About the MSW

The MSW program educates students to become advanced social work practitioners through the specialization in empowerment practice across systems (individuals, families, small groups, communities, and organizations).

- A vast number of field internship placement sites exists in Rock Hill, South Carolina; Charlotte, North Carolina, and the surrounding region
- Study abroad opportunities are available
- Graduates of the program are prepared to pursue licensure in the U.S. and Canada

The Department of Social Work offers five options for pursuing a Master of Social Work Degree:

1. Full-Time Traditional Program - 60 hours completed in two years
2. Full-Time Advanced Standing Program - 39 hours completed in one year
3. Weekend Traditional Program - 60 hours completed in three years
4. Weekend Advanced Standing Program - 39 hours completed in two years
   “Weekend Program options are designed for working professionals
5. 100% online MSW program options available, visit https://online.winthrop.edu for more information

Admission Requirements:

- Minimum Undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- Resume
- Personal Statement
- Official Test Scores for Either the GRE or MAT
  * Applicants with an overall undergraduate GPA of 3.5 or above or those who hold graduate degrees from an accredited regional institution may qualify for a GRE/MAT Waiver.

Why Winthrop?

- South Carolina in-state tuition is available to graduate students who are residing in designated counties of the Charlotte Regional Partnership
- A range of graduate associate and assistant positions are available

Excellence Matters

- The Department of Social Work recognizes academic achievement through annual scholarships, awards, and the Phi Alpha National Honor Society
- Program is nationally accredited by the Council on Social Work Education
What Alumni Say

“My experience in the Winthrop MSW advanced standing program was exactly what I was looking for. My professors challenged me to think critically by facilitating thoughtful classroom discussions and holding me accountable to the standard of excellence in my work. I’m truly grateful for my cohort, faculty, and professors that fostered in me a true sense of what it means to be a social worker.”
– Ethan Johnstone, ’18, MSW Academic Excellence Award recipient (2018)

“The empowerment practice specialization of Winthrop’s MSW program gives me the flexibility to move across all client systems. I see the program as a universal way to introduce future social workers to this broad profession. To have a firm base of empowerment knowledge will serve me no matter what aspect of the profession I chose to practice. It is the embodiment of what a social worker does – provide the tools for individuals, families, and communities to empower themselves!”
– Tonia Frazier, Current Full-time Traditional Student (Class of 2019)

“My experience within the Master of Social Work Program was amazing, and prepared me for my current career. My professors were both readily available in and out of the classroom, which was extremely convenient. Additionally, the knowledge I obtained within both the classroom and field setting, particularly the clinical knowledge, has created a wealth of opportunities in my clinical journey as a clinical social worker. Finally, the lasting relationships I was able to create with my professors was pivotal and beneficial, as they have served as mentors and references to date. My experience was truly wonderful and I am grateful for this amazing program.”
– Earl C. Martin Jr. ’15 ’17

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