

# YOUR MSW PROGRAM

| PROGRAM                  | Location  | Application Deadline                              | Program Duration   | Specializations  | Certificates; special programs  | How are classes offered?  | Program defining features  | Field Education  |
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| <b>Traditional</b>       | Offered on all three campuses- Newark, Camden and New Brunswick                                   | Fall: February 15                                 | 2-4 years; Advanced Standing 1 or 2 year options                   | Clinical or Management and Policy specializations                              | Addiction Counselor Training, Aging and Health, Child and Adolescent Well-Being, Violence Against Women and Children, Latina/o/x Initiatives for Service, Training and Assessment certificates; Global Programs | Students may take 6-15 credits per semester. There are some online options available, as well as Winter and Summer courses. All program requirements must be completed within 4 years.  | Students are assigned academic advisors for support. Students have University size resources, with a small school setting.   | Foundation field placement begins in the first semester with 15 hours per week, advanced field placement requires 22.5 hours per week. Students enrolled in the part-time 3 or 4 year program begin the foundation field placement in their second year.   |
| <b>Blended Online</b>    | First two years are online exclusively; the third year is a blend of online and on-campus courses | Fall: February 15                                 | 3 years (Fall, Spring and Summer semester)                         | Clinical or Management and Policy specializations                              | Aging and Health, Child and Adolescent Well-Being, Violence Against Women and Children, Latina/o/x Initiatives for Service, Training and Assessment certificates; Global Programs                               | Years 1 and 2 students complete courses online. Year 3 is a blend of online and on-campus courses. Students take 2 courses/semester.  | Ideal option for students who are interested in online learning, but also want to come to campus. Students can take courses on any campus (New Brunswick, Newark, or Camden).  | Foundation field placement begins in the third semester and includes 11.25 hours/week for three semesters. Advanced placement begins in the third year and includes 16.75 hours/week for three semesters.  |
| <b>100% Online</b>       | Online  | Spring: Nov 15<br>Summer: April 1<br>Fall: May 15 | 3 years (Fall, Spring and Summer) Advanced Standing is 4 semesters | Clinical specialization  | Violence Against Women and Children and Latina/o/x Initiatives for Service, Training and Assessment certificates; Global Programs   | Students take two courses each semester year round (Fall, Spring and Summer). Elective course choices are limited.  | Students are provided with an academic advisor for support. Students move through the program as a cohort, developing a community of online peers. Online orientation is provided.   | Field placement begins in the third semester. Foundation placement is three semesters, 11.25 hours/week. Specialized clinical placement is four semesters and 13.5 hours/week. Advanced Standing students complete 16 hours/week over four semesters.  |
| <b>Intensive Weekend</b> | Offered off-campus in Bordentown, Jersey City, Mays Landing and Parsippany                        | Fall: February 15                                 | Just under 3 years; Advanced Standing is just under 2 years        | Clinical specialization; management practice courses incorporated as electives | Global programs; certificates not available but area of emphasis may be included based on coursework and field experience.  | Courses are hybrid and sequential. Each month, students attend one full weekend of in-person class, participate in one synchronous online meeting and also engage in other activities to facilitate learning. Although students are registered in fall and spring semesters, courses may begin and end outside the typical semester schedule, including in summer months. | Students take courses as a cohort and learn from each other's experiences as they explore the application of course content to their work and field settings. New students are provided with a full calendar of classes, so that they can plan for full attendance throughout the program. Students are not able to choose electives but are consulted when courses are planned. | Field placement begins in the first semester and continues year round for the duration of the degree program. Students devote 8-10 hours per week during year 1 and 10-12 hours weekly in years 2 and 3. Most placements are workplace based in a different department than the student's customary employment responsibilities and supervised by an MSW. Students may complete their placement in a single setting, provided it offers progressively challenging opportunities for growth. Upon admission, students submit a field plan and meet with program directors to discuss appropriate field placement. |

Rutgers MSW program is 60 credits, the advanced standing MSW is 39 credits.