MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

Urban Strong

PREPARING SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONALS FOR LEADERSHIP ROLES IN URBAN COMMUNITIES

The Master of Social Work Program prepares its graduates for:

- Advanced social work practice with individuals, families and groups
- Ethical decision-making
- Effective service to diverse populations
- Committed and skillful promotion of social justice

Focus:
The major focus of the Program is to prepare graduates to use evidence based practices to systemically and strategically address issues of poverty and disadvantage, interpersonal and community violence, addictions, health and mental health, and social injustice and discrimination. The curriculum focus is on the social, economic and political characteristics of the city, so that the capacity to understand urban life and phenomena is a central part of the students' education.

Academic Program:
Students admitted to the Masters of Social Work degree program who are not admitted for Advanced Standing must complete 48 credits of course work and 12 credits of supervised internship. The program may be completed in two years of full time course and field work or three years of part time course and field work. Students considered for Advanced Standing must have their social work courses evaluated for acceptance toward the degree requirements.

Faculty:
The MSW faculty has substantial experience in social work practice, research and education. Research is focused on child welfare, urban economic and human resource development, health, gerontology, addictions, HIV/AIDS, implications of technology for social work, diversity and cultural competence, and public policy development. Faculty research has been disseminated in a wide variety of refereed academic journals and books, as well as through professional conferences and workshops. Faculty hold leadership positions in respected professional social work organizations, serve on boards of human service and non-profit agencies, and are involved in many community service initiatives.
**Concentration Areas:**
Students can specialize in one of the following areas in the advanced year:
- Urban Children
- Youth & Families
- School Social Work
- Public Health Social Work
- Gerontology

**Field Education:**
Field education provides the opportunity for hands-on experience in social work practice in coordination with academic coursework. Field practicum placements are available in government, private non-profit, educational and community service agencies serving varied populations throughout the Baltimore Metropolitan area.

**Admission Requirements**
- 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA
  (2.5 to 2.9 GPA considered for conditional admission)
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- Three professional and/or academic references
- Personal Background Statement
  (*outline available on Admissions page - [www.morgan.edu/SSW]*)
- Advanced Standing Program may be considered for BSW graduates from CSWE-accredited programs with a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA
  (*additional references required*)

**Admission Deadline:**
All application documents must be received by February 1st for entry in the following fall semester.

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