OAKLAND: ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM:
CLINICAL OR ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP (OCL)

Program description
The Advanced Standing MSW Program has been in the Oakland area since 2010. Students on the Oakland campus (hosted at Oakland University) complete the 38-credit Advanced Standing MSW Program on a 10-month full-time or 2-year part-time schedule. All courses required for the Clinical Practice concentration are offered at Oakland. Students who choose the Organization and Community Leadership concentration are required to commute to East Lansing during the last two semesters of the program. All MSW programs are fully accredited by CSWE.

Admissions process
The application deadline is January 10 of each year for all MSW programs. Detailed admissions information is available on our website at socialwork.msu.edu. The entire admissions process is completed online, and online applications open in September.

Specific requirements for admission:
1. A bachelor’s in social work degree from a program accredited by the CSWE and granted within the last six years.
2. A minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.25 (on a 4.0-point scale) during the last 60 credits of undergraduate study.
3. One official transcript sent directly from your degree-granting institution. If fewer than 60 credits, include transcripts from previous colleges and/or universities attended.
4. Evidence of personal qualities considered important for the practice of social work.
5. Evidence of strong academic writing skills.
6. Prior academic work reflecting a liberal arts perspective that provides the basis of social work graduate education, including at least 19 semester credits in humanities and social and natural sciences.
7. Three recommendation letters (one specifically from field practicum) and/or prior academic and work experience (paid and/or volunteer).
(Note: The GRE is not a requirement for admission into any of the MSW programs.)

Admission will be determined by a combination of factors including: grade point average, length and type of work and volunteer experience, letters of reference addressing the applicant’s academic and professional potential, writing ability, diversity, and assessment of the applicant’s commitment to social work and capacity for the profession.

Schedule of courses
Students attend classes two days per week during the day and/or evening. Required courses are in a face-to-face format, held each semester year-round, and some electives have online options. OCL students will become a part of the final year of the macro OCL program and attend practice classes on the East Lansing campus, as well as completing core coursework by attending class in the Oakland program.

Field education
Students complete three semesters of field education (4 credits each) for a total of 600 field hours. Field education is conducted during the first year for full-time status and second year for part-time. Typically, students participate in field 16 hours per week for 15 weeks per semester (seven weeks during summer semester). Every attempt is made to locate field placements close to where students live or work.

Location
Oakland University is located in Rochester. It is easily accessible from the I-75 expressway (exit 79, University Drive).

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Master of Social Work (MSW) Programs

### Why MSU?
Michigan State University provides an excellent setting for social work education. As a Research I University, MSU creates and advances knowledge, attracting scholars worldwide. As the nation's first land-grant university, MSU extends learning to actively serve Michigan, the nation, and the international community. With more than 200 programs of study, students at MSU have extensive opportunities for collaboration in a wide variety of disciplines.

### Why social work?
The School of Social Work has one of the oldest undergraduate degrees in social work in the United States, a master's degree program that was inaugurated shortly after World War II, and a PhD program. The School's BASW and all MSW programs have been continuously accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The doctoral program is a member of the Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education in Social Work (GADE).

All three programs of the School of Social Work have produced many distinguished practitioners, educators, researchers, and leaders in human services.

### What concentrations are offered?
Students can choose between two concentrations: Clinical Practice and Organization and Community Leadership (OCL). Clinical (micro) social work (also known as direct practice with individuals, couples, families, and small groups) is a concentration within the practice of graduate social work and builds upon the profession's values and ethics and a strengths-based, person-in-environment perspective. The OCL (macro) practice concentration focuses on social issues at a larger scope—programs, policies, communities, laws, or social and governmental institutions—through activities such as program and policy analysis and development, advocacy, fundraising, grant-writing, research, and program evaluation.

Also, students may decide to pursue a dual degree. An MSW/JD dual degree is available to students in East Lansing or those willing to commute, while an MSW/MPH dual degree is available to students throughout the state.

### Other MSW programs at MSU
The School of Social Work at Michigan State University is committed to bringing high-quality graduate education to communities throughout the state. We offer a variety of fully accredited MSW programs to best fit the needs of our students.

### EAST LANSING PROGRAMS (REGULAR MSW & ADVANCED STANDING: CLINICAL OR OCL)
Students on the East Lansing campus can complete the 57-credit Regular MSW Program on a 2-year full-time schedule or a 3-year part-time schedule. Also offered in East Lansing is the 38-credit Advanced Standing MSW Program, which students can complete on a 10-month full-time schedule or a 2-year part-time schedule. Students can choose between Clinical Practice and Organization and Community Leadership concentrations.

### FLINT PROGRAM (REGULAR MSW: CLINICAL OR OCL)
Students on the Flint campus (hosted at Mott Community College) complete the 57-credit Regular MSW Program on a 2-year full-time schedule or a 3-year part-time schedule. All courses required for the Clinical Practice concentration are offered in Flint. Students who choose the Organization and Community Leadership concentration are required to commute to East Lansing for some classes.

### SAGINAW PROGRAM (ADVANCED STANDING: CLINICAL OR OCL)
Students on the Saginaw campus (hosted at Saginaw Valley State University) complete the 38-credit Advanced Standing MSW Program on a 10-month full-time schedule or a 2-year part-time schedule. All courses required for the Clinical Practice concentration are offered in Saginaw. Students who choose the Organization and Community Leadership concentration are required to commute to East Lansing for some classes.

### STATEWIDE BLEND ED PROGRAM (REGULAR MSW AND ADVANCED STANDING: CLINICAL OR OCL)
Students in the Statewide Blended Program complete the MSW Program through a unique blend of face-to-face instruction, videoconferencing, and online learning. The 57-credit Regular MSW Program is a 3-year part-time program. To qualify for the Regular program, students must live more than 50 miles from the East Lansing AND Flint campuses. The 38-credit Advanced Standing MSW Program is a 2-year part-time program. To qualify for the Advanced Standing option, students must live more than 50 miles from the East Lansing, Oakland, AND Saginaw campuses.

Out-of-state applicants for both Statewide Blended Program options must live within 50 miles of the Michigan border. Students can choose between Clinical Practice and Organization and Community Leadership (OCL) concentrations. Students who choose the OCL concentration are required to commute to Lansing for some classes or take part via teleconference.

### WEEKEND MSW PROGRAM (REGULAR MSW: CLINICAL OR OCL)
Students in the Weekend MSW Program complete the 57-credit MSW Program through a unique blend of face-to-face weekend sessions and online learning. Weekend sessions are held at the James B. Henry Center for Executive Development in East Lansing. This program is a 3-year part-time program. Students can choose between Clinical Practice and Organization and Community Leadership concentrations.

### What is the difference between the Regular MSW and Advanced Standing programs?
Our Advanced Standing programs are a unique opportunity for applicants who graduated from an accredited social work baccalaureate program within the last six years with a minimum 3.25 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) for the last 60 credits of their undergraduate program.