EXCEPTIONAL SOCIAL WORK
Distance MSW Foundation Program

Fast Facts:
- 60 Credits
- 3+ Years to Complete
- Online: “Live” Web Classes Held Evenings/Weekends with 2 Brief On-Campus Visits
- Accreditation: Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- In-State Tuition Regardless of Residency

Enriched Student Experiences

Mission Statement & Goals:
The University of North Dakota's Master of Social Work Program provides broad access to quality graduate education that prepares versatile advance generalist practitioners with the necessary knowledge, values, and skills to enhance human well-being and to serve as leaders in their communities in North Dakota, the region, and beyond.

To prepare advance generalist social work practitioners who:
- Have a strong identification with the social work profession, be committed to its highest ethical ideals, and embrace the role of change agent.
- Continually strive to increase their cultural competence and understand and respect human diversity.
- Understand the forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination and advocate for social and economic justice.
- Synthesize and effectively apply a broad range of advance knowledge and skills across practice levels that prepare them to assume leadership roles and work in a multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary professional capacity.
- Have a passion for critical inquiry and a commitment to lifelong learning.

About The Program:
Through online courses and intensive on-campus lab experiences, you will learn how to provide advanced social work services to individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- An undergraduate GPA of 3.00 overall or a GPA of 3.00 in the last 2 years of your undergraduate program.
- At least 30 credit hours of liberal arts courses (see website).
- A grade of C or higher in a statistics course prior to beginning the advanced generalist concentration courses.
- Willingness to abide by the National Association of Social Worker’s Code of Ethics and the University of North Dakota Code of Student Conduct.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Deadline: June 15

It is recommended that applicants begin the process of application at least six weeks prior to the application deadline to ensure the application is completed on time. A completed application consists of the following:

- Graduate School Application
- Three references
- 3-5 page personal statement (the essay described in the Graduate School Application) covering: motivation for being a social worker, values and beliefs regarding social work, experience with diversity, qualities that applicant brings to the profession, personal qualities in leadership and creativity, and professional goals.
- Resume
- Official transcript (undergraduate and graduate coursework)
- Background Check

CONTACT INFORMATION

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