Part-time schedule, full-on opportunities

If you’re ready to take your social work career to a new level but you don’t want to go back to school full-time, East Carolina University’s hybrid part-time Master of Social Work is for you.

Our part-time MSW program is one of just two in the state and it’s designed especially for working adults.

The MSW at ECU has a single concentration—clinical-community social work from a relational perspective—which increases the marketability of our graduates as they are prepared for advanced practice on all levels of intervention. The School of Social Work is known across the state as “the practice school,” as our alumni work in and lead agencies across North Carolina and beyond.

How it works:

Two paths
The part-time MSW program offers two paths: advanced standing, for those who have earned a bachelor’s degree in social work, and regular, for those with an undergraduate degree in another field.

Three years
Both paths begin in the summer term and are completed in three years. Students on the regular path are required to complete 60 semester hours; students with advanced standing complete 42 semester hours. Students with advanced standing have more flexibility in summer terms and fewer course requirements.

One cohort
You’ll join a cohort of fellow professionals and move through the MSW program together in one of three locations. Students beginning in the summer of 2020 = Rocky Mount
2021 = New Bern
2022 = Greenville

Classes
Courses may be fully online, hybrid (some online and some face-to-face classes) or fully face-to-face. In-person classes are held on Saturdays and coordinated so that you never have more than one class meeting on any given Saturday and you’re not in class every weekend.

Field experience
All students complete fieldwork (practical experience/internship). Regular path students complete two field experiences, one in the fall of year two and one in year three. Advanced standing students complete one field experience in the third year.

We know that you’re working full-time and we’ll work with you to get a placement at your employer when possible. When an employer placement is not possible, it’s a bigger challenge but we’ll help you find a solution.

Certificates
You can also build your credentials by earning a certificate as you pursue your MSW. We offer certificates in substance abuse and gerontology, as well as a licensure for school social work.
The School of Social Work is part of the College of Health and Human Performance; our programs work to foster health and well-being at all levels of society.

The mission of the Master of Social Work (MSW) program at East Carolina University is to educate students for knowledgeable and competent practice, to encourage the development of high standards of personal and professional achievement and to have appreciation for human diversity. The School of Social Work provides a research and technological base for students to participate in research to enhance professional activities.

East Carolina University is committed to equality of opportunity and prohibits unlawful discrimination based on the following protected classes: race/ethnicity, color, genetic information, national origin, religion, sex (including pregnancy and pregnancy-related conditions), sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, political affiliation and veteran status.

“Relationships developed with my cohort were a huge benefit. As working professionals, managing jobs, families and school, we could relate and learn a lot from one another.”
– Nicole Deen MSW ’19

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Have questions? MSW@ecu.edu or 252-328-5650

Ready to apply? ecu.edu/gradschool
The application deadline is January 8 for the upcoming summer.

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