Graduate Social Work at Alabama A&M University

Graduate School Open House

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Now is a Great Time for Social Work!

- Between 2008 and 2018, jobs for social workers are expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations.

- Jobs working with older people will grow especially fast because there will be more older persons needing social services

- The demand for mental health and substance abuse social workers will grow by almost 20 percent over the 2008–18 decade, which is much faster than the average.
Why a Master of Social Work Degree?

Career choices for graduates with a master's degree in social work will flourish during the next decade, with an estimated 16-percent increase in the demand for qualified social workers by 2018, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Other Top Reasons to Pursue an MSW Degree

BSW offers entry level into social work profession

MSW prepares you for advanced practice, with:
• Higher wages
• Increased career advancement
• Expanded professional opportunities
• Competitive edge in this market
• Enhanced autonomy and upward mobility
• Possibility of private practice
Why AAMU?

• Small institution (5000 students) and classes (10-25 students)
• New UNA Satellite Program
• CSWE Accredited
• Diverse, committed faculty & students
• Research/mentoring opportunities with faculty
• The Center for Social Work Research and Development (includes licensure preparation, the only such lab in the state)
• Commitment to rural and urban; regional and global social work practice
• We want you to come!
Admission Requirements

- Bachelors Degree from accredited college or University with official transcripts
  - Advanced Standing – 3.0 & BSW from CSWE accredited Program
  - Traditional - 2.5

- GRE: not required effective January 2013

- 3 Letters of Recommendation

- Application fee - $45 (online)

- 2 Essays
  - Social Problem
  - Professional Rationale

Fall, Spring & Summer Admissions
Traditional Programs

- 60 semester hours over a two year period of full-time study
- For part-time students, there are extended three and four year programs
- The 60 hours include 48 hours of classroom instruction and 12 hours of field instruction in community-based social welfare agencies.
- Saturday Program (first year only)-classes begin in summer
- Concentrations
  - Family & Child Welfare
  - Community Mental Health
Advanced Standing

- B.S.W. degree from a CSWE-accredited program
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Qualified applicants are required to take 39 semester hours over 4 semesters
- 8 are required in field instruction.
Financial Information

• Financial Aid
• Graduate Assistantships
• Scholarships
• Title IV-E Child Welfare Field Stipends
  • Students receive $800 - $1,000 per month. If offered employment, student must work for the Department of Human Resources nine months for each semester of funds awarded.
Come and join us and make a difference in the lives of others as a Master’s Level Social Work Practitioner!

Please visit our table during the breakout period to talk with us and explore our programs in closer detail.

We are currently accepting applications for summer and fall admissions.