

Y.S.U. MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PARTNERSHIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How can I obtain a application packet?

A: Application packets are available by contacting the Department of Social Work (330-941-1598) or the School of Graduate Studies (330-941-3091)

Q: What is the application deadline for the fall semester?

A: The application deadline is March 15 for priority consideration. Applications received after this date are accepted and admissions granted until the class is full.

Q: When do classes begin?

A: Students admitted to the program enter courses the fall semester only (August). Students may not enter the program the spring and summer semesters.

Q: When are courses available?

A: Face-to-face courses are taught on Saturdays, the only day being on campus is necessary. One additional course is available online each semester.

Q: Does admission to the MSW program require that I hold a Bachelor of Social Work degree?

A: No. The program considers applicants from a range of completed undergraduate degree programs.

Q: Is the program accredited?

A: Yes. The program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Q: Will the program help me prepare for the social work licensing exam?

A: Yes. Students in their final semester of course work are instructed directly on the social work licensing exam.

Q: Can I complete my social work field internship hours at my place of employment?

A: Possibly. The MSW Internship Coordinator works closely with students to develop quality practice-based educational experiences. If a student's educational experience is not compromised in their existing place of human services employment, an employment-based internship may be developed.

Q: Is it possible for me to retain employment and maintain my family and life responsibilities while engaged in the MSW program?

A: Graduate level course work combined with the time and focus required for engagement in field education is considerable. Students should carefully assess their capacities and current life demands and realistically evaluate the impact of increased demands as they become engaged in the MSW program.

Q: Can I transfer academic credit hours from other programs or educational institutions?

A: Yes. A maximum of 9 graduate semester hours of course credit earned from other educational institutions evaluated as equivalent to courses required in the MSW program may substituted.

Q: I have a criminal record. Can I be admitted to the MSW program?

A: Qualified students who have been convicted of misdemeanor or felony offenses may be admitted to the program. However, field internship opportunities may be restricted due to agency prohibitions pertaining to the engagement of students in agency work in possession of criminal records. Students with convictions are advised to become informed of requirements pertaining to social work licensure and avenues of appeal as they consider their enrollment in the MSW program and the limitations past convictions may impose on their ability to practice the profession of social work.

Q: If I have additional questions where can I obtain more information?

A: Please visit the YSU website at: www.ysu.edu or contact the social work department at: 330-941-1598 or email mlalschuler@ysu.edu