ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The School of Social Work at East Carolina University offers a 60-hour, part-time, Master of Social Work degree focused program in Greenville, Rocky Mt and New Bern for the purpose of bringing graduate level social work training to persons who are unable to come to campus as full-time students.

Coursework is offered on Saturdays using a mix of delivery methods, including internet, face-to-face and hybrid instruction, with this blended model classes do not necessarily meet every Saturday. Students with a BSW from an accredited social work program can apply for Advanced Standing and less classes are required. The part time program takes 3 years to complete and includes Summer sessions.

PROGRAM ADMISSION
Students must be admitted to both the School of Social Work and the ECU Graduate School.

Applications for the Master of Social Work Program may be downloaded from the School’s website at http://www.ecu.edu/cs-hhp/socw/msw.cfm. Once there, perspective students should click the “Master of Social Work application” link. Applications for the Graduate School may be filed online or be downloaded from the Graduate School’s application website at http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/gradschool/prospective.cfm. Applications for admission to the Master of Social Work Program are due on January 8th of the proposed entrance year.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Admission to the MSW program is selective, and is determined by academic preparation and individual qualifications of the applicant. Persons seeking admission must have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited undergraduate institution, a minimum GPA of 2.75 (4.0 scale) on all undergraduate work with a minimum GPA of 3.0 for their senior year.

All applicants to the MSW program must have completed undergraduate course work in each of the following areas: natural sciences, social sciences, humanities and mathematics with a minimum grade of C (2.0) as preparation for graduate study in social work:

1. In the Natural Sciences, completion of a minimum of 3 credit hours of coursework in Human Biology. Courses that meet the Human Biology requirement include General Biology (with a health emphasis), Anatomy, Physiology, Reproduction, Biology of Aging, etc.
2. Humanities requirement is documented by completion of a minimum of 6 semester credit hours in English, a foreign language, philosophy, religion, music, art, communication, theatre, government, etc.
3. The applicant should have completed a minimum of 6 semester credit hours in the Social Sciences; e.g., Psychology, Economics, Political Science, Sociology
4. To meet the Mathematics requirement, a student must have taken at least 3 credit hours minimum in a basic college mathematics, college algebra, or statistics course.
5. The applicant must also have completed 3 semester hours in a social science research course with a significant statistics component, or 3 semester hours of statistics.

The capacity to work with people is essential to successful social work practice. Strengths or weaknesses in this capacity are relevant for admission to the program. Prior work experience in
social work settings is highly valued.

In addition to the ECU Graduate School application, all applications must contain the following:

1. School of Social Work MSW Application;
2. three completed references in sealed envelopes;
3. official copies of transcripts from all undergraduate institutions attended;
4. official copy of transcript from institution noting the conferral of undergraduate degree;
5. personal response to essay question presented on the MSW application;
6. a complete resume; and
7. GRE or MAT test scores.

To review the admission criteria you may go to http://www.ecu.edu/cs-hhp/socw/msw.cfm

GRE/MAT Test Waivers Available
The following waivers are available for applicants the MSW program, depending on qualification:
   1. BSW from a CSWE accredited program with a overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
   2. Completion of a undergraduate degree 10 years or more prior and at least 10 years of social work paid practice
   3. A completed Master’s degree
The waivers are based on the final approval of the Director of Graduate Programs in the School of Social Work

REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES
Registration will be done by students once they have been admitted to the University and the program. The courses, section numbers, and campus codes will be provided for students to use in registering for their courses.

TIMELINE
January 8, 2018 Applications due
April 2017 Admission letters go out
April 21, 2018 New student orientation on main campus – ECU Greenville
May 14, 2018 Classes begin for Three-Year part-time (Saturday cohorts)
   For those applying for the Full-time Advanced Standing status - classes begin on May 14, 2018.
   For those applying for Full-time two-year status classes begin on August 20, 2018
   + will change according to when you receive your materials

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS
Because of the blended delivery methods, students will need a computer. You will need to be able to access the online courses, send/receive e-mail, and transfer files. To do this you will need an active ISP account (Prodigy, Embarq, Suddenlink, etc.). You should have a working knowledge of your browser and be familiar with navigating the Internet. You will also need software. ECU provides Microsoft software and Symantec EndPoint antivirus as a FREE download to enrolled students.

ECU uses Microsoft Office as its standard office suite. This includes Word/Power Point Presentation/Excel. You will be expected to exchange files with your classmates and professors. You will need to be familiar with these programs.
INTERNET ACCOUNTS
Once a student is accepted into the program, he or she will be provided an ECU e-mail account for communication throughout the program.

TUITION
Tuition is billed at $249.26 per semester hour for in-state distance education students, which includes a $15 technical fee, and a $1.47 safety and security fee. (*Proposed Rate – Subject to change pending legislative approval). Students will receive bills for tuition following registration. All Master of Social Work (MSW) classes will be assessed an additional $34 per credit hour for tuition. For more current information on tuition and fees, visit the following website: http://www.ecu.edu/cashier/tufee.cfm

LIBRARY RESOURCES
Resources and services are available to off-campus students through the Joyner Library using the web-based interlibrary Loan (ILL) forms located at https://illiad.lib.ecu.edu/illiad/ERE/logon.html. In addition, students are also eligible to check out materials from any of the 16 UNC campuses using the UNC System Reciprocal Borrower Agreement.

TEXTBOOKS
Textbooks may be obtained through the Dowdy Student Stores web site at http://www.ecu.edu/studentstores/Textbooks/ and go to Ordering Online. Course and prefix number on the order site lists required textbooks.

DISABILITIES
Individuals with disabilities, requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), should contact the Department for Disability Support Services at (252) 328-6799 (V) or (252) 328-0899 (TTY).

NC CHILD WELFARE COLLABORATIVE
Information on the NC Child Welfare Collaborative may be found at: http://www.ecu.edu/cs-hhp/socw/collaborative.cfm

FINANCIAL AID
Financial aid information may be obtained through the financial aid office: www.ecu.edu/financial

CONTACT INFORMATION
For further information regarding the off-campus, part-time Master of Social Work programs offered through ECU, visit www.ecu.edu/cs-hhp/socw, email socw@ecu.edu, or The Director of Graduate Programs in the School of Social Work, Dr. Paige Averett, averettp@ecu.edu You may also call 252-328-5650 or stop by the main office on campus, 224 Rivers Building, Greenville, NC 27858.

*Please note that the majority of the information on this sheet applies to all MSW applicants except start dates, graduation dates and tuition/fee information, please visit www.ecu.edu for more pertinent information.