



Total Credits  
**60 — Traditional Program**  
**39 — Advanced Standing**

Format  
**100% Online**

Months to Completion  
**36: Traditional Program**  
**24: Advanced Standing**

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Graduates of the online M.S.W. program are prepared to:

- Engage in specialized practice that is constructed from a professional foundation of social work knowledge, skills, and values.
- Use empowerment practice principles including affirming strengths and capacities and thinking critically about influences of power as a guiding framework for selecting, applying, and evaluating evidence-based advanced theories and methods in ways that promote human and social well-being.
- Provide leadership in influencing societal systems of power to become more responsive and culturally relevant toward helping people and groups improve their current situations and quality of life.

## Empower Others Through Excellence

Winthrop University's online Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) offers an empowerment-focused curriculum that enables you to improve lives and communities as a competent, specialized social worker. It offers Traditional and Advanced Standing program options with a focus on empowerment practice that prepares students to create meaningful change. You will learn to use culturally relevant assessment, intervention, and evaluation methods with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations. The program is:

- **Flexible** — The program is designed for individuals at different levels of practice. Complete either the 60-credit hour Traditional program for those without an undergraduate social work degree or a 39-credit hour Advanced Standing program for those who have earned an undergraduate degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited program.
- **Focused** — Study a unique specialization in empowerment practice.
- **Accredited**— Earn your degree from a program that satisfies rigorous CSWE accreditation standards and is grounded in the NASW Code of Ethics.
- **Dedicated** — Get the faculty assistance you need throughout the program from a dedicated advisor.
- **Preparatory** — Graduates are eligible to apply for state social work licensure at the master's level.
- **Field Placement** — Receive dedicated assistance finding field work for your internships from a field placement specialist.

### A Career That Matters

Social workers help people, communities, and organizations affirm strengths and capacities and identify, address, and overcome challenges. The online M.S.W. program will prepare you for social work positions where you can make a real difference in diverse practice areas such as:

- Aging
- Child Welfare
- Community Organizing
- Healthcare Social Work
- International Social Work
- Justice and Corrections
- Mental Health
- Policy Planning
- And more

Common roles include:

- Advocate
- Coordinator
- Counselor
- Director
- Facilitator
- Grant Writer
- Mediator
- Specialist
- Therapist
- And more

Positions for social workers are expected to grow 15 percent by 2026, faster than the average profession.<sup>1</sup> and pay a median \$46,890 per year.<sup>2</sup>

### About Winthrop University

#### There's More to Consider

Winthrop University, located just outside of Charlotte, North Carolina in Rock Hill, South Carolina with a rich history spanning over 130 years, offers educational excellence in both its campus and online programs. As a Master of Social Work student, you will experience a rigorous curriculum and skilled faculty dedicated wholly to values of service, excellence, diversity, and community. Study at a school ranked:

**8<sup>th</sup>** by *U.S. News & World Report* among Southern Public Universities

Among the **"Best in the Southeast"** by *The Princeton Review*

**74<sup>th</sup>** by *Washington Monthly* for its contribution to the public good

**17<sup>th</sup>** as the Best College for Veterans by *U.S. News & World Report*

<sup>1,2</sup>U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook

### Curriculum

The online M.S.W. program has two options: a 60-credit hour Traditional program for those without an undergraduate social work degree and a 39-credit hour Advanced Standing program available for those who have earned an undergraduate degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited program.

The Advanced Standing program can be completed in two years, while the Traditional MSW program can be completed in three years.

60-CREDIT TRADITIONAL PROGRAM		CREDITS
SCWK 601	Human Behavior in the Social Environment	3
SCWK 602	Social Welfare Policy	3
SCWK 604	Generalist Social Work Practice I	3
SCWK 605	Interpersonal Helping Skills	3
SCWK 603	Social Work Research	3
SCWK 612	Field Instruction I (Generalist)	3
SCWK 610	Generalist Social Work Practice II	3
SCWK 611	Generalist Social Work Practice III	3
SCWK 614	Social Welfare Policy II	3
SCWK 615	Empowerment Practice Concepts	3
SCWK 623	Psychopathology and Empowerment Practice	3
SCWK 633	Advanced Social Work Research	3
SCWK 620	Advanced Practice: Micro Systems	6
SCWK 622C	Field Instruction II	3
SCWK 631	Advanced Practice: Macro Systems	3
SCWK 632C	Field Instruction III	6
SCWK 621	Leadership and Empowerment Practice	3
SCWK 632D	Field Instruction III	6
SCWK 640	Advanced Practice: Capstone	3
39-CREDIT ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM		CREDITS
SCWK 606	Social Work Foundation Review	3
SCWK 614	Social Welfare Policy II	3
SCWK 615	Empowerment Practice Concepts	3
SCWK 623	Psychopathology and Empowerment Practice	3
SCWK 633	Advanced Social Work Research	3
SCWK 620	Advanced Practice: Micro Systems	6
SCWK 622C	Field Instruction II	3
SCWK 631	Advanced Practice: Macro Systems	3
SCWK 632C	Field Instruction III	6
SCWK 621	Leadership and Empowerment Practice	3
SCWK 632D	Field Instruction III	6
SCWK 640	Advanced Practice: Capstone	3