

Master of Social Work at Pitt–Johnstown

The Master of Social Work program at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown is a part-time program offered by the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work.

The MSW program's goal is to prepare graduates who have the specialized knowledge and skills needed to engage in empirically supported and culturally competent advanced social work practice. Graduates are equipped for direct practice with individuals, families, and groups that reflects the social work profession's values, traditions, and philosophy. Pitt–Johnstown shares this goal with the program at the Pittsburgh campus and maintains the same high standards and academic requirements.

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Students can complete the degree in 10 terms, provided that all admission prerequisites are met. Students who hold a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) or Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (BASW) degree may be able to complete the degree in eight terms, depending on the number of advanced standing credits granted.

FIELD PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The MSW program requires two distinct field placements for students who enter without a BSW or BASW degree. Students with advanced standing complete one field placement. The program coordinator works with students to arrange placements based on their educational goals. A current list of field placements from all of the surrounding areas is available.

COURSES

The five generalist courses are Human Behavior and the Social Environment, Generalist of Social Work Practice, Social Work Research, Social Welfare, and Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations.

MSW courses are taught by University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work full-time and part-time faculty, all of whom are members of the local social work community.

TUITION

Eligible students working full-time in social service may receive a 15% discount on tuition.

LICENSURE

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"The MSW program at Pitt-Johnstown offered me an opportunity for growth both professionally and personally. The small class size is ideal for making personal connections with your professors and colleagues that last beyond your years in the program. I'm grateful for my experiences in the MSW program and would recommend it to anyone looking to move forward in a career in social work."

Erika B. Brosig (UPJ '04, SOC WK '13G)

Clinical Director, Victim Services, Inc
Cambria County SART Coordinator

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A bachelor's degree (with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0) from an accredited college or university
- One undergraduate course in human biology and one undergraduate course in descriptive statistics

The MSW degree requires the completion of a minimum of 60 credits. The program consists of 42 credits of course work and 18 credits of field education.

SOCIAL WORK CAREER INFORMATION

The social work profession is one of the oldest helping professions, and 42 percent of mental health professionals in the United States are social workers. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 20 percent growth in employment for clinical social workers between 2016 and 2026. In that period, an estimated 35,400 jobs should open up.

ADMISSION TO THE MSW PROGRAM AT PITT-JOHNSTOWN

Admission to the program is set up on a cohort basis: Instead of admitting students every term, we admit students as a group. Cohorts are admitted approximately every 24 months.



PROGRAM CONTACT

If you would like to explore the opportunities in the Pitt-Johnstown MSW program, please contact:

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