



WHY JOIN THE TSU FAMILY

- + TSU's Social Work program is ranked in the top 50 as one of the most affordable selective universities to attend (*Social Work Degree Guide, 2015*).
- + TSU offers the value of a Texas A&M University System degree.
- + TSU has over 100 organizations to support student development.
- + TSU has a diverse student population comprised of traditional students and working adults.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to complete an online application to the College of Graduate Studies and to the Social Work Department. Application documents include: a resume, professional statement, three reference letters, GRE scores and transcripts. Applicants may be required to complete an interview. Additional factors considered in determining an applicant's eligibility include academic achievement in major, work experience, field placement evaluation, leadership and service. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (for advanced standing). For GPA's under 3.0 they will be considered on a case by case basis by the admissions committee.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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www.tarleton.edu/COSTWEB/socialwork/degrees.html

SAMPLE CURRICULUM

Students will have a course schedule that will feature some of the courses below:

Generalist Foundation Courses

- + Service Learning
- + Field Placement I, II
- + Social Justice and Disparities
- + Social Policy and Policy Analysis
- + Human Behavior in the social Environment I
- + Direct Practice – Individuals, Families & Groups

Clinical

- + Group Work
- + Field Placement
- + Research Methods
- + DSM for Clinicians
- + Social Justice & Disparities
- + Human Behavior in the Social Environment II
- + Direct Practice – Individuals, Families & Groups
- + Advanced Multicultural Practice with Children & Families I

Community Organization

- + Field Placement
- + Research Methods
- + Advanced Community Practice
- + Community Organization Integrative Seminar
- + Foundation of Community & Organizing and Practice

Administrative

- + Grant Writing
- + Field Placement
- + Research Methods
- + Clinical Supervision
- + Social Policy & Policy Analysis
- + Administrative & Leadership Practice



Master of **SOCIAL WORK**

The Master of Social Work (MSW) program prepares students to be advanced clinical and administrative practitioners of social work who act as agents of change to promote individual and social well-being. Tarleton State University's School of Social Work is built upon a commitment to serve military families, rural communities, and promote social and economic justice.

Our innovative program curriculum focuses upon service learning to develop practitioners to be leaders within their communities and globally. Our hands-on learning approach emphasizes evidenced-based practice methods to prepare learners to be effective social work clinicians and administrators. The small class size promotes an atmosphere to cultivate a positive rapport among faculty, students and within the community.

CONCENTRATIONS

After completing the foundation course series, students select one of the following areas of concentration:

- + **Clinical:** Prepares students for advanced clinical practice serving children, youth, adults and families. This concentration assumes a strengths-based and person-environment centered approach to incorporate the bio-psycho-social, spiritual and political dimensions of clinical social work practice.
- + **Administrative and Community Practice:** Prepares students for advanced practice in settings focusing on social problems, research and societal change at community and organizational levels. Students are equipped with social work skills and values to assume leadership and supervisory roles in non-profit organizations and social service agencies.



FIELD PLACEMENT

One of the most exciting aspects of the MSW program is the one or two year field placement experience. The purpose of field placement is to bridge the gap between the classroom and practice. Students will work closely with a MSW supervisor to gain hands-on learning to be effective advanced clinical or administrative/community social work practitioners.

FACULTY AND RESEARCH

TSU's faculty members have extensive experience in all areas of social work. They are involved in community organizing, research, social justice issues and direct practice. Our faculty members have a multitude of practice and research interests, including:

- + Policy
- + Gerontology
- + Study abroad
- + Child welfare
- + Mental health
- + Substance abuse
- + School social work
- + Community development and organizing
- + Social media and technology in education