

# MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) ADVANCED STANDING



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**THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ALREADY EARNED A BACHELOR'S IN SOCIAL WORK (BSW). THE ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM HAS TWO DELIVERY OPTIONS.**

## **The Hybrid Advanced Standing MSW program**

Begins in summer semesters and can be completed in one year if students follow the full-time advising plan. The program is 30 hours and includes 27 hours of required classes and three hours of electives. It is a hybrid program that offers flexibility for working adults. While some courses are offered fully online, some courses may require on-campus attendance.

## **The Online Advanced Standing MSW program**

Begins in either the summer semester or the fall semester and can be completed in one year (3 semesters) if following the full-time advising plans.

## **WHAT YOU WILL LEARN**

Vulnerable populations and all people have unique personal, familial, and systemic needs; therefore, social workers who assist them must be specially prepared to address those needs through a variety of roles at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels by promoting human and community well-being. The NKU MSW program prepares students as follows:

To be critical thinkers in the use of research knowledge and theory in developing and applying assessment, intervention, and evaluation methods with clients and communities; to demonstrate leadership and professional responsibility in the field; and to advance social and economic justice.

In an atmosphere of collaboration and teamwork, social work graduate students develop the knowledge, values and skills to provide behavioral health care, community social work and leadership in the profession.

## **Deadlines**

- Hybrid Advanced Standing MSW, admits summer only: March 15.
- Online Advanced Standing MSW, admits fall and summer only: varies by term.

## **Eligibility**

- BSW must be from a CSWE-accredited social work program from a regionally accredited university.
- Earned within the last 10 years.
- Overall minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Minimum 3.5 GPA in social work courses.
- Minimum grade of C or better in statistics.

## **Admissions Requirements**

- Application to NKU as a graduate student for the MSW Advanced Standing program.
- Application fee.
- Official transcripts sent directly to NKU (graduate@nku.edu) from all institutions attended.
- Professional resumé including education, experience, and a list of three professional or academic references.

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