



Social Work

Master of Social Work

The mission of the Master of Social (MSW) Program at Lehman College/CUNY, the only graduate social work program in the Bronx, is to educate students to become ethical and competent graduate level social workers for practice in the urban environment. Through the implementation of an Advanced Generalist Practice curriculum, built on a liberal arts foundation, the program prepares students for leadership in urban communities. All students have classes and fieldwork experience in direct practice with individuals, groups and families, supervision, administration, policy practice, and research. Lehman's MSW program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Graduates of the MSW program are immediately eligible to take the New York State Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) exam.

Lehman's Social Work Department has been designated by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) as an Education and Training Provider for the MSW students who wish to obtain certification as a Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor Trainee (CASAC-T). Students are required to complete the full MSW curriculum and two substance abuse elective courses.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR TRACKS A, C, AND D:

NOTE: Track A (2 Year Full-Time Program), Track C (1 Year Advanced Standing Program), and Track D (3 Year Extended Program) will be offered in evening classes only. Students may not change tracks or schedules while in the program. There are no exceptions.

- Official transcripts from **all** post-secondary institutions attended.
 - Have attained a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university that includes 45 liberal arts credits.
 - Have attained a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0.
- Three letters of recommendation.
 - At least two letters should be from college faculty **and/or** professionals in the fields related to social work.
- Current professional resume.
- Submit application that includes a personal statement that consists of several essay questions responses.
- Availability for a small group interview.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR TRACK C – ADVANCED STANDING:

In addition to the above requirements, since candidates enter in the second (Advanced) year, they must:

- Have attained a bachelor's degree with a social work major from a social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.
 - Have attained a minimum of 3.2 cumulative index in the major.
- Include, among three references one from the Faculty Advisor in the baccalaureate social work program, or the Program Director, and one from an agency supervisor.
- Complete additional application questions related to a practice example from recent fieldwork or professional social work.

NOTE: No transfer credits from other M.S.W. programs will be accepted, with the exception of the 3-credit elective course, if approved by the Social Work Graduate Advisor.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**CREDITS**

SWK 605	Human Behavior in the Social Environment	3
SWK 606	Human Diversity in the Social Environment	3
SWK 611	Generalist Social Work Practice I	3
SWK 612	Generalist Social Work Practice II	3
SWK 639	Social Welfare Institutions and Programs	3
SWK 643	Social Welfare Policy Analysis	3
SWK 646	Social Work Research I	3
SWK 671	Fieldwork and Seminar I*	5 (21 field hours, 1 hour lecture)
SWK 672	Fieldwork and Seminar II*	5 (21 field hours, 1 hour lecture)
SWK 673	Extended Fieldwork and Seminar I**	4 (15 field hours, 1 hour lecture)
SWK 674	Extended Fieldwork and Seminar II**	5 (15 field hours, 1 hour lecture)
SWK 675	Extended Fieldwork and Seminar III**	1 (15 field hours, 1 hour lecture)
SWK 707	Understanding Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis	3
SWK 713	Advanced Social Work Practice in the Urban Environment I	3
SWK 714	Advanced Social Work Practice in the Urban Environment II	3
SWK 727	Supervision in Agency-Based Practice	3
SWK 729	Administration in Urban Agencies	3
SWK 745	Social Welfare Policy Practice	3
SWK 747	Social Work Research II	3
SWK 773	Fieldwork and Seminar III* ++	5 (21 field hours, 1 hour lecture)
SWK 774	Fieldwork and Seminar IV* ++	5 (21 field hours, 1 hour lecture)
SWK 775	Extended Fieldwork and Seminar IV**	4 (15 field hours, 1 hour lecture)
SWK 776	Extended Fieldwork and Seminar V**	5 (15 field hours, 1 hour lecture)
SWK 777	Extended Fieldwork and Seminar VI**	1 (15 field hours, 1 hour lecture)

Students also take one elective class in a particular area of practice.

Track A: 2-Year Full Time Program (65 credits)*

- Two evenings of classes + 21 hours (3 full days) per week of fieldwork internship fall & spring semesters.

Track C: 1- Year Advanced Standing Program (34 credits)++

- Two evenings of classes + 21 hours (3 full days) per week of fieldwork internship fall & spring semesters.

Track D: 3-Year Extended Program (65 credits)**

- Two evenings of classes + 15 hours (2 full days) per week of fieldwork internship fall, spring & summer semesters.

Questions about the program?

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Questions about admissions?

The Office of Graduate Admissions

<https://www.lehman.edu/graduate-admissions/applying/>