: Implementing Evidence-Informed Practice for Individuals, Families, and Groups (3 credit hours) - for Direct Practice concentration students, or
- SoWo 770: Implementing Evidence-Informed Practice with Organizations and Communities (3 credit hours) - for Community Management and Policy Practice concentration students
- SoWo 522: Advanced Standing Pre-Specialization Practicum (4 credit hours)

Students complete the remaining 27 of 40 required credit hours in the Specialization curriculum. The 20-Month Advanced Standing students will continue in their summer field placement setting for the entire academic year.

**Fall Semester**
- Advanced HBSE/Practice from your concentration (3 credit hours)
- 1-2 Electives (3-6 credit hours)
- Field placement: 24 hours per week (6 credit hours)

**Second Spring Semester**
- SoWo 810: Evaluation of Social Interventions (3 credit hours)
- Advanced Policy (1.5 credit hours)
- 2-4 Electives (6 credit hours)
- Field placement: 24 hours per week (6 credit hours)

If a 20-Month Advanced Standing MSW Program applicant is not offered admission, they may submit an additional application during the spring application cycle. **Applicants may apply to only one program each spring semester.**

**Contact:** Ms. Laurie Selz-Campbell, Program Director, Phone: (919) 843-6394, E-mail: lauriesc@unc.edu
3-Year MSW Programs

Online Education

The UNC Chapel Hill School of Social Work does not offer an online MSW program. However, we do offer a limited number of online electives each year. Please contact our registrar, Beth Sauer bhsauer@email.unc.edu, for more information.

3-Year Programs in Chapel Hill and Winston-Salem

The 3-Year MSW Program encompasses all the courses and academic rigor of the 2-year program but allows students three years to complete the program. The program enables many students to continue working for the first two years of the program while working toward their MSW. In the 3-year program, 32 of the 60 credit hours required for the MSW degree are completed during the first two years; the final 30 credit hours are completed during the third year as a full-time student on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. Summer courses are an option for students. First-year students in the 3-year program are expected to work in either a volunteer or paid social work position and have access to case study materials. Each 3-year program admits new students each fall semester. Visit https://ssw.unc.edu/academics/msw-degree/3-year-msw-program/ for more information.

Locations: Classes for first 32 credit hours of the 3-year programs are held at the following locations:

3-Year Chapel Hill Program - Classes are held on Fridays on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus.

3-Year Winston-Salem Program - Classes are held on Fridays at the Forsyth County Department of Social Services in Winston-Salem. Winston-Salem students pay an off-campus tuition rate for their first two years of study as generalist students; they will transition to the on-campus tuition rate for the final year of student when they take their specialization courses on the UNC Chapel Hill campus.

Year 1  Fall & Spring Semesters
➤ Two classes each Friday, both semesters (total 12 credits)

Year 2  Fall & Spring Semesters
➤ Two classes each Friday, both semesters (total 12 credits)
➤ Field placement: 16 hours per week (total 8 credits); field placements can be completed in a summer block or through your employing agency (requires special approval of the School’s Field Education Office)

Year 3  Fall & Spring Semesters
➤ Three classes on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus, both semesters (total 18 credits); classes are held Mondays and Tuesdays
➤ Field placements: 24 hours per week, Wednesday thru Friday (total 12 credits). The Year 3 field placement is in a different agency/setting than the Year 2 placement. Students can apply for a field placement in their “home” community but such placements are subject to approval by the School’s Field Education Office.

Summer courses, when available, can be taken to reduce a student’s course load in Year 3.

Contact:

3-Year Chapel Hill Program  
Dr. Travis Albritton, Program Director  
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3-Year Winston-Salem Program  
Dr. Tina Souders, Program Director  
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Email: tsouders@email.unc.edu
Financial Aid for MSW Students

Information on tuition and fees is available on the Office of the University Cashier website. Please note that all students enrolled in a program on the UNC Chapel Hill campus will pay the on-campus tuition and fees rate; Winston-Salem students pay the off-campus tuition and fees rate for their first two years of generalist study and transfer to the on-campus rate for their final-year of study.

Financial aid for MSW students primarily comes from three major sources:
1. The University Office of Scholarships and Student Aid (federal loans and UNC Campus scholarships)
2. The University Graduate School (Merit, Weiss, and Tuition Remission awards)
3. The School of Social Work (scholarships based on merit and scholarships based on need)

University Office of Scholarships and Student Aid

To be considered for loans, applicants for financial assistance must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA; see http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/). The FAFSA must be submitted on or before March 1 to meet the priority application deadline. Late applications will be accepted, but priority processing time and funds are reserved for those meeting the priority deadline. Applicants can submit the FAFSA before receiving an offer of admission. Once the FAFSA is submitted, students can contact the University Office of Scholarships and Student Aid (OSSA) with questions about eligibility for loans (see their website at http://studentaid.unc.edu/ Contact OSSA at 300 Vance Hall, CB#2300, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-2300; phone, 919-962-8396, or email to aidinfo@unc.edu.

University Graduate School Awards

To be considered for a University Merit Award, Tuition Remission, or the Weiss Urban Livability Fellowship, the individual must

- be an applicant to a full-time program,
- have highly competitive GPA scores, and
- have a strong application to UNC School of Social Work that demonstrates the applicant’s commitment to social work and his or her capacity for leadership within the field of social work.

UNC School of Social Work forwards nominations for Merit and Weiss awards to the Graduate School; the Graduate School determines which nominees receive awards. Recipients are notified in early spring. Recipients of Graduate School Awards are required to work as a research assistant with a School of Social Work faculty member.

University Merit Awards provide a stipend for one academic year, student health insurance, and a scholarship for tuition. Visit http://gradschool.unc.edu/funding/gradschool/merit.html for more information.

Weiss Urban Livability Masters Fellowship awards provide full tuition, student health insurance, and a stipend for one academic year. Weiss awards are based primarily on student’s interest in urban livability. As Weiss Fellows, students will participate several times each semester in interdisciplinary forums and activities with other fellows and will work collaboratively with other fellows in designing an urban livability project. One academic credit hour is given for participation in the Weiss Fellows program. Visit http://gradschool.unc.edu/funding/gradschool/weiss/ for more information.

Tuition Remission awards are made to out-of-state students, and typically include one year of partial tuition, student health insurance, and a stipend. Visit http://gradschool.unc.edu/funding/basics/tuitionremission.html for more information.
School of Social Work Awards

UNC School of Social Work offers various scholarships and awards to currently enrolled students as well as qualified potential applicants. To be considered for scholarships, applicants must have an offer of admission to the School and complete the appropriate SSW scholarship application. All admitted applicants will receive a link to the SSW Scholarship Application via e-mail after they receive their acceptance letter from the UNC Graduate School. 20-Month Advanced Standing MSW students will be notified of scholarship decisions by early November; 12-Month Advanced Standing MSW students will be notified of scholarship decisions by early March. 2-Year and 3-Year MSW students will be notified of scholarship decisions by early March. SSW scholarships are made possible through gifts from alumni and friends of the School. The School awards funds based on need and/or merit and in compliance with requirements of some scholarships (e.g., county of residence, area of interest). Visit https://ssw.unc.edu/admissions/msw-admissions/msw-financial-aid/msw-scholarships/ for information about School of Social Work scholarships.

Dean's Research Awards

The Dean’s Research Awards are funded by UNC School of Social Work. These awards provide a stipend for one academic year. These awards are given to North Carolina residents (i.e., in-state students) and are based on merit and need. Recipients are required to work as a Research Assistant with a School of Social Work faculty member.

Paid Student Positions

UNC School of Social Work provides funds for a limited number of student positions, such as program assistants, graduate assistants, building monitors, and computer lab monitors. Positions typically entail 6-12 hours of work per week. Available positions and job descriptions are emailed to enrolled students late August. An email announcement is sent to all current students (including incoming students) when the positions are available.

Other Resources for Financial Aid

For more information on additional financial aid resources such as the North Carolina Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS) and National Association of Social Workers (NASW) state and national student awards, please visit our website, https://ssw.unc.edu/admissions/msw-admissions/msw-financial-aid/.

Note about tuition rates: Current information on UNC tuition rates is available from http://cashier.unc.edu/ tuition-fees/.
School of Social Work Awards

The School of Social Work offers various scholarships and awards to currently enrolled students as well as qualified potential applicants. To be considered for scholarships, applicants must have an offer of admission to the School and complete the appropriate SSW scholarship application. All admitted applicants will receive a link to the SSW Scholarship Application via email after they receive their acceptance letter from the UNC Graduate School.

20-month Advanced Standing students will be notified of scholarship decisions by early November; 12-month Advanced Standing students will be notified of scholarship decisions by early March. 2-year and 3-year students will be notified of scholarship decisions by mid-April. SSW scholarships are made possible through gifts from alumni and friends of the School. The School awards funds based on need and/or merit and in compliance with requirements of some scholarships (e.g., county of residence, area of interest). Visit https://ssw.unc.edu/admissions/msw for information about School of Social Work scholarships.

Dean's Research Awards

The Dean's Research Awards are funded by the School of Social Work. These awards provide a stipend for one academic year. These awards are given to North Carolina residents (i.e., in-state students) and are based on merit and need. Recipients are required to work as a Research Assistant with a School of Social Work faculty member.

Paid Student Positions

The School of Social Work provides funds for a limited number of student positions, such as program assistants, graduate assistants, building monitors, and computer lab monitors. Positions typically entail 6-12 hours of work per week. Available positions and job descriptions are e-mailed to enrolled students late August. An e-mail announcement is sent to all current students (including incoming students) when the positions are available.

Other Resources for Financial Aid

For more information on additional financial aid resources such as the North Carolina Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS) and National Association of Social Workers (NASW) state and national student awards, please visit our website, https://ssw.unc.edu/admissions/msw-financial-aid/scholarships/.

Note about tuition rates: Current information on UNC tuition rates is available from http://cashier.unc.edu/tuition-fees/.

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