# Master of Social Work

**Note: This fact sheet does not include the program specific curriculum. To access the curriculum from the program's webpage, click one of the links below the section titled "Degrees Offered."**

The Master of Social Work Program prepares social workers for leadership in direct family-centered social work practice. The curriculum is solidly grounded in social systems theory and provides students with knowledge, skills and values in eight curricular areas; social work values and ethics, diversity, social and economic justice and populations-at-risk, human behavior and the social environment, social welfare policy and services, social work practice, research, and field practicum.

## DEGREES OFFERED

- Master of Social Work

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### Accreditation

The MSW Program at Newman University is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

- Program Evaluation Report 2011-2012

### Curriculum

The Master of Social Work degree entails 70 semester credit hours (SCH) of coursework, including 22 SCH of supervised fieldwork (the practica) and related integrative seminars. These practica provide a total of 1052 clock-hours of supervised practice experience in selected social service agencies.

Full-time students in the regular program can expect to complete the requirements for the degree over five contiguous semesters.

Full-time students in the Advanced Standing program can expect to complete the degree in three semesters.

Part-time students in the regular program should anticipate four calendar years for completion.

Part-time Advanced Standing students should anticipate two calendar years of study.

Change in status (from part-time to full-time or vice versa) is permitted.

### Educational Policy

Read the Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards by the Council on Social Work Education

### Advanced Standing

Applicants with a bachelor's degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited program may be eligible for advanced standing. The advanced standing program consists of 36 SCH of coursework, including 12 SCH of fieldwork and related integrative seminars. This program requires one calendar year of study for full-time students and two years for part-time students.

Students who qualify for Advanced Standing take only the 3rd, 4th, and 5th semesters of the full-time program beginning in the summer.

### Student Resources

**Social Work Student Lounge**

The School of Social Work has a student lounge, located in McNeill Hall Room 123. This area allows students to study or relax before or after their classes. It is equipped with a telephone, refrigerator, and microwave.

**Licensure Preparation**

Examination preparation materials and resources are available for use by Newman University students on campus through Academic and Student Support Services. Contact the Student Support Services Coordinator. Visit the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board website.

### Program Admission and Application Information

Individuals seeking admission to the Newman University MSW program are required to meet the following expectations:

1. Submission of completed Graduate Admission Application Online / Printable and School of Social Work Application
2. Submission of a $25.00 Application Fee ($40.00 for international students) non-refundable.
3. Submission of an official transcript documenting receipt of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university as well as an official transcript from each college where graduate credit was earned
4. A GPA of 3.0 or higher in upper division course work
5. Submission of three letters of recommendation on specified forms.
6. Submission of a personal statement which includes

    a. The applicant’s individual qualifications and motivations for entering the field of social work
    b. His or her areas of special interest to include fields of practice and special populations
    c. This statement should address the applicant’s ability to collaborate with others and his or her readiness to learn in the classroom and in the field practicum
    d. The statement should be about two to three pages in length

## EXPERT, ACCESSIBLE FACULTY

The Master of Social Work program consists of a group of carefully selected scholars and professional practitioners who creatively introduce students to emerging theory and current best practices.

Newman Graduates regularly cite close collaboration with talented, dedicated faculty as one of their most meaningful experiences at Newman.

## PROMINENT CAREERS

Newman faculty members are more than just leaders in their field. They take an active and personal role in students' studies and progress, forming strong relationships with students through coursework, special projects and informal out of class discussions.
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## ACCREDITATION

Newman University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org.

## FINANCIAL AID

With many scholarships, grants, work-study and company tuition assistance programs available, the cost of a degree from Newman University is comparable to that of state universities.

## PROGRAM CONTACT

For more information about this program, visit the program's webpage on the Newman University website and click the link "Request more info".

To contact Newman University Admissions, office hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. For a personal appointment call 316-942-4291, ext. 2144 or e-mail admissions@newmanu.edu. Call us Toll-Free at 877-NEWMAN (639-6268) or visit our website at www.newmanu.edu.

Interviews and standardized tests (e.g., GRE or MAT) are used selectively.

The Department of Social Work does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, gender, ethnic or national origin, disability, age, political orientation or sexual orientation.

Application materials can be obtained by contacting Karen Noel.