As the dean of the School of Social Work, I am continually amazed at the reach of the school into local, state, national, and international communities, and the depth of the relationships that support our work. Our mission is to develop and disseminate knowledge through social work research, education, and training that promotes social and economic justice and strengthens individual, family, and community well-being in this diverse and increasingly global environment of New Jersey and beyond. I encourage you to explore our programs and the breadth of opportunity available to you as part of the Rutgers School of Social Work family. We celebrate your goals and dreams and hope that our mission of education, research, and service will become your calling.

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Terry Connolly, a graduate of both the BASW and MSW programs at Rutgers is the Executive Director of the Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center in Morristown, NJ which prepares 65,000 meals annually for the working poor, the elderly, and the disabled. "I wanted to make a difference on a higher level, a leadership level. I love my work today as much as I did on the first day," she says.
We offer rigorous academics and real-world experience.

TRADITIONAL, ON-CAMPUS MSW

Offered in Camden, Newark, and New Brunswick, the Traditional MSW program allows students to take between 6 to 15 credits on one of Rutgers three campuses in New Jersey. The full range of the school’s offerings is available at each campus, including specializations in clinical social work or management and policy as well as four certificate programs. A flexible evening course schedule is also available on each of the three campuses.

Students may also take advantage of the large selection of courses and create an area of emphasis. These include international social work, children, youth and families, and social policy, to name a few.

The Traditional MSW may be completed in two to four years, depending on the number of courses taken each semester. Students with an earned Bachelors of Social Work from an accredited institution may qualify for Advanced Standing and can complete the program in one year.
Our student body is one of the most ethnically and geographically diverse in the nation.

ONLINE MSW PROGRAMS

Blended MSW Program
The Blended program offers students the convenience of online learning, combined with a traditional classroom setting for advanced coursework. In this three year program, students complete the first two years online and, in the third year, take a combination of on-campus and online coursework.

Students in the Blended program begin field placement in the third semester, completing 11.25 hours per week followed by 16.25 hours weekly in the third year. Students choose a specialization in either clinical social work or management and policy. An area of emphasis may also be included, as well as the certificates in Aging and Health, Violence Against Women and Children and Child and Adolescent Well-Being.

100% Online MSW Program
The 100% Online MSW is designed for self-directed learners who seek the flexibility of online learning. With regularly scheduled assignments and due dates, students and faculty interact closely via threaded discussions and other web-based technologies in a robust learning environment.

Field placement starts in the first year, students begin by completing 11.25 hours per week in their third semester and then move onto 13.5 hours weekly in their last four semesters. 100% Online students also complete a clinical specialization as part of their degree.

The 100% online MSW program includes students from around the country. To learn more, please visit www.socialwork.rutgers.edu or contact an enrollment coach directly at 1-866-935-3024.
Maria Hernandez, who obtained her MSW through the Intensive Weekend Program, puts her leadership skills to work at a nonprofit adoption agency in New Jersey. She assists women with unplanned pregnancies and few resources in their search for adoptive families. Hernandez credits the Intensive Weekend program with the opportunity to complete a field internship and earn her degree while working. Her long-term goal is to create a residential program to counsel and support foster children transitioning into society.
Rutgers School of Social Work’s Intensive Weekend MSW program is specifically designed to enable students who are employed in human service related fields to pursue their MSW while continuing to work full time. Courses in this year-round program are taken consecutively, allowing students to focus on one subject matter at a time and manage a full-time study schedule with work and personal life responsibilities.

Students attend class one weekend each month, on Saturday and Sunday, and participate in one synchronous online session during each four-week period.

Field education begins immediately upon the start of the program and continues through program completion. Courses are scheduled continuously throughout the year, allowing students to complete the degree in three years. Students who qualify for advanced standing can complete their degree in two years. Students devote 8 to 10 hours to their field internship each week for the first year and up to 14 hours each week thereafter. Most students complete their field education at their place of employment, in an area distinct from work responsibilities.

Eligible applicants must have at least one year of experience in the human services or related field and must currently work full time in a human services capacity.

The Intensive Weekend Program offers class locations throughout New Jersey, including Mays Landing, Bordentown, Parsippany, and Jersey City. The clinical specialization is the core of the program, with courses in management and policy to prepare students for leadership in their respective fields.
Ilfredo Rodríguez, a graduate of Rutgers School of Social Work and the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, has utilized the skills he learned in his graduate work to provide spiritual direction and emotional healing for troops during both of his tours of duty.
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS, CONCENTRATIONS, AND DUAL DEGREES

Rutgers School of Social Work offers one-of-a-kind certificate programs, specializations, and dual degrees that allow students to specialize in an area of interest while completing their MSW requirements.

Specializations
- Clinical Social Work — students are prepared with in-depth skills to counsel individuals and families in the assessment, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of a variety of emotional and behavioral issues.
- Management and Policy — students are prepared for leadership roles in management, policy, planning, and allied endeavors in social work and the human services.

Certificate Programs
- Addiction Counselor Training (ACT)
- Aging and Health
- Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC)
- Child and Adolescent Well-Being
In addition to certificates, students may create an area of emphasis. Some of these include social policy, health, international social work, children, youth and families, mental and behavioral health and Latino initiatives for service, training and assessment (LISTA)

Dual Degrees
- Juris Doctor/Master of Social Work (JD/MSW)
- Master of Social Work/Master of Divinity (MSW/M.Div.)
- Combined MSW/Ph.D. Program

The School offers courses and travel abroad in Romania, Israel, Mexico, India, and China.
areim Oliphant emigrated to the U.S. from Jamaica and graduated from the MSW program with a management and policy specialization. Oliphant leads several youth outreach and social initiatives, including a feed-the-homeless program, a youth mentorship program, and a program he started which helps children enhance literacy skills through visual and performing arts.
Our students have access to over 800 diverse field placements.

FIELD EDUCATION

Field education is vital in preparing students for the important work they will do after graduation. Our field education faculty and liaisons bring years of experience and professional expertise to student training. Through partnerships with hundreds of local, regional, and national human services agencies and organizations, we offer an unparalleled field practicum experience. Students may choose to train in any number of areas including:

- Child welfare
- Corrections
- Housing and homelessness issues
- LGBTQ issues
- Community organization and development
- Domestic violence prevention
- Nonprofit finance
- Veterans Services
- Behavioral Health
- Nonprofit marketing
- Strategic Planning
- Fundraising
- Crisis intervention
- Policy Analysis
- Aging
- Addictions
- Healthcare
- Agency Management
- Human Resource
The School is the recipient of state, national, and international grant funding.
Professional Credit Courses at the School of Social Work allow prospective students to get a taste of the MSW curriculum prior to beginning the degree. While not a pre-requisite or guarantee of admission, these courses can help to enhance a candidate’s application and prepare them for the rigor of the MSW program. Courses for students who plan to apply for the MSW include:

- Human Behavior and the Social Environment
- Social Welfare Policy and Services 1
- Methods of Social Work Research 1
- Diversity and Oppression
- Psychopathology
- Chronic Illness and Disability
- International Social Work
- Law and Social Work
- Womens Issues

Professional credit courses are offered in spring, summer, and fall semesters and may be taken online and at off-campus locations throughout New Jersey. If accepted to the MSW degree program, up to 18 professional credits may be applied to your degree. Additional information about applying for professional credit courses can be found at sswpcr.rutgers.edu.
U.S. News & World Report ranks us among the best social work graduate programs in the nation.
WHO WE ARE

Our Faculty
Our faculty members are a dynamic community of over 200 leaders — tenured professors advancing the field of social work through original, published research, and professors of teaching and professional practice and part-time lecturers actively working in local communities and bringing those experiences into the classroom.

Our Students
Our student body is ethnically, economically and geographically diverse. Many of our students are recent college graduates, while others are looking to change careers or enhance their social work education.

Our Partnerships
To ensure that we have the greatest possible community impact, we maintain partnerships with more than 600 public agencies, local nonprofit organizations, foundations, and socially active corporations.

Our Institute and Centers
- Institute for Families (IFF)
- Center for Gambling Studies
- Office for Global Programs
- Center for Leadership and Management
- Center on Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC)
- Huamin Research Center

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Admissions
Applicants to the School of Social Work MSW program must have completed a bachelor’s degree from an accredited undergraduate institution with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA. Strong applicants for the MSW demonstrate a commitment to helping and social justice.

MSW Application requirements:
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended.
- A thoughtful personal statement that addresses specified program questions.
- Three letters of recommendation from professional and academic sources. Intensive Weekend applicants must include one letter from their current supervisor.
- A current resume.
- Advanced Standing applicants must submit a copy of their undergraduate field evaluation.

Regardless of the campus where you wish to study, all application materials are sent to the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions in New Brunswick. For more details about applying, please visit the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions website at gradstudy.rutgers.edu or mswadmissions.rutgers.edu.

Financial Aid
Financial aid applicants should submit their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online no later than March 1 in order to be considered for the maximum amount of aid for which you are eligible. More information can be found online at studentaid.rutgers.edu. For an estimated cost of attendance, visit studentabc.rutgers.edu.

Scholarships and Fellowships
Scholarships and fellowships are awarded to students after admission to the MSW program. If selected for a scholarship, you will be notified directly. Students interested in a graduate assistantship, may apply for available positions at the beginning of their first semester in the program. Graduate assistantships are available in all areas of the School of Social Work, including research, program support, admissions and field planning.