

**UCF ONLINE**

# Master of Social Work

# QUALITY • FLEXIBILITY • SUCCESS

## WHY CHOOSE UCF ONLINE?

With more than 25 years of innovation in educational technology, UCF provides high-quality distance learning options via award-winning online courses and programs. UCF Online offers a path for students to complete their UCF degree where and when they want, without having to attend UCF campus-based classes. And our student support services help online students succeed and earn a degree.

*"UCF is accredited and the MSW program was a good fit to my schedule. The tuition is also affordable."*

-Patrichia Mowad, MSW student

## CREATE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

Diverse populations are impacted by diverse challenges. Mental health, human rights, homelessness, addiction and social welfare are all among the most critical issues faced today. The UCF Master of Social Work (MSW) program online prepares you to address many challenges our communities face and develop solutions for a better quality of life. Through coursework and first-hand experience in the field, you'll gain an understanding of how to create lasting change that impacts generations to come.



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Accredited by the **Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)**
- Two **fully online part-time** tracks available
- Admission **three times per year** (Only fall admission for Advanced Standing Track)
- **Seven-week terms, one class per term**
- Graduates are eligible to sit for **state licensure exams**
- **Cohort model** for stronger peer support
- **Hands-on U.S. field placement** within a 50- to 60-mile radius of your location
- **Competitively priced and ranked No. 70** in social work by *US News & World Report*



## WHY CHOOSE A CAREER IN SOCIAL WORK?

Today's rapidly changing world requires well-trained clinical social workers that will address the national, global and mental health challenges that impact individuals, families, groups and communities. With a career in social work, you'll gain a deeper understanding in how individuals are all interconnected and recognize that what affects one segment of our society or world may affect others.

Clinically focused and grounded in best practices for online learning, UCF's MSW is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Through course work and field experience you'll develop high-demand clinical social work skills and become competent, ethical practitioners prepared to impact the lives of individuals, families and communities experiencing health and mental health challenges.

## WHO SHOULD CHOOSE THE PROGRAM?

UCF's fully online MSW program is specifically designed for those who are balancing school, work and life. Plus, with one class per term, it's flexible and convenient for your schedule — allowing you to learn when and where you want.

### Two tracks available:

- **A three year, nine-semester track** designed specifically for those who have not earned a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree. This track has classes offered in seven-week terms with one class per term.
- **A four-semester advanced standing track** for those who have earned a BSW from a CSWE-accredited program within the last six years. You must also have a 3.3 GPA in your last 60 credits and demonstrate academic potential and professional maturity to meet the demands of the program. This track consists of seven-week terms with one class per term.

Because these tracks can only be completed online, UCF charges an enhanced tuition rate. As such, online MSW students are unable to enroll in any other UCF certificate or graduate programs.



*"The weekly module format is helpful in keeping me on track with my studies, especially since I have family and work commitments that I have to balance along with my pursuit of higher education."*

—Melissa Lopes, MSW student

# TWO TRACKS

## TRADITIONAL TRACK CURRICULUM (62 HOURS)

### CORE COURSES: 21 CREDIT HOURS

- SOW 5107: Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- SOW 5132: Diverse Client Populations
- SOW 5217: Foundations of Behavioral Health Policy and Social Work Practice
- SOW 5404: Social Work Research
- SOW 5305: Social Work Practice I: Generalist Practice
- SOW 5306: Social Work Practice II: Intervention Approaches
- SOW 5235: Social Welfare Policies and Services

### CLINICAL SPECIALIZATION: 18 CREDIT HOURS

- SOW 6123: Psychosocial Pathology
- SOW 6433: Clinical Evaluation in the Social Work Practice
- SOW 6324: Clinical Practice with Groups
- SOW 6348: Clinical Practice with Individuals
- SOW 6612: Clinical Practice with Families
- SOW 6424: Theories for Evidence-Based Clinical Practice in Social Work

### \*ELECTIVES: 9 CREDIT HOURS

- SOW 6603: Clinical Social Work Practice in Health Settings
- SOW 6604: Medications in Social Work Practice
- SOW 6806: Behavioral Health Skills in Social Work

### FIELD EXPERIENCE: 14 CREDIT HOURS

- Generalist Field Education and Seminars
- Clinical Field Education and Seminars

## ADVANCED STANDING CURRICULUM (32 HOURS)

### CLINICAL SPECIALIZATION: 18 CREDIT HOURS

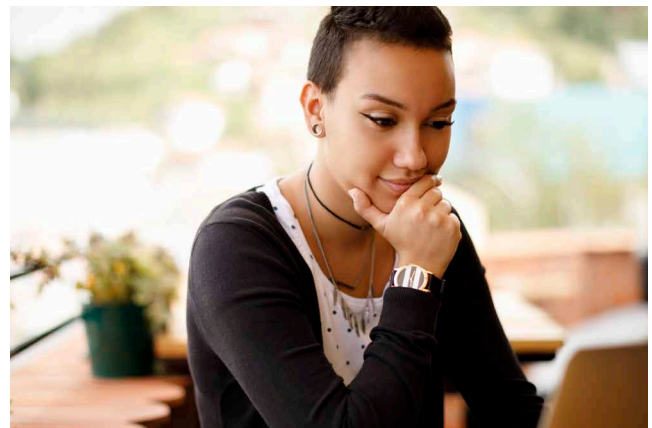
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- SOW 6424: Theories for Evidence-Based Clinical Practice in Social Work

### \*ELECTIVES: 6 CREDIT HOURS

- SOW 6604: Medications in Social Work Practice
- SOW 6806: Behavioral Health Skills in Social Work

### FIELD EXPERIENCE: 8 CREDIT HOURS

- Clinical Field Education and Seminars



*\*Elective courses vary by semester and can be viewed in the graduate course catalog*

*"The classes were great. Although it is all online, we do some group assignments. I also intern with some of my cohort; it gives us that traditional classroom feeling."* –Candace Boddie, MSW student

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

### TRADITIONAL TRACK

- Regionally accredited bachelor's degree
- 3.0 GPA
- Resume
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Writing sample
- Professional statement
- No GRE required

### ADVANCED STANDING TRACK

- Bachelor's degree from CSWE-accredited school/program
- 3.3 GPA
- Resume
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Writing sample
- Professional statement
- No GRE required





## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As demand for highly trained professional social workers continues to grow, career opportunities abound for graduates with a master's degrees in social work. Graduates can seek employment with a number of different organizations or industries, including public school districts, substance-abuse treatment programs, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, home-care agencies and hospices. Some UCF MSW graduates go on to work for government agencies, legislative offices and research institutions.

**11%** **EXPECTED GROWTH**  
from 2018-2028

## SUPPORT FOR SUCCESS

The UCF Online Connect Center is a one-stop shop for a successful UCF Online experience. Whether for enhancing credentials or switching to a new field, the UCF Online Connect Center provides a success coach that offers high-level support, coordination and guidance from the time of admission through graduation. Reach out to the UCF Online Connect Center at **1-855-903-8576**.



## GET STARTED — APPLY TODAY!

Ready to take the next step? Visit the UCF online graduate application to apply for the online MSW program.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Spring: November 1

Summer: March 1

Fall: June 1

Advanced Standing Fall: June 1

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[ucf.edu/online/degree/master-of-social-work-msw](https://ucf.edu/online/degree/master-of-social-work-msw)

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