

ADMISSIONS

How do I apply to the DSW Program?

Complete the online [FAU application](#). This application includes the university application and the Doctor of Social Work application. You will have to pay an application fee of \$30 and will need to send all official transcripts to the FAU Graduate College.

When is the application deadline?

Your MSW application must be complete March 1st for domestic applicants and February 1st for international applicants. No late applications will be accepted.

What are the admissions requirements?

Please see [Admission Fact Sheet](#) for more information.

- Master of Social Work (MSW) Degree from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. For international applicants an MSW from a school accredited by a CSWE equivalent accrediting organization.
- MSW GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Minimum of 2 years of post-MSW experience
- Scores from GRE or MAT
- Three letters of recommendation - at least two of the recommendations should be from advanced-level practitioners or educators (i.e., L.C.S.W., Psy.D., D.N.P., Ph.D., Nurse Practitioner, L.M.H.C., L.M.F.T., M.D.)
- Personal Statement & Capstone Proposal
- DSW Application
- Current Resume/CV
- A current LCSW or its equivalent in **social work**, license eligibility, or registration as a Florida social work intern or its equivalent (**in social work only**)
- TOEFL for international applicants only

Please note meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee admissions.

Does my Master's degree have to be in Social Work?

Yes, the program only accepts applicants with a Master's degree in Social Work.

What semesters can I apply for?

DSW only admits in the Fall semester.

Is an interview required for acceptance?

An Interview may be requested by the admissions committee

Is the GRE required?

You may take either the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or the Miller's Analogy Test (MAT) but either a score from the GRE or MAT is required.

How long will it take for an admission decision?

Admission decisions will begin in May.

Is it possible to transfer into the Florida Atlantic University School of Social Work?

Transfer applications will be considered on a case by case basis. If you are interested in transferring from another doctoral program please contact Dr. Michael Kane at mkane@fau.edu or Dr. Diane Sherman at dgreen@fau.edu for more information.

How much does the program cost?

For the tuition breakdown, follow the link:

http://www.fau.edu/controller/student_information/tuition_breakdown.php

*Note this is a part time program.

Can I visit the School before I apply?

You are welcome to come to visit the School before you apply. You can contact us at socialwork@fau.edu or (561) 297-3234 to arrange for a tour with an advisor.

How many classes will I take every semester?

DSW students are required to take two classes each semester, including the summer semesters between the first two years the student is enrolled in the program.

How long does it take to earn the DSW degree?

The DSW program is structured as a lockstep cohort model. This enables students to finish the program on a part-time basis in 3 years.

Does the DSW program have a field placement requirement?

The DSW program is a clinically focused program, as such the curriculum does include a *Field* requirement in which students are expected to have access to current client case material from their work place or may use an approved supervised teaching experience to fulfill the course requirements. The field requirement will NOT constitute a field placement as is typically found in BSW or MSW programs. FAU School of Social Work takes no responsibility in providing a field opportunity for DSW students.

Which FAU campuses offer the DSW program?

The DSW is only offered at the Boca Raton campus.

Does the school offer evening, weekend or online classes?

The DSW program is intended to serve the needs of working professionals and therefore classes will be scheduled to accommodate as such.

Is the FAU School of Social Work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)?

Yes, the Florida Atlantic University School of Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

LICENSING

Will the Doctor of Social Work degree at Florida Atlantic University qualify me for licensing for social workers in Florida? In another state?

At this time the MSW is the graduate level credential that qualifies social workers for licensure in Florida and other states. It is advisable that you confirm the licensing requirements for the state in which you plan to be licensed. In the state of Florida, the licensing body is the State of Florida Department of Health.

AFTER BEING ADMITTED

I've been admitted to the DSW program. What are the next steps?

Congratulations! Make sure you take care of any registration holds. You will need to submit the immunization form to the Immunization Office. You also need to login to myFAU and complete the "FAU Alert" and "Statement of Responsibility".

When do I register for courses? What courses do I register for?

You will be contacted around late July with information regarding registration.

Is there a mandatory orientation?

Yes. The new DSW students must attend the mandatory DSW orientation held the week before the Fall semester begins. New students must attend this orientation or risk having to defer to the following fall entry.

If you have questions about the DSW program, contact Dr. Michael Kane at mkane@fau.edu or Dr. Diane Sherman at dgreen@fau.edu.