Master of Social Work
Advanced Standing Program

Program Description
The advanced standing M.S.W. program is available in fully online and on-campus formats and prepares graduates to work with individuals, families, groups, communities and organizations within medical and behavioral health settings, with a special focus on military populations. The program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (C.S.W.E.). It is clinically-focused and meets the educational course requirements for licensure as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (L.C.S.W.) in the State of Florida. The advanced standing program is limited to students who have earned a B.S.W. degree from a C.S.W.E. accredited social work program within the past 7 years. The program can be completed on a full-time or part-time basis with course offerings available during evening hours. The advanced standing program can be completed in as a few as three semesters.

Admission Requirements
- Submission of University graduate application and processing fee
- Submission of official transcripts
- Undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Must have earned a B.S.W. degree from a C.S.W.E. accredited program within the past 7 years
- Submission of a personal statement
- Submission of three letters of recommendation
- Submission of the M.S.W. criminal history form
- Submission of the B.S.W. final field evaluation

Contact the department chair for all necessary forms.

Field Instruction
The advanced standing M.S.W. curriculum includes an advanced clinical field experience which places a qualified candidate in a social services agency for a supervised learning experience. Because this is a professional preparation program, students are required to submit an application to participate in this field experience. The Department of Social Work partners with a broad range of social service agencies in the Southern Alabama and Florida Panhandle regions.

Field education is completed during the week, concurrently with classroom instruction, during the final two semesters of study.

Placement
The Department of Social Work partners with more than 100 agencies across the Gulf Coast, including:
- Baptist Healthcare
- CDAC Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.
- Department of Children and Families
- Emerald Coast Hospice
- Families First Network
- Fort Walton Beach Medical Center
- Fresenius
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Curriculum

The advanced standing M.S.W. curriculum follows a specific course rotation. Core courses are offered in designated semesters only. Students must take the required courses at specific times to ensure they can complete their degree on time. A master's degree in Social Work is a licensure practice, and all courses must be completed within the program's five-year period. Upon admission to the M.S.W. program, all students must meet with an academic advisor to develop a degree plan.

The M.S.W. curriculum at UWF meets educational course requirements for licensure as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the State of Florida.