



# ONLINE ADVANCED STANDING MSW

ELEVATE YOUR SOCIAL WORK CAREER IN 15 MONTHS

<p><b>DELIVERY FORMAT</b> 100% Online</p>	<p><b>TIME TO COMPLETE</b> 15+ Months</p>	<p><b>CREDIT HOURS</b> 33</p>
<p><b>TIME COMMITMENT</b> 10 to 20 Hours Weekly</p>	<p><b>START DATES</b> Summer</p>	<p><b>COST</b> The Master of Social Work delivers a strong return on investment, equipping you with advanced knowledge and leadership skills that open doors to higher-paying roles and top-tier positions in the field. Tuition and fees for the MSW Advanced Standing program are \$21,285 (\$645 per credit hour). Books and additional materials are not included. No application fee.</p>

## AT A GLANCE

The online Master of Social Work Advanced Standing program provides a faster path to career advancement for those who already have a bachelor's degree in social work. If you've earned a

bachelor's degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited program within the last seven years, this program helps you build on your experience and earn your master's degree in half the time for almost half the cost.

This highly desirable degree prepares you to put your passion for elevating the well-being of individuals and communities into action sooner, making your impact more immediate as you champion social, economic, and environmental justice.

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## WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN ADVANCED STANDING SOCIAL WORK MASTER'S DEGREE

Clinical, child and family, and mental health/substance abuse sectors face the greatest need. Earn your online Advanced Standing MSW from the University of Oklahoma and unlock new opportunities for growth across the social work field. Master the advanced skills needed to lead, advocate, and create meaningful, lasting change in your community while preparing for licensure. Accelerate your career in these areas:

- Case Manager
- Social Worker
- Psychotherapists
- Family Therapists
- Child Welfare Specialist
- Substance Abuse Counselors
- Military & Family Life Consultant
- Triage Specialist
- Field Representative
- Policy Analyst

## INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

- Median Pay: \$61,330
- Job Outlook: Employment for social workers is expected to grow 7 percent by 2033.
- Job Openings: 63,700 openings for social workers are projected each year, on average, over the next decade.

*Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

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## PROGRAM OUTCOMES: WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

OU's online Master of Social Work Advanced Standing program meets the rising demand for professionals equipped to create lasting impact in the lives of children, families, adults, and communities. Students will:

- Engage in realistic simulations with trained actors portraying clients, applying theory in a safe, supportive environment
- Review and annotate recorded sessions to deepen understanding
- Schedule and record practice exercises with simulated clients
- Build expertise in research methods, advocacy, and evaluation with individuals and families
- Gain hands-on experience through practicum placements in real-world settings

**TO APPLY: [HTTPS://ONLINE.OU.EDU/ADMISSIONS/GRADUATE/](https://online.ou.edu/admissions/graduate/)**

**FOR MORE INFO: [HTTPS://ONLINE.OU.EDU/PROGRAM/MASTER-OF-SOCIAL-WORK-ADVANCED-STANDING/](https://online.ou.edu/program/master-of-social-work-advanced-standing/)**

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## COURSE DETAILS

The Advanced Standing MSW program provides a strong foundation in ethical practice, social work policy, and research methods, preparing you to master the theory, practice, and evaluation of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

### COURSE STRUCTURE

You'll earn 33 credit hours across 10 courses, typically taking 2 to 3 courses per semester, including one 16-week course and two consecutive 8-week courses. The program allows students to select 9 credit hours of electives from approved lists.

All courses include synchronous live sessions—four for core classes and two for electives—with attendance encouraged but not required. Students can expect to spend 10 to 20 hours per week for two courses.

### INTRODUCTION TO ADVANCED INTEGRATIVE PRACTICE

**Credit Hours: 3**

This seminar course is designed to enhance the preparation of Advanced Standing students for graduate study in social work. This course orients students to graduate level writing and research, the generalist practice model, Social Work in Oklahoma, simulation as a tool for skill development, and an introduction to the Decision Case model. Individualized student professional development is emphasized.

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### CLIENT-CENTERED DIRECT PRACTICE

**Credit Hours: 3**

This course addresses clinical practice across the lifespan with application to individuals, families, and groups. Evidenced informed practice provides a framework within which empirically supported treatment modalities are explored as they relate to the intersecting domains of trauma, substance abuse, and mental health.

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## **MACRO SYSTEMS IN PRACTICE**

**Credit Hours: 3**

This course utilizes an advanced generalist perspective focused on advancing the knowledge, values, skills, and techniques appropriate to engagement, assessment, and intervention with organizations and communities.

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## **ADVANCED INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR**

**Credit Hours: 3**

This is an advanced integrative seminar for concentration year students taken in the final semester. The course builds on foundation and concentration course work throughout the MSW curriculum using critical thinking that incorporates micro and macro systems case analysis and decision-making.

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## **SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM III**

**Credit Hours: 6**

This course offers an educationally focused and professionally supervised practicum placement in a social service agency and requires a minimum of 550 clock hours at an assigned practicum site.

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## **SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM IV**

**Credit Hours: 6**

This course offers an educationally focused & professionally supervised practicum placement in a social service agency and requires a minimum of 550 clock hours at an assigned practicum site.

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# **WHY CHOOSE OU ONLINE FOR A MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK**

OU Online delivers high-quality, affordable undergraduate and graduate programs in a flexible online format—backed by the reputation of a top-tier public institution. Gain the knowledge and skills to thrive in the evolving field of social work.

## **FACULTY EXPERTISE**

The MSW Advanced Standing program is powered by world-class University of Oklahoma faculty and seasoned professors of practice who bring real-world expertise into the classroom. By connecting industry leaders with academic excellence, the program delivers an advanced curriculum that prepares students for long-term career success.

## **ROBUST STUDENT SUPPORT**

OU Online offers robust student support services, including academic support, online tutoring, mental health counseling, and an online career development center. The program accommodates the needs of working professionals, allowing you to expand your skills while maintaining full-time employment.

## **GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK**

With more than 250,000 alumni across the world, becoming a Sooner means you'll have access to a strong network of social work professionals to accelerate your career. As a Sooner, you'll be part of a powerful network of leaders working in organizations across the world, helping you expand your career in social work.

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## COST & FINANCIAL AID

Earning your Master of Social Work is a powerful investment in your future—and OU Online is committed to making that investment accessible and transparent.

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Financial aid, scholarships, and employer tuition assistance may be available to help reduce costs. Our dedicated financial services team will support you at every step of the funding process, so you can stay focused on your educational and career goals.

For questions about financial aid, contact the Online Aid office at [onlineaid@ou.edu](mailto:onlineaid@ou.edu) or 405-325-2929.

A nonrefundable deposit of \$350 is required upon admission to secure your place in the program. This deposit guarantees your spot in your first semester of courses and will be applied toward your first semester's tuition.

*\*Please be aware that tuition and fees may change, as determined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.*

## TRANSFER CREDIT

You can transfer up to 12 credit hours of graduate-level coursework per Graduate College policy, with the department's approval. Transfer of core coursework must be from another CSWE-accredited MSW program, and courses must match learning objectives 1:1 to be accepted.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT FINANCIAL AID: [HTTPS://ONLINE.OU.EDU/COST-AND-AID/GRADUATE/](https://online.ou.edu/cost-and-aid/graduate/)**

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## TAKE THE NEXT STEP

To apply to the online Master of Social Work Advanced Standing program, you must hold a bachelor's degree in social work from a CWSE-accredited program earned within the past seven years with a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Complete the online application at <https://gograd.ou.edu/apply/>
- Submit a resume or CV
- Three Letters of recommendation (professional contacts, supervisors, faculty)
- Official transcripts from prior institutions
- Answers to five essay questions
- TOEFL or IELTS score (international applicants only)

## APPLICATION TIMELINE

The admissions committee operates under a rolling admissions process, and admissions may continue until two weeks before the start of classes. However, some programs may have an earlier application deadline. The committee strives to respond to all applicants within two weeks of the time a completed application is submitted. A nonrefundable deposit of \$350 is required upon admission to secure your place in the program. This deposit guarantees your spot in your first semester of courses and will be applied toward your first semester's tuition.

### STEP 1

Contact an Enrollment Coach to discuss your qualifications and interest in the program.

### STEP 2

Complete the online application at <https://gograd.ou.edu/apply/No> application fee.

### STEP 3

Provide supplemental materials, including a resume, personal statement, three letters of recommendation, and prior transcripts.

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