

Herzing University
January 2023 Graduate Catalog
Addenda

- **ADDENDUM, effective April 24, 2023. The following online advanced standing Master of Social Work admissions requirements are updated to the Admissions Information under Special Master of Social Work Program Requirements for Admission.**

The requirements for admission to the advanced standing MSW program track are:

- Prospective graduate students must have completed a bachelor's or graduate degree in social work from a college or university accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or have completed a three- or four-year bachelor's degree at a foreign college or university recognized as equivalent to a U.S. bachelor's degree by an approved foreign credential evaluator; within 7 years of the date their BSW was conferred, OR, have a BSW license in good standing.
- Transcript – BSW from a CSWE accredited program;
- Cumulative 2.75 GPA; and
- A personal statement addressing prompts 1-5 below.

Advanced Standing Additional Prompt:

5. Describe the most important things that you learned in your BSW field placement. Identify the most challenging part of the experience for you? What did you learn about yourself as a helper? What knowledge, values, skills, and cognitive/affective processes do you need to enhance or extend to develop your advanced social work practice? Do you have an active social work license? If so, provide the state and license number.

- **ADDENDUM, effective March 13, 2023. The programmatic accreditation information for the Master of Social Work program has been updated in Accreditation.**

6. Social Work (MSW): Herzing University has achieved Candidacy for Accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation.

Candidacy for a baccalaureate or master's social work program by the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation indicates that it has made progress toward meeting criteria for the assessment of program quality evaluated through a peer review process. A program that has attained Candidacy has demonstrated a commitment to meeting the compliance standards set by the Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards, but has not yet demonstrated full compliance.

Students who enter programs that attain Candidacy in or before the academic year in which they begin their program of study will be retroactively recognized as having graduated from a CSWE-accredited program once the program attains Initial Accreditation. Candidacy is typically a three-year process and attaining Candidacy does not guarantee that a program will eventually attain Initial Accreditation. Candidacy applies to all program sites and program delivery methods of an accredited program. Accreditation provides reasonable assurance about the quality of the program and the competence of students graduating from the program.

For more information about social work accreditation, you may contact [Accreditation](#).

Individuals considering the Master of Social Work program should be aware that state certification/licensure requirements and eligibility to apply for certification/licensure vary from state to state. While certification/licensure is not a requirement for certain types of jobs, in some states, it may be required for any positions titled 'Social Worker' and to refer to yourself as a Social Worker in professional settings.

- **ADDENDUM, effective March 10, 2023. The admission requirements for the following program have been updated in the Special Nursing Program Requirements for Admission.**

Master of Science in Nursing-Direct Entry Requirements

The Master of Science in Nursing program with a direct entry pathway is intended for students who do not have a previous degree leading to Registered Nurse's License. Applicants must meet all the following criteria:

- Have earned a non-nursing baccalaureate degree from a regionally-accredited college or university recognized by the US Department of Education, with a minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale; and if previously enrolled in a nursing program, the applicant has not failed a nursing course in, or been suspended from, or on probation in, that nursing program.
 - Earn an aggregate score of 66 or higher on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)
 - Students who have completed a Practical Nursing program will not be admitted with an encumbered practical nurse license.
 - Students who have previously attended a nursing program and failed one or more nursing courses will not be eligible for admission.
- **ADDENDUM, effective October 24, 2022. The following program will be available, in an online learning modality through association with the main campus in Madison, Wisconsin, for enrollment in the fall of 2023.**

Official Program Outline



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MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) - ADVANCED STANDING

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Master of Social Work program prepares students to provide professional clinical social work services in the areas of mental health; medical social work; and children, families, and aging services. The curriculum includes online courses and hands-on clinical field practicums within community agencies. Students are prepared to be culturally informed clinical practitioners, to conduct multi-dimensional assessments, and to provide specialized, evidence-based practice interventions with individuals, families and groups. The program prepares clinical social workers to advocate for populations experiencing oppression and discrimination by critically examining systems, developing and changing policies, advocating for social justice, and increasing access to services in their specialization areas. The program promotes clinical social work excellence through emphasizing lifelong learning, professional development, service, networking, and adherence to the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics. The program has three specialization options for students to take specialized courses and complete an advanced field practicum in the areas of: Mental Health; Medical Social Work; and Children, Families and Aging Services.

This MSW Advanced Standing program is for students currently holding a BSW from a CSWE accredited program.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior
2. Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice
3. Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice
4. Engage in Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice
5. Engage in Policy Practice
6. Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities

7. Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
8. Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
9. Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities

POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONAL TITLES

Potential occupational titles for this program include, but are not limited to, Adoption Social Worker, Adult Protective Services Worker, Behavioral Health Therapist, Case Manager, Case Worker Supervisor, Child Protective Services Supervisor (CPS Social Worker), Clinical Social Worker, Clinical Supervisor, Disaster Response Social Worker, Domestic Violence Advocate, Family Protection Specialist, Family Resource Coordinator, Family Service Worker, Forensic Social Worker, Foster Care Social Worker, Home Health & Hospice Social Worker, Gerontology Social Worker, Hospice Social Worker, Medical Social Worker, Mental Health Social Worker, Oncology Social Worker, Pediatric Social Worker, Psychiatric Social Worker Psychosocial Coordinator, Residential Therapist, Residential Treatment Coordinator, School Social Worker, Social Work Case Manager, Social Worker, Substance Use Disorder Clinician, Suicide Prevention Specialist, Therapist, VA Social Worker, Victim Advocate, Youth Specialist

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PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 36.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation. Advanced Standing students who have earned a BSW from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program will complete 36.00 semester credits.

REQUIRED CORE COURSES

All courses, 19.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
MSW 600	Clinical Social Work Theory and Practice	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 610	Clinical Social Work Interventions	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 620	Psychosocial Assessment and Clinical Diagnosis	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 630	Advanced Research and Program Evaluation	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 640	Advanced Policy: Social Justice and Advocacy	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 650	Social Work Seminar	MSW 610, MSW 600, MSW 620/ Must be taken with MSW 655	2.00
MSW 660	Capstone Social Work Seminar	/Must be taken with MSW 665	2.00

REQUIRED PROJECT RESIDENCY CORE COURSES

All courses, 8.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
MSW 655	Specialized Social Work Field Practicum I	MSW 610, MSW 600, MSW 620/Must be taken with MSW 650	4.00
MSW 665	Specialized Social Work Field Practicum II	MSW 655/Must be taken with MSW660	4.00

REQUIRED SPECIALIZATION

One of the following specializations is required, 9.00 semester credit hours constitutes a specialization.

REQUIRED COURSES IN MENTAL HEALTH SOCIAL WORK SPECIALIZATION

All courses, 9.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
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MSW 624	Substance Use Disorders and Treatment	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 626	Trauma Focused Theory and Interventions	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 628	Mental Health Services and Interventions	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00

REQUIRED COURSES IN MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK SPECIALIZATION

All courses, 9.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
MSW 622	Medical Social Work Services and Interventions	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 624	Substance Use Disorders and Treatment	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
	OR		
MSW 632	Gerontology Services and Interventions	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 636	Community Health and Prevention	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00

REQUIRED COURSES IN CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND AGING SERVICES SPECIALIZATION

All courses, 9.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
MSW 632	Gerontology Services and Interventions	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 634	Clinical Practice with Families	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00
MSW 638	Child Welfare Services and Interventions	Advanced Standing or completion of all 500 level MSW courses.	3.00

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Please see the [Graduate Course Descriptions](#) menu to review Master of Social Work course descriptions.