

# Discover Social Work

## Master of Science in Social Work

### ***Who takes this program?***

- Anyone with an interest in social work or social welfare.
- Two tracks: one for individuals who have a bachelor's degree in social work (advanced standing) and one for those who do not (general standing).

### ***How does the program work?***

- Course format: approximately one-third of the classes are presented in a traditional face-to-face format, approximately one-third are online classes, and the final third are hybrid courses.
- Students with a BSW can complete the program in four semesters, if they take nine hours each semester (full time for graduate studies).
- Students who do not have a BSW can complete the program in seven full-time semesters.
- The program accepts new students only in the fall semester.

### ***How will this degree benefit me?***

Students can work anywhere in social services with this degree. In the state of Texas, no one can be called a social worker without a license in social work, and this degree allows you to be licensed.

Students get a well rounded education that allows them to practice more fully in our unique community, rural region, and beyond. Networking occurs through the required field placements, and students get a chance to try out different social work roles while still in school.

### ***What courses will I take?***

Advanced standing students take 36 hours of course work with six hours of electives. Thirty hours are in the social work area and cover topics like Practice Skills, Human Behavior in the Social Environment, Policy, Research, and field experiences. The electives can be from any area on campus that the students can show are relevant to their social work education and can be used to personalize their degree.

General standing students complete 26 Foundation hours before entering into the 36 hour program. These Foundation hours are just that, a Foundation in social work skills, knowledge, and abilities before moving into more advanced work. The 26 hours of the Foundation program are social work courses.

### ***What sets this program apart from other programs?***

Our program is very hands-on and has specific experiential pieces that allow students to try out their skills while in school and throughout their learning process. We have an agency in Amarillo, West Texas Family and Community Services, where students work with clients before their field work and get a sense of what social work is about before beginning their field placements. This gives them an edge when they are looking for field placements and allows them to see what it is like to work with clients a little bit at a time.

Students may participate in international trips related to comparative social work policy and services.

The advanced standing students will host a fall social work conference, which we hope will become an annual event for the community.

The WTAMU graduate Social Work program is in the process of becoming accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. We are in the second year of the three-four year process. We hope to be fully accredited by February 2014.

## Admission Criteria and Application Guidelines

### *Full Admission: Advanced Standing Program*

- Bachelor's degree from a Council on Social Work Education accredited program.
- Undergraduate grade point average (G.P.A.) of 3.0 or higher in social work classes.
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
- Admissions essay.
- Two letters of recommendation using the required form posted on the Social Work website.

### *Full Admission: General Standing Program*

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited program.
- Undergraduate grade point average (G.P.A.) of 3.0 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework.
- Admission essay.
- Two letters of recommendation using the required form posted on the Social Work website.

### *Deadline to Apply*

- February 15 for Fall admission (new students are admitted only in the fall semester).

### *Program Contact Information*

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