



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Master of Social Work at Brigham Young University

Thank you for your interest in the Master of Social Work program at BYU. In addition to the summary in this document, you will find more information on our web page at socialwork.byu.edu.

MISSION

The mission of the School of Social Work at Brigham Young University is to support the overall mission of BYU and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by generating new knowledge and by educating and training students to use the appropriate knowledge, values, and skills of the social work profession to serve children and families within the context of their specific cultures.

PROGRAM

Our MSW program offers two emphases: **Clinical** and **Research**, both focusing on families and children. These emphases are different in the following ways:

CLINICAL

Approximately 35 students are admitted each year to the clinical emphasis. Students from this emphasis receive exceptional clinical training to work in mental health and other direct practice settings, go on to receive LCSW licensure, and frequently become agency directors and administrators of social work organizations.

RESEARCH

Approximately 3-5 students are admitted each year to the research emphasis. These students are well qualified to pursue advanced training in top social work PhD programs. Research emphasis students will also receive strong clinical training, but they will 1) take advanced research courses outside of social work as part of their elective requirements (instead of clinical electives), and 2) submit their research project for professional publication. Alumni from this emphasis are prepared to go on to become university professors, work in a research or policy arena, or receive advanced clinical training.

Our program takes 20 months of full time study to complete, including 1,050 hours of field internship. We **do not** offer a part-time or online MSW program.



“We make a living by what we earn, but we make a life by what we give.”

Winston Churchill

TUITION

Each semester starting Fall 2017, graduate tuition is \$3,440 for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS), and \$6,880 for non-LDS students.

PREREQUISITES

Completion of three **prerequisite** classes is required from all applicants *prior* to the application deadline: Introduction to Social Work, Research Methods, and Statistics. These courses must have been taken within the past 7 years with minimum B- grades. Additional courses are recommended. Please see our website for a list of pre-approved Prerequisite and Recommended Courses: socialwork.byu.edu > Admissions > Prerequisite Courses. The University requires an undergraduate **minimum GPA** of 3.0. The typical average GPA for admitted MSW students is 3.7. We do not require the GRE; however, if you take it and your score is sent to BYU, it will be considered as part of your application. Typically, 110-160 students apply for the 40 available slots each year.

APPLICATION

Each year the new application cycle opens on September 15th. The **deadline** to submit the completed application is **January 15th at 10:00 pm**. Applications are received online only through the BYU Graduate Studies website (gradstudies.byu.edu.) There is a \$50 non-refundable application fee. Admitted MSW students begin the following Fall semester in late August or early September.

For more information and application details specific to social work, please attend or watch online one of our MSW Information Sessions (socialwork.byu.edu) and refer to the MSW Application Checklist (socialwork.byu.edu > Admissions > Application Instructions/Checklist).

Please feel free to contact us with questions or for further information.

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