

Master of Social Work

Prepare to become a clinical practitioner by earning a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree at Herzing University! Our curriculum includes online courses and hands-on clinical field practicums that prepare you to provide professional clinical social work services in the areas of Mental Health, Medical Social Work, or Children, Families, and Aging Services. The MSW program emphasizes lifelong learning, professional development, service, networking and adherence to the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics.



CONVENIENT ONLINE CLASSES

Herzing's MSW program offers flexible online scheduling to help you balance work, home and life. We also offer personalized attention and support to help you advance your career.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission
- Typical program length: 24 months when attending full-time
- 60 credits, 900 practicum hours
- 100% online classes delivered asynchronously, with hands-on clinical field practicums
- Choose from 3 specializations: Mental Health, Medical Social Work, or Children, Families, and Aging Services
- Complete coursework and fieldwork simultaneously

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

As a Herzing MSW student, you'll complete four supervised fieldwork experiences during your program to gain competence and confidence in your social work skills:

- Generalist Fieldwork Experience – 400 clinical hours
- Advanced Fieldwork Experience (related to your chosen specialization) – 500 clinical hours



24 months Program length when attending full-time, in as little as 24 months.

SPECIALIZATIONS

When you enroll in the Herzing MSW program, you will choose one of three unique specializations:

MENTAL HEALTH

Develop an understanding of mental health assessment, diagnosis and intervention. Learn theories of human behavior, trauma and diversity—and how to apply this knowledge to mental health provision and wellbeing. Discover policies and laws related to mental health systems and become familiar with the service delivery structure of public and private mental health facilities.

MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK

Build an understanding of medical diagnoses in the context of a person-in-environment model. Study social work intervention strategies including crisis intervention, biopsychosocial assessment, and trauma-informed clinical approaches. Immerse yourself in a curriculum focusing on how you can utilize evidence-based social work research in clinical practice of community public health and prevention services.

CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND AGING SERVICES

Become an advocate for vulnerable children, families and elderly clients in need of assistance. Build your understanding of social problems and their impact on individuals, families and their communities across all age groups. This specialization explores the delivery structure of social services and how you can become a key facilitator of protective services for pediatric and gerontological clients.



715,600
JOBS

12%

+89,200
NEW JOBS

National Job Outlook

2020 → 2030

*<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/social-workers.htm#tab-6>

Individuals considering the Master of Social Work program should be aware that state certification/licensure requirements and eligibility to apply for certification/licensure vary from state to state. While certification/licensure is not a requirement for certain types of jobs, in some states, it may be required for any positions titled 'Social Worker' and to refer to yourself as a Social Worker in professional settings.

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MSW – Master of Social Work Course Outline

A minimum of 60.00 semester credit hours and 900 practicum hours are required for graduation.

REQUIRED CORE COURSES

All courses, 37.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Semester Credit Hours
MSW 500	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	2.00
MSW 501	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II Oppression and Inequality	2.00
MSW 510	Perspectives in Diversity & Global Society	3.00
MSW 520	Generalist Social Work with Individuals/Groups	3.00
MSW 521	Generalist Practice with Organizations/Community	3.00
MSW 530	Social Work Research Methods and Application	2.00
MSW 540	Social Policy and Services	3.00
MSW 600	Advanced Clinical Social Work Theory and Practice	3.00
MSW 610	Advanced Clinical Social Work Interventions	3.00
MSW 620	Advanced Psychosocial Assessment & Clinical Diagnosis	3.00
MSW 630	Advanced Research & Program Evaluation	3.00
MSW 640	Advanced Policy: Social Justice and Advocacy	3.00
MSW 650	Advanced Social Work Seminar	2.00
MSW 660	Capstone Social Work Seminar	2.00

REQUIRED PROJECT RESIDENCY CORE COURSES

All courses, 14.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Semester Credit Hours
MSW 535	Generalist Field Practicum I (200 clinical hours)	3.00
MSW 545	Generalist Field Practicum II (200 clinical hours)	3.00
MSW 655	Advanced Social Work Field Practicum I (250 clinical hours)	4.00
MSW 665	Advanced Social Work Field Practicum II (250 clinical hours)	4.00

ONE SPECIALIZATION IS REQUIRED

Required Courses In Mental Health Social Work Specialization

All courses, 9.00 semester credit hours, are required

Course Number	Course Name	Semester Credit Hours
MSW 624	Substance Use Disorders and Treatment	3.00
MSW 626	Trauma Focused Theory and Interventions	3.00
MSW 628	Mental Health Services and Interventions	3.00

Required Courses In Medical Social Work Specialization

All courses, 9.00 semester credit hours, are required

Course Number	Course Name	Semester Credit Hours
MSW 622	Medical Social Work Services and Interventions	3.00
MSW 636	Community Health and Prevention	3.00
MSW 624	Substance Use Disorders and Treatment	3.00
OR		
MSW 632	Gerontology Services and Interventions	3.00

Required Courses In Children, Families and Aging Specialization

All courses, 9.00 semester credit hours, are required

Course Number	Course Name	Semester Credit Hours
MSW 638	Advanced Child Welfare Services and Interventions	3.00
MSW 634	Clinical Practice with Families	3.00
MSW 632	Gerontology Services and Interventions	3.00

Program content subject to change. Please check with your local campus for any updates, course outlines and graduation requirements.

Herzing University is approved to offer programs in an online learning modality through association with the main campus in Madison, Wisconsin.



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