



MSW Curriculum at a Glance—100% Online MSW

Three Year Online Plan: Summer Start

YEAR 1		
SUMMER	FALL	SPRING
Generalist curriculum		
[502] Human Behavior and the Social Environment	[504] Social Welfare Policy and Services	[500] Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups
[506] Diversity and Oppression	[507] Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis	Elective*
		Practicum 1 (1 credit) 10 hrs/wk
		Practicum Lab Seminar (1 credit)

YEAR 2		
SUMMER	FALL	SPRING
		Specialized Curriculum begins
[505] Methods of Social Work Research	[501] Practice with Organizations and Communities	[511] Clinical Social Work 1 or [535] Management Practice Theory
Practicum 2 (1 credit) 10 hrs/wk	Elective*	Elective*
Reflective Practice Seminar (1 credit)	Practicum 3 (2 credits) 10 hrs/wk	Practicum 4 (2 credits) 12.5 hrs/wk

YEAR 3		
SUMMER	FALL	SPRING
Elective*	[512] Clinical Social Work II or [536] Strategic Planning	Advanced Contemporary Policy Requirement
Practicum 5 (2 credits) 12.5 hrs/wk	[595] Evaluation of Social Work Practice and Programs	Advanced Practice* Distribution Requirement
	Practicum 6 (2 credits) 12.5 hrs/wk	

*Course offerings may differ based on availability and demand.

All courses are three credits, with the exception of the practicums and seminars, which differ by semester.



Practicum Learning Requirements

Students in the online MSW program complete 900 hours of practicum during the program, 400 in the first three semesters of placement (generalist practicum 1, 2 and 3) and 500 in the following three semesters of placement (specialized practicum 4, 5, and 6.) The schedules are as follows:

	Hours per Week	# of Weeks	Term	Total Hours
Generalist	10	15	Spring (year 1)	150
	10	10	Summer (year 2)	100
	10	15	Fall (year 2)	150
	Total – Generalist			400
Specialized	12.5	15	Spring (year 2)	187.5
	12.5	10	Summer (year 3)	125
	12.5	15	Fall (year 3)	187.5
	Total – Specialized			500

Courses must be taken in the above sequence and practicum hours must be completed in the above sequence. Only after successful completion of the generalist courses, generalist practicum hours and the statistics requirement, can students begin the specialized curriculum. **Placements cannot be provided for evening and weekends only. It is the responsibility of the student to have the hours available to do the practicum, Monday –Friday during the business day (9-5).** There may be placements that offer some weekend and evening hours, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Generalist Curriculum

All students, except those with baccalaureate degrees from programs accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, are required to take all of the generalist courses. These courses contain a body of knowledge, values, and skills essential for social work practice. This common base is transferable among settings, population groups, and problem areas. The generalist curriculum consists of courses in generalist social work practice with corresponding practicum instruction, human behavior and the social environment, clinical assessment & diagnosis introductory social work research methods, social welfare policy and services, and a course focused on diversity and oppression.

Successful completion of the generalist program is required before beginning the specialized curriculum.

The required generalist courses are:

- 19:910:500 Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups (3)
- 19:910:501 Practice with Organizations and Communities (3)
- 19:910:502 Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)
- 19:910:504 Social Welfare Policy and Services (3)
- 19:910:505 Methods of Social Work Research (3)
- 19:910:506 Diversity and Oppression (3)
- 19:910:507 Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis (3)
- 19:910:___ Practicum 1, 2, 3 (1, 1, 2)
- 19:910:___ Practicum Lab Seminar (1), Reflective Practice Seminar (1)
- 19:910:___ General Elective (3)
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Specialized Curriculum

The specialized curriculum consists of a specialization in a method of advanced clinical practice or management and policy, an advanced research course, advanced practicum instruction, and electives. Only after successful completion of the generalist courses and the statistics requirement can students begin the specialized curriculum. Courses required for the specialization and which must be taken concurrently with a practicum are:

19:910:511 Clinical Social Work I (3) or [535] Management Practice Theory

19:910:512 Clinical Social Work II (3) or [536] Strategic Planning

Additional required advanced courses are:

19:910:___ Advanced Contemporary Policy Requirement (3)

19:910:595 Evaluation of Social Work Practice and Programs

(3)

19:910:___ Practicum 4, 5, 6 (2, 2, 2)

19:910:___ Advanced Practice Distribution Requirement (3) *Course offerings may be limited based on availability and demand.*

19:910:___ Elective (3). *Course offering may differ based on availability.*

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Students may choose an additional Advanced Practice Distribution Requirement and/or Advanced Contemporary Policy Requirement to satisfy the elective requirement in the third year specialized curriculum.

For full course descriptions, please visit our website at <https://socialwork.rutgers.edu/academics/master-social-work-msw/msw-curriculum-syllabi>

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.