

MSW Curriculum at a Glance

Full Time – Two Year Online Plan (Spring Start)

Updated March 2025

For students starting Spring 2026 and beyond

YEAR 1		
SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
Generalist curriculum [502] Human Behavior and the Social Environment	[500] Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups*	[501] Practice with Organizations and Communities*
[504] Social Welfare Policy and Services	Elective**	[505] Methods of Social Work Research
[506] Diversity and Oppression	[650] Practicum 1* (1 credit) 10 hrs/wk 10 weeks = 100 hours	[507] Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis
	[553] Practicum Lab Seminar* (1 credit)	[586] Practicum 2* (1 credit) 10 hrs/wk 15 weeks = 150 hours
		[557] Reflective Practice Seminar* (1 credit)

YEAR 2		
SPRING	SUMMER Specialized Curriculum begins	FALL
Elective**	[511] Clinical Social Work I* or [535] Management Practice Theory	[512] Clinical Social Work II* or [536] Strategic Planning
Elective**	[595] Evaluation of Social Work Practice and Programs	Advanced Practice** Distribution Requirement
[558] Practicum 3 (2 credits) 10 hrs/wk 15 weeks = 150 hours	Advanced Contemporary Policy** Requirement	Elective**
	[657] Practicum 4* (3 credits) 16.75 hrs/wk 15 weeks = 250 hours	[645] Practicum 5* (3 credits) 16.75 hrs/wk 15 weeks = 250 hours

^{*}Courses must be taken in the above sequence.

All courses are three (3) credits unless otherwise noted. 60 credits are required to graduate. You must complete the Statistics Requirement before taking Methods of Social Work Research. The Generalist Curriculum must be completed before beginning the Advanced Curriculum.

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.

Practicum Learning Curricular Requirements

Practicum hours **must** be completed in the above sequence.

All 100% Online MSW students are required to complete 400 generalist hours (Practicums 1-3 at the same placement) and 500 advanced hours (Practicums 4-5 at a single advanced placement) for a total of 900 hours. Placements cannot be provided for evenings 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 am-5 pm).

^{**}Course offerings may differ based on availability and demand. For full course descriptions, please visit our website at https://socialwork.rutgers.edu/academics/master-social-work-msw/msw-curriculum-syllabi



Generalist Curriculum

*Appropriate Practice and Practicum courses must be taken during the same semester:

[500] Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups*

Must be taken in the same semester as

[650] **Practicum 1*** AND

[553] Practicum Lab Seminar*

[501] Practice with Organizations and Communities*

Must be taken in the same semester as

[586] Practicum 2* AND

[557] Reflective Practice Seminar*

Specialized Curriculum

*Appropriate Practice and Practicum courses must be taken during the same semester:

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK (CSW)

[511] Clinical Social Work I*

Must be taken in the same semester as

[657] Practicum 4

[512] Clinical Social Work II*

Must be taken in the same semester as

[645] Practicum 5

Advanced Practice Distribution Requirement Clinical Social Work Specialization ***

One is required.

Additional courses will count as electives:

[517] CSW: Mental Health

[518] CSW: Children

[520] CSW: School

[523] CSW: Survivors of Abuse &Trauma

[568] CSW: Behavioral Health with Latinos

MAP courses available to CSW as electives:

[537] Financial Management

[540] Supervision and Consultation

[541] Fundraising and Marketing

Advanced Contemporary Policy Requirement***

One is required.

Additional courses will count as electives.

[542] ACP: Health

[584] ACP: Interpersonal Violence

[591] ACP: Children & Youth

MANAGEMENT and POLICY (MAP)

[535] Management Practice & Theory*

Must be taken in the same semester as

[657] Practicum 4

[536] Program & Strategic Planning*

Must be taken in the same semester as

[645] Practicum 5

Advanced Practice Distribution Requirement Management and Policy Specialization ***

One is required.

Additional courses will count as electives:

[537] Financial Management

[540] Supervision and Consultation

[541] Fundraising and Marketing

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