Social Work



Social workers make a difference in peoples' lives, advancing social justice! They help address issues like poverty, unemployment, addictions, mental health and domestic violence. Our graduate programs teach critical thinking, and the social work knowledge and skills necessary for working in diverse and cross-cultural environments. Students are prepared for leadership roles through practicums where learning is applied and integrated.

Carleton offers a one-year MSW for candidates with a Bachelor of Social Work and a two-year MSW for candidates with an honour's degree in a discipline other than social work.

The PhD in Social Work is focused on social justice and human rights, It is designed for students who are interested in contributing to structural and critical social work theory and practice in the following areas: Social Work in the Context of Changing Urban Populations and Social Work Education. We also offer a specialization in Political Economy at the PhD level.

Degrees Offered

MSW, PhD

Career Options

Graduates work as clinical, community and policy social workers in a wide range of settings in Canada and internationally, including health care, social services, education, criminal justice, and more. Graduates from the PhD program teach in social work programs across Canada, and are prepared for leadership positions in government and non-governmental organizations.

A progressive leader in social work education since 1949.

Application Deadline

December 1 (MSW) **January 15** (PhD)

Admission Requirements

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

One-year Program: for candidates with an accredited Bachelor of Social Work degree or who are in the final year of a BSW program. Applicants normally require at least a B+ average from the final 10 full credits of university courses; 1500 hours of social work-related work experience (paid and/or volunteer).

Two-year Program: for candidates who hold an honours bachelor's degree, or the equivalent. Applicants require at least a B+ average from the final 10 full credits of university courses; 3500 hours of social work or related work experience (paid and/or volunteer).

PhD: Applicants must hold an MSW from a recognized accrediting body or BSW and a related graduate degree. Applicants must have a grade point average of A or higher at the graduate level; and a minimum of two years full-time post-graduate work experience. or five years post-baccalaureate work experience in the social services and/or social policy fields. Applicants who do not have an MSW or BSW degree may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

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