



**MSW Admissions
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Why Carleton's MSW?

- A Program that focuses on Social Justice, Equity and Social Transformation
- Small Cohorts
- National Capital Advantage for Practicum



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Our Programs:

Everyone graduates with a Master of Social Work (MSW), there is no other designation/specialization.

We offer a generalist MSW, a combination of research, community, clinical, and policy practice.

Foundation Year:

Fall term: 4 core courses (one is worth 1.0 credit)

Winter term: one core course and Practicum 1

Summer term: registration is not required although students may choose to take an elective course or two to decrease their courseload in the Advanced Year.

Advanced Year:

Fall term: Two core courses, and an elective course (two elective courses if in the Foundation year program)

Winter term: Three elective courses (four if in the foundation year program)

Summer term: Practicum (or thesis which needs to begin prior to fall of advanced year)

MSW Application

GPA

Human Services Experience – quality and quantity

Statement - thoughtful answers to the 2 questions

Equity - addressing structural barriers experienced by Black, racialized, Indigenous, disabled and LGBTQI2S identified students

Tell us about the Rubric!

GPA : about 1/3 of your score

Related Experience : Quality and Quantity: about 1/3 of your score

Your Statement: about 1/3 of your score

References and Self-Identification from Equity Groups MATTER



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MSW Application Tips

- Include all applicable experience – did you deal with humans who were in distress or difficult? (customer service?) Did you care for anybody? Did you write and think critically in a job or as a volunteer?
- Ensure you answer the questions in the statement. Don't use a statement for another School and think it will work.
- Be scholarly where appropriate. To describe a social problem, cite literature, statistics, or other evidence.
- Write carefully. Read your statement out loud – it will help to catch errors. Check a guide to ensure your grammar and spelling are correct.
- References : Do your best to get instructors who know you or who keep good records! Don't worry. We know its tough sometimes.
- If you have something to bring to the attention of the admissions committee (reason for poor grades, reason for lack of academic reference, etc.) include a short rationale at the end of statement document



Practicum

- Each MSW student will complete either 2 (two) practicums or 1 (one) practicum in order to earn a MSW degree:
 - Two year (Foundation)- 2 practicums (undergraduate degree in a discipline other than social work)
 - One year (Advanced)- 1 practicum (undergraduate degree in social work)
- Each placement consists of a minimum of 450 hours in the field setting, plus 12 hours of in-class seminars with a small group of fellow placement students and a Registered Social Worker. The purpose of field education is to enable students to connect the theory and skills taught in the classroom with practice in the field setting, and acquire practice skills that reflect understanding of and commitment to the core values and standards of professional social work practice.



Where Do Social Workers Work?

- Direct Practice
 - Counselling
 - Child welfare
 - Correctional institutions
 - Addictions/rehabilitation
 - Hospitals (with graduate training)
- Social Policy
 - Advocacy organizations
 - Federal, provincial, or municipal government
- Community Development
 - Community health centres



SMALL COHORTS



- 25-30 students per MSW cohort
- Start your year with an intensive class that allows you to get to know and work closely with your fellow students

A Graduate Student Collective is involved in all aspects of the Graduate program

If your goal is to **build your knowledge and skills** to work toward **social justice, equity and social transformation**, you have come to the right place!

- Our students graduate to jobs in clinical practice, community development, research and policy work
- They work in social services agencies, health care organizations, provincial and federal departments and ministries, municipal services, private practice, schools, academic settings and more.
- Many of our graduate students move quickly into administrative, supervisory and other leadership roles.

Important Application & Program Links!

<https://carleton.ca/socialwork/master-of-social-work/>

<https://carleton.ca/socialwork/msw-admissions/>

<https://carleton.ca/socialwork/msw-faqs/>

<https://carleton.ca/socialwork/msw-program/>

<https://graduate.carleton.ca/apply-online/>

<https://graduate.carleton.ca/apply-online/required-documents/>

<https://graduate.carleton.ca/application-faq/>

<https://graduate.carleton.ca/application-status/>

<https://graduate.carleton.ca/financial-assistance/>

Thank-you!

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