

School Social Work

Requirements

The School Social Work Program in the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is an approved Wisconsin program. The program provides the state required “institutional endorsement” for obtaining a Wisconsin School Social Work License.

Those who complete the School Social Work Program will meet all of the requirements for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction licensure.

The following are the main requirements for obtaining this license:

- A master’s degree in social work from a CSWE-approved school.
- Completion of specific course requirements for the School Social Work License.
- Completion of a required field practicum in a school setting.
- Passing the School Social Work Competency Exam.

UWM’s program meets the state licensing requirements, as delineated in PI 34. For additional information about the licensing requirements for Wisconsin school social workers, visit the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website. >>> dpi.wi.gov/licensing

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School Social Work at UW-Milwaukee

School social work is a specialized area of social work practice requiring training and experience that is uniquely designed to assist students in elementary, middle and high schools in being successful and productive.

School social workers in Wisconsin have a Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW), and a school social work license through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

School social workers provide a vital link between home, school and community, strengthening partnerships to address barriers within the child and their environment that interfere with achievement.



School Social Worker Roles

Services to Students:

- Crisis intervention
- Intervention development
- Social emotional skills development

Services to Families:

- Facilitate support
- Assess barriers to academic performance and success
- Coordinate systems of care

Services to School Personnel:

- Student assessments
- Staff in-service training
- Behavior management assistance

How to Apply

Master of Social Work (MSW) Students

Apply to the MSW program through the UWM Graduate School. The admissions cycle opens each year on October 1.

>>> graduateschool-apply.uwm.edu

Non-Degree Candidate Admission

Before taking any classes, you will need to apply for admission to UWM as a Non-Degree Student.

>>> [uwm.edu/graduateschool/
non-degree-admission](https://uwm.edu/graduateschool/non-degree-admission)

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Required Courses

Soc Wrk 562

Child Welfare and Family Services

Soc Wrk 754 or 753

Child or Adult Psychopathology

Soc Wrk 851

School Social Work Policy

Soc Wrk 791

School Social Work Practice

Soc Wrk 791

Exploring Institutional Racism:
School Social Work

Soc Wrk 791

School Social Work:
Exceptional Individual

ACT 31 Seminar

Native Americans in Wisconsin

Exemptions to course requirements are available on an individualized basis, per review and approval by the School Social Work Program Coordinator.

Clinical Pathway to Licensure

Applicants with a clinical license (APSW or LCSW) may have distinct exemptions via DPI's clinical pathway to licensure. Consultation with the SSW Program Coordinator is necessary prior to program admission.

Field Placement

Students are required to fulfill one to two semesters of field placement in a school setting. Field placement opportunities are available in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Kenosha, Racine, and surrounding areas.