GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE
MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS
PART-TIME

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The School of Social Work at East Carolina University offers a part-time, Master of Social Work program in Greenville, Rocky Mount, 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 in a Hybrid model using a mix of delivery methods, including online only, hybrid (primarily online with some face-to-face), and face-to-face only classes. All face-to-face instruction occurs on Saturdays. The hybrid model means that courses do not necessarily meet every Saturday and schedules vary depending on the course content.

Students with a BSW from an accredited social work program can apply for Advanced Standing 42 hour program, while applicants with a background in another field must complete the Regular Pathway 60 hour program. Both the Advanced Standing and Regular programs take 3 years to complete and includes most summer sessions. Email MSW@ecu.edu for course sequence guides.

Each year admissions is offered for the part time program in only one of the three locations.
The location rotates each year for admissions, for example:
Summer 2019 = Greenville
Summer 2020 = Rocky Mount
Summer 2021 = New Bern
then the rotation starts back over in Greenville the following year.

PROGRAM ADMISSION
Students must be admitted to both the School of Social Work and the ECU Graduate School.
Applications are available through the Graduate School website at http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/gradschool/prospective.cfm
More information about the application is available on the MSW website at https://hhp.ecu.edu/socw/msw/
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.

All applications must contain the following:

1. Completed graduate school application and paid application fee
2. Three completed references
3. Official copies of transcripts from all institutions attended
4. A final official copy of transcript from institution noting the conferral of undergraduate degree
5. Personal response to 3 essay questions
6. A complete resume
7. GRE or MAT test scores unless a waiver is granted

To review the admission criteria you may go to [https://hhp.ecu.edu/socw/msw/](https://hhp.ecu.edu/socw/msw/

**GRE/MAT Test Waivers Available**
The following waivers are available for applicants to the MSW program:

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. Completion of prior graduate level coursework

The waivers are based on the final approval of the Director of Graduate Programs in the School of Social Work. Once you have completed an application and paid the fee, email Dr. Averett, averettp@ecu.edu to request a test waiver.

**REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES**
Students will register themselves once they have been admitted to the University and the program. All part time students begin with a course in the first summer following admission. The courses, section numbers, and campus codes will be provided for students to use in registering for their courses.

**TIMELINE**

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**COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS**
Because of the hybrid delivery of the program, 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, they will be provided an ECU e-mail account for communication throughout the program. Students are required to use their ECU email for communication instead of private email addresses.

TUITION
For current information on tuition and fees, visit the following website: http://www.ecu.edu/cashier/tufee.cfm

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

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).

CONTACT INFORMATION
For further information regarding the off-campus, part-time Master of Social Work programs offered through ECU, visit https://hhp.ecu.edu/socw/msw/, email MSW@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.