



Master of Social Work (MSW)

Daemen College offers a full-time, two-year, 60 credit hour, full MSW curriculum or a one-year, 30-33 credit hour, Advanced Standing curriculum for qualified applicants. The program is designed to train students for advanced clinical social work practice with children and families. After successful completion of the MSW program, students are able to take the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) licensing examination in New York State at the Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) level and begin preparation for the Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW).

What can I do with an MSW?

Graduates can pursue clinical social work practice in a variety of settings including schools, non-profit organizations, community centers, hospitals and clinics, nursing facilities, courts, correctional facilities, government organizations, and private practice. Social Workers can use their MSW degree to work as social work practitioners, counselors, supervisors, program managers, administrators, consultants, trainers, educators, researchers, and policy advocates.

MSW at Daemen College

- Daemen College's Social Work programs and students have an outstanding reputation in the community.
- Our program emphasizes an individualized approach to learning – with an exceptionally favorable student-to-faculty ratio and personal career planning.
- Courses are taught by full-time MSW faculty who are best described as scholar-practitioners in the field of Social Work.
- Class sessions are held on afternoon, evenings, and weekends and offered in hybrid (seated and on-line) format to accommodate working students.
- The program's unique curricular design allows for interdisciplinary collaboration with allied professional programs including the Master of Public Health and Executive Leadership and Change programs, among others.
- Graduate students build and strengthen their research skills through work on community-based and faculty projects.
- Licensure preparation is built into the curriculum to assist students with successfully passing their New York State licensure examination.

Individuals who apply to the MSW program:

- Have a deep desire to improve the lives of others.
- Feel they have an ethical responsibility to change the world.
- Have human or social service experience.
- Want to build or enhance their clinical skills.

If you fit into any of the categories listed, you belong in the MSW Program @ Daemen College!!

Two-Year Admission

Students applying for the two-year, full MSW curriculum should submit the following: a transcript documenting that they have completed a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution; a completed application with fee; personal statement; three letters of recommendation (two (2) academic and one (1) employer or volunteer); 2.7 Overall GPA or higher; Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores (not older than five years); and evidence of completed coursework in Human Biology and Statistics with a grade of C or better.

Advanced Standing Admission

Students applying for one-year, Advanced Standing curriculum should submit a transcript documenting that they have completed a baccalaureate degree in social work from a CSWE accredited program within the past five years; final baccalaureate field education evaluation; a completed application with fee; personal statement; three letters of recommendation (two (2) academic and one (1) employer or volunteer; BSW/BASW Program Director strongly preferred); 3.0 Overall GPA or higher; 3.2 Social Work GPA or higher; Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores (not older than five years old); and evidence of completed coursework in Human Biology and Statistics with a grade of C or better.

Curriculum

Foundation students secure the knowledge, skills, and values associated with generalist social work practice including ethics, research, diversity, and policy. Students must complete a year-long internship each year in the program under the supervision of a licensed master or clinical social worker. Students select from a wide range of field placement opportunities and electives that support clinical practice with children and families.

Professional Outlook

The profession is expected to grow by 25 percent between 2010 and 2020 – with more than 300,000 social work leadership positions anticipated to open. There is also a high demand for licensed clinical social workers in New York State and across the country.



Kennedy Lewandowski

"I came to Daemen College for the Master of Social Work program because of its Child and Family focus. The faculty and staff have a strong positive reputation in the community, which has helped enhance my internship and networking opportunities.

Since starting in the MSW Program, I have been provided the opportunity to be a Social Work Intern with Erie County Forensic Mental Health Services at the Erie County Holding Center. Specifically, I had the chance to work with Incarcerated Veterans in a group setting to build skills and awareness around mental health concerns. I learned about the importance of connection to the community, as I identify and manage WNY resources addressing specific needs of inmates once discharged from the Holding Center.

I aspire to be a Licensed Clinical Social Worker working with Children and Families. I hope to attain a job after graduation with a local agency that works to improve the community, advocate for its members, and work individually and in groups with families. My long term goal is to be an Elementary School Social Worker serving students with academic, emotional, physical, and social needs.



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For more information about our MSW program, visit Daemen.edu/MSW or contact the Social Work Department at maw@daemen.edu or 716.839.8515

To apply directly to our MSW program, visit Daemen.edu/Apply