**Master of Social Work at Pitt-Johnstown**

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

- Shares the same high standards and academic requirements as the MSW program at the Pittsburgh campus.
- Prepares graduates to have the specialized knowledge and skills needed to engage in empirically supported and culturally competent advanced social work practice.
- Equips graduates for direct practice with individuals, families, and groups that reflects the social work profession's values, traditions, and philosophy.

The MSW program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Therefore, any student completing the MSW degree is eligible to take the examination to become a licensed social worker (LSW) in Pennsylvania and other states.
ADMISSION & TUITION
- Prerequisite: A bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
- All MSW applicants are reviewed holistically
- GradCAS application at socialwork.pitt.edu by June 30
- Eligible students working full-time in social service may receive a 15% discount on tuition
- Graduates of Pitt qualify for a Pitt2Pitt Scholarship

MSW PROGRAM INFORMATION
- Six credits per term
- Evening classes/campus based
- BSW/BASW students can receive 15 academic credits upon admission (Advanced Standing)
- All students are welcome to take 2 exemption exams (Human Behavior Social Environment and Research)
- In-person classes, office hours, study sessions, and events offer a strong sense of community and networking

FIELD PRACTICUM
Practicum experience is divided into two distinct placements.
Employment-based practicum placements are accepted.
The regional program director works with students to arrange placements based on their educational goals.

COURSES
The MSW degree requires the completion of a minimum of 60 credits. The program consists of 42 credits of coursework and 18 credits of practicum education.
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.
Faculty prepares courageous leaders to transform social work practice, policy, research, and education in a community-engaged and inclusive environment.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
- Social workers are the primary providers to clients with mental health needs
- The demand for social workers continues to grow
- Our Van Kirk Center offers services to help students achieve their career goals

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

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SOCIAL WORK IN MENTAL HEALTH
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.

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.

“...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

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