Master of Social Work Program

Boise State master of social work (MSW) programs are intentionally small. They offer an informal climate conducive to obtaining the knowledge and skills necessary for successful advanced professional direct practice in social work.

A variety of practicum placements are used that can be matched to the student’s career goals. Practicum sites range from urban, inpatient psychiatric facilities to social service agencies in small, frontier communities.

The mission and objectives of the MSW program have been formulated to reflect the human resource needs of Idaho and the northern Rocky Mountain region.

Field Placement Opportunities

Practicum is the hallmark pedagogy of social work education. Field placements allow students the opportunity to engage the social skills, values, and knowledge gained in the classroom in real life application. Boise State University students’ practicum opportunities include:

- Aging
- Protective Services
- Mental Health
- School Social Work
- Disability Services & Advocacy
- Child Welfare
- Substance Abuse
- Community Development & Planning

Lewiston MSW Degree Program

In 2006, the Boise State University, School of Social Work expanded its reach to Northern Idaho by offering a Master of Social Work degree in Lewiston and Coeur d’Alene.

The program consists of an advanced standing program for students with undergraduate degrees in social work from a Council on Social Work Education accredited institution and a full master in social work program for any student with a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution.

The program caters to working professionals by offering classes, in the evenings, weekends, and partially on-line. We are conveniently located on the Lewis Clark State College campus in Lewiston.

Admission Timelines

Admission for the MSW program takes place every fall. Students are encouraged to apply early for admission.

Applications will be reviewed by the admissions committee on a rolling admissions basis. **Priority applications are due by December 15th each fall.** After the priority application deadline, rolling applications deadlines are February 1st, March 1st, and April 1st for the remaining available seats.

During some academic years, the School may accept applications after the April 1st deadline based upon openings in class cohorts. Please call the MSW Site Coordinator at (208) 792-2783 to determine seat availability.
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Program Options

Full Time Advanced Standing Program:
For students with a Bachelors of Social Work (BSW) from a Council on Social Work Education Accredited Institution. The Advanced Standing Option allows students to complete their MSW in three semesters.

Students in the advanced standing program earn 37 credits including 12 credits (600 clock hours) of supervised social work field practicum. Students may choose from the full-time advanced standing program or the half-time advanced standing program. The full time program is completed in one year; while the half-time program is completed over two years or six semesters.

Full MSW Program (3 Year Program):
For students with a Bachelor’s degree in fields other than social work from regionally accredited institutions.

The Boise State University Master of Social Work Full-Program curriculum is a 63-credit program. The program consists of 45 credits of academic classes, labs and seminars and 18 credits (1000 clock hours) of supervised social work field practicum. In Lewiston, the professional foundation is taught during the first half of the program and the advanced concentration during the second half.

For More Information on the BSU MSW

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