

Admission requirements

In addition to the pre-admission requirements listed below, an applicant must apply to and meet the minimum requirements, listed on the other side, for admission in full standing to the Office of Graduate Studies.

A pre-admission process is first completed directly with the Social Work program. The following are the pre-admission requirements for full-standing admission:

1. Cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.75, with 3.0 in the last 60 credits of study
2. Academic background in the liberal arts and a minimum of 18 credits in the Social Sciences
3. Completed course work in: biology, statistics, research methods and life span development before taking the Advanced Curriculum; for advanced standing, applicant must have graduated from an accredited baccalaureate Social Work program within the last 8 years.
4. A written personal essay
5. Three electronic reference questionnaires
6. Relevant professional work/volunteer background

Items 4-5 above are further specified on the electronic application and should provide evidence of interest in and ability to work with social work clientele in social work contexts. Please note, applicants are not required to take the GRE.

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Program

The MSW Program prepares social workers for advanced practice as facilitators, partners and leaders in planned change activities with service users and community service providers. The program offers two advanced concentrations: Health Care practice and Mental Health Care practice.

Health Care practice is designed for developing interprofessional practice skills with a variety of health care contexts. The Mental Health Care practice is designed to facilitate graduates to work in clinical and community mental health contexts and to prepare for the LCSW credential. Graduates develop expertise to work in both rural and metropolitan areas and to work with clients from diverse cultures and circumstances.

The program can be completed on either a full-time or part-time basis and students attend classes year-round. Most classes are offered on evenings and weekends.

The program faculty has specific expertise in health care and mental health care practice and they are prepared to facilitate student development as competent professionals.

A total of 58 credits are required for graduation. This includes a 30-credit two-semester foundation curriculum (completed by non-BSW students and those whose BSW degrees are more than 8 years old), and a three-semester 25-credit advanced curriculum (completed by all students). Students complete a two-semester 14 hour-a-week field placement during each year in the program.

The MSW Program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work.

About the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

- Third largest of the 13 state-supported universities comprising the University of Wisconsin System.
- Enrolls about 1,200 graduate students out of a total student body of about 13,500.
- Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).
- With a population of more than 65,000, the city of Oshkosh is consistently ranked among the top small cities in the nation.

Graduate program faculty and services

- Graduate faculty hold earned doctorates, terminal degrees or professional credentials in their respective fields.
- Excellent student resources, research equipment and facilities produce an ideal environment for graduate programs.

Financial assistance

- Graduate assistantships are available to eligible students each year.
- The Advanced Opportunity Program offers funds to students of color and non-minority economically disadvantaged students.
- Scholarships may be available through various colleges and graduate departments.
- Loans and employment are available through the Office of Financial Aid.
- International students are eligible to apply for both graduate assistantships and state of Wisconsin nonresident partial tuition remissions.

Non-degree students

- Persons with a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution may take coursework as a graduate special student for professional advancement or enrichment without being admitted to a degree program.
- Enrollment in courses is subject to availability and/or approval.

Cooperative programs

Selected programs are offered in cooperation with other University of Wisconsin System institutions whereby a portion of the coursework may be completed on another campus. These are:

- Doctorate of Nursing Practice at UW-Eau Claire
- Curriculum and Instruction at UW-Sheboygan

Minimum admission requirements

Admission in full standing to a master's degree program requires the applicant to meet minimum Graduate Studies requirements:

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- An undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.75 (4.00 scale) or at least 2.90 during the last half (approximately 60 credits) of undergraduate work.
- Submission of official transcripts of all collegiate work.
- Submission of a completed application and payment of a non-refundable \$56 application fee.

Most programs have additional admission requirements such as letters of recommendation, GRE scores, written personal statements and others. Refer to www.uwosh.edu/gradstudies, the program website, or contact the Graduate Studies office for more information.

NOTE: International student admission requirements differ from U.S. citizens. Contact the Office of Graduate Studies for more information.