



**DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY**  
Where Learning Demands More

### Real-World Context

Our faculty offer a breadth of life and career experience. You'll learn from experts who have real-world experience in a wide range of social work settings, including:

- Schools
- Child Welfare Services
- Developmental Disabilities Programs
- Domestic Violence Prevention Services
- Hospitals and Medical Centers
- Mental Health Settings
- Human Trafficking Prevention Services
- Substance Abuse Facilities
- Private Practice
- International Community Development

### Concentrations

Concentrate your studies and build your career in the area that matters most to you. You can earn one of the following certificates alongside your master's degree with no additional coursework.

- Military Social Work (on campus and online)
- Gerontology (on campus)
- Child Welfare (on campus)
- School Social Work (on campus only)

### Field Placement Options

We offer an expansive network of 350 agencies in the Chicago area that offers hands-on research and clinical opportunities. If you're studying remotely, we'll guide you through the process of securing field placements convenient to you. We also offer placement options abroad for those interested in international social work.

# Master of Social Work

Today's social work professionals need to have a global vision—while keeping the family and the person at the compassionate center of their work. Our forward-thinking MSW program prepares you for the competent practice of family-centered, globally focused social work.

## Get ready for a life of purpose and achievement

Our nationally recognized MSW program has earned the prestigious accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). On campus or online, you'll enjoy the benefits of small classes and our hands-on, team-based approach to learning. You'll master the fundamentals—human behavior, community analysis, social welfare, and the nature and dynamics of family systems. You'll take electives on topics of professional interest, and have the opportunity to specialize in one of four high-demand practice areas: child welfare, school social work, military social work and gerontology. You'll be fully prepared to advance the well-being of individuals and communities in a wide range of professional settings.

## Get hands-on experience—at home and around the world

Social work today is a global profession. International concerns—such as immigration policies, refugee crises and economic dislocations—impact the lives of many individuals and families. Dominican's program sets the standard for integrating global issues into the curriculum and for extending the social work discipline to communities around the world. Our optional ten-week international field placements offer you once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to practice social work in Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Ireland, Mexico or South Africa. And our location in the western suburbs of Chicago provides you with hundreds of options for field placements. You'll complete 1,080 hours of supervised practice and fieldwork experience in our partnering social service agencies.



**"My international placement was in Pretoria, South Africa. I worked with an agency that serves infants who have been infected with HIV. I got a chance to develop a sexual health and reproduction program for young girls. The experience continues to make me a better social worker."**

**Tamika Hall**

School of Social Work Graduate

## Career Options

You'll find Dominican graduates working in an array of social work specializations. Among them:

- Aging Care Specialists
- Child Welfare Social Workers
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Medical Social Workers
- Mental Health Social Workers
- Military Social Workers
- School Social Workers
- Therapists

## Sample Field Placements

- Advocate/Lutheran General Older Adult Services
- Age Options
- Aging Care Connections
- Bethesda Home and Retirement Center
- Chicago Department on Aging
- DuPage Senior Services
- North Shore Senior Center
- Oak Park Township Senior Services
- PLOWS
- Silverado Memory Care
- The Woodbine
- Thrive (Oak Park)


## A Great Academic Reputation

In "America's Best Colleges"—the influential study by U.S. News & World Report—Dominican ranks in the Top 7% of the 165 regional universities in the Midwest. The mission of the School of Social Work guides us to advocate for human rights and social and economic justice for all persons, and to promote individual and community well-being.

## Learn More!

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# Our goal: your success

## A powerful program—designed with you in mind

With all the demands of career and family, who has time to earn a quality master's degree? You do. Our program is designed to meet the needs of busy professionals. You can earn your MSW in two years of full-time study, or in three years on a highly flexible part-time track. You can even study 100% online—with a first-weekend residency to get your graduate experience off to a great start. We offer daytime, evening and weekend classes in River Forest and Grayslake. Our advanced standing option allows students who hold a Bachelor of Social Work from a CSWE-accredited institution to complete the MSW in nine months.

## Prepare for careers in a fast-growing field

Dominican's MSW program has an outstanding placement rate. Routinely, 100% of our graduates are working within nine months of graduation. Moreover, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of jobs in social work is expected to grow by 12% by 2024. You'll find Dominican graduates in leadership roles in a wide variety of professional settings, from schools to hospitals to child welfare agencies, aging care facilities, military bases, and substance abuse and mental health agencies. Whether you are a practicing social worker or a career changer, your MSW from Dominican will enable you to make a lasting and meaningful difference in the lives of others.



**"The professors at Dominican are deeply invested in your success. They really take the time to get to know you and guide you down the professional path of your choice. They support and challenge you to be your very best."**

**Jennifer Morales**

School of Social Work Graduate