Rutgers School of Social Work
Office of Student Affairs

MSW Programs & Admissions Process
MSW Programs

At Rutgers, you'll join a dynamic and diverse community of scholars and students committed to social justice and individual, family and community well-being. We are one of the nation’s largest schools devoted to education and research on social welfare and are ranked in the top 15% of “Best Grad Schools” for Social Work by US News and World Report.
The school's largest program prepares skilled direct-service providers to function in both public and private sectors of social welfare; and also prepares students for advanced social work practice, including administrative leadership roles in the state's social welfare departments and agencies, and at all levels of government, as well as in the voluntary sector.

Offered in Camden, Newark, and New Brunswick (the full range of the school's offerings is available on all three campuses).

Full-time students complete the program within two years of matriculation.

Part-time students complete the program within four years of matriculation.

For more information: http://socialwork.rutgers.edu/Academics/MSW.aspx
### BLENDED

The Blended Online Program offers the flexibility and convenience of online learning combined with a traditional "in person" classroom setting for advanced coursework.

Students in this program have access to the full complement of courses and concentrations.

This program is ideal for New Jersey residents who want to expand their network through field education and in-person classes, while having the flexibility of online learning.

Students in this program complete their MSW in three years. In the first two years, classes are offered solely online in an asynchronous format, which means they are not typically held during a fixed meeting time.

In the third year, students take a combination of “on the ground” advanced courses and online classes in other curriculum areas.

For more information: [http://socialwork.rutgers.edu/Academics/Blended.aspx](http://socialwork.rutgers.edu/Academics/Blended.aspx)
**INTENSIVE WEEKEND**

Rutgers School of Social Work’s Intensive Weekend MSW Program is designed to enable students employed social service and other human service related fields to pursue their MSW while continuing to work full-time.

Students can expect to complete their MSW education in 3 years. Students who possess an undergraduate degree in social work from an accredited baccalaureate program in social work can be considered for advanced standing admission, when available, and complete the degree in approximately 2 years.

Students take one course at a time and are in class one weekend each month. Courses are consecutive and each course consists of two sets of weekend meetings, supported by online activity in the interim weeks.

The Intensive Weekend MSW Program has locations in Southern, Central, and Northern New Jersey.

For more information: [http://socialwork.rutgers.edu/Academics/IW.aspx](http://socialwork.rutgers.edu/Academics/IW.aspx)
Our 100% Online MSW program in Clinical Social Work is designed for self-directed students who seek the flexibility and convenience of online learning. The program offers a robust online learning community with close interactions between students and faculty.

Students in this program complete their MSW in three years and classes are held in an asynchronous format, which means that there is not a fixed meeting time. Courses have regularly scheduled assignments and due dates, just like in a traditional classroom, and students and faculty interact via threaded discussions and other web-based technologies.

Third-year students will have the option of taking their advanced clinical courses in either an asynchronous or synchronous format.

Field Placement at a social service agency begins in the summer of the first year and continues until program completion. We will help you find a local field placement.

Currently Rutgers cannot enroll residents of all states into the MSW program; an enrollment coach will provide more information.

State social work boards determine the requirements for social work licensure. Prospective students should contact their state licensing board to determine if this online program meets licensure requirements.

For more information: http://socialwork.rutgers.edu/Academics/MSW_Online.aspx
# FIELD REQUIREMENTS

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<td><strong>Advanced Year</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Hours</strong></td>
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### Traditional
- No evening or weekend field placements.

### Blended
- No evening or weekend field placements.
- The Field practicum begins during the second year of the program.

### Intensive Weekend
- The employing agency may provide the student with an alternate job assignment for the work-week to meet the requirements for field, or arrangements may be made for an outside agency field placement.
- A minimum of one day and maximum of two days each week is devoted to field for the duration of the program, in an assignment that differs from the student's customary work assignment.

### Online
- The Field totals are the same but the hours include summers.

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CENTERS & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- Center for Gambling Studies
- Center for International Social Work
- Center for Nonprofit Management & Governance
- Center on Violence Against Women & Children
- Programs on Aging
- Addiction Counselor Training

For more information: http://socialwork.rutgers.edu/CentersandPrograms.aspx
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<td>Camden, Newark &amp; New Brunswick</td>
<td>• 2 Year program, 4 Year program, Advanced Standing program for BSW graduates.</td>
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<td>Blended</td>
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<td>• Combination of online and “on the ground” classes, 3 year program</td>
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<td>Intensive Weekend</td>
<td>Program locations throughout NJ</td>
<td>• Year round program, In class one weekend each month, Geared towards working professionals, Advanced Standing option for BSW graduates</td>
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<td>Online</td>
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<td>• For highly self-directed students, 3 year program</td>
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<td>• Geared towards students looking to balance their studies with other life commitments.</td>
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Which Program is right for you?
**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

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<td>• The priority deadline for the traditional, on-campus MSW fall semester was March 1st.</td>
<td>• Applications to the Blended Online MSW Program will be accepted on a rolling basis, but we encourage you to apply early. To ensure full consideration, applications must be received no later than July 15th.</td>
<td>• The deadline for fall semester is March 1st.</td>
<td>• We are now accepting applications for the 100% Online MSW Program. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, but we encourage you to apply early. To ensure full consideration, applications must be received no later than July 15th.</td>
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<td>• The priority deadline for the Advanced Standing program was February 1st.</td>
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<td>• There is no admission to the matriculated MSW Program for the spring semester.</td>
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To Apply: http://grad.admissions.rutgers.edu/GraduateProgram/
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

• In order to be considered for admission, applicants to the Graduate School of Social Work must have completed a bachelor's degree from an accredited undergraduate institution. The minimum grade point average is a 3.0/4.0 and applicants who do not have this minimum GPA should address this in their Personal Statement. Applicants must have a broad liberal arts academic background. Social work experience is not required but is advantageous.

• An introductory undergraduate course in statistics that covers descriptive and basic inferential statistical procedures with a grade of C or better is a prerequisite for the advanced part of the program but is NOT a requirement for admissions. Applicants who do not meet this requirement will be admitted on a conditional basis and may not move to the advanced part of the program until this prerequisite is satisfied. Once admitted into the program, students may sit for an examination to place out of this prerequisite.

• A GRE (Graduate Record Examination) test score is NOT required for application.
APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To apply for the MSW program please visit http://gradstudy.rutgers.edu

All MSW applications are submitted online. You may monitor your application status online. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that all materials are submitted to the graduate admissions office by the application deadline.

The admissions process for the School of Social Work is facilitated through the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions and the Office of Student Affairs at the School of Social Work in New Brunswick. This means that all application materials should be sent to Graduate Admissions Office in New Brunswick even if you are applying to take classes at our Newark or Camden campuses.

MAIL ALL ADMISSION SUPPORTING MATERIALS TO:
The Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions
18 Bishop Place
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8530
Phone: (732)932-7711

Including materials for applications to the Newark & Camden programs within the School of Social Work

Applications are considered complete and will be reviewed only when ALL of the following materials have been received.

A complete application consists of:
• 3 letters of recommendation
• Official Transcripts
• Personal Statement
• Confidential Disclosure Document
• Résumé
• Field Evaluation - for Advanced Standing Applicants only
• A non-refundable $65 application fee - Instructions for paying this fee are on the Graduate Admissions website.

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