PROGRAM SUMMARY

OUR ONLINE MSW STUDENTS

The Online MSW is geared to individuals with busy professional and personal lives who want to expand their knowledge, hone their skills, and earn a professional credential that is required for employment or career advancement in the field. Our students have varying educational and professional backgrounds and may have no professional social work experience. They typically are interested in human nature and social justice, and have a desire to make a difference in people’s lives.

Your Adelphi Online MSW also includes comprehensive assistance with field placements—wherever you reside.

+90%
More than ninety percent of Adelphi University MSW degree program graduates gain employment within a year of graduation.

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PUT YOUR COMPASSION TO WORK

The part-time Online Master of Social Work (MSW) program offered by the Adelphi University School of Social Work blends compelling theoretical study and real-world training to prepare students for diverse opportunities and rewarding careers in a vital and expanding field. Faculty deliver personalized instruction in a convenient online format—with twice-yearly, on-campus learning experiences. You benefit from a high-touch, high-quality education with flexibility to balance all your obligations.

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Distinguished faculty members with diverse research interests and professional backgrounds provide students with an exceptionally rich learning experience.

You flourish with comprehensive field placement support and benefit from a curriculum geared to licensure—in any state.

You gain an advantage in the field by graduating from a high-ranked school with a strong alumni network and national reputation for excellence.
ONLINE, ON-CAMPUS AND FIELD-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

The Online MSW is taught by the same full-time and adjunct faculty members who teach students in traditional programs at the School of Social Work. It is a part-time program combining online instruction with two campus visits each year.

Online Coursework
All courses are delivered on the Moodle learning management system. Some courses have no live components, and students can complete them largely on their schedule. Other courses are fully or partially live, requiring students to participate online at scheduled times. All online courses incorporate interactive elements and may include reading, viewing video lectures, completing case assignments and assessments, participating in multimedia VoiceThread discussions, and working on group projects.

On-Campus Experiences
On-campus intensive residencies provide distance learners with an opportunity to interact with and learn from each other and their professors in a dynamic classroom environment. Intensive residencies are held twice annually and range from two to four days, always incorporating a weekend to accommodate working professionals. Many students report that on-campus training is a highlight of their education.

Field Education
Field education is a central component of graduate social work programs. It teaches students to apply the theory and knowledge learned in the classroom to social work practice in agency settings. Students work at human service agencies—directly with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. Assignments consist of diverse practice opportunities and include conducting face-to-face interviews with clients both individually and in group settings.

The School of Social Work provides best-in-class field education support to students, beginning the planning process with learners in the first semester of the Online MSW program. Visit our website for additional details.

CURIUMULUM

Your educational and professional background determines the path you take to earn your Online MSW from Adelphi. There are three different program paths: Standard, MSW for Human Service Professionals and Advanced Standing.

Standard and MSW for Human Service Professionals Students
Students in the Standard and MSW for Human Service Professionals paths complete their degree in three years. For these students, the Online MSW program comprises eight to nine semesters, divided between a Foundation Year curriculum and an Advanced Year curriculum. Courses are sequential and students take 6 to 10 credit hours per semester, and complete 64 credit hours to graduate. Students take three elective courses, one per semester, for nine credit hours during the Advanced Year. Courses span 8 to 15 weeks, depending on the semester.

Students in the MSW for Human Services Professionals track are concurrently employed in human services and are eligible to complete an employment-based field placement. They must have several years of experience in the field and are required to complete only one field placement.

Advanced Standing Students
Advanced Standing students hold a bachelor’s degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited university or college and are required to complete only the Advanced Year curriculum. These students can earn their degree in 15 months. For more information on the Advanced Standing option for the Online Master’s of Social Work click here.

Note: A list of field placement and online learning experience courses and full course descriptions are available on the curriculum page on our website.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for admission to the Adelphi University School of Social Work graduate programs are based on prior academic performance, values that are consistent with the social work profession, and paid and/or volunteer human service experience. Admission requirements include:

+ A bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university with a strong background in the liberal arts and sciences
+ Personal characteristics and qualifications related to successful professional performance consistent with the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics
+ A minimum 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA on a four-point scale
+ Paid or volunteer experience in the human services preferred
+ Participation in an interview via Google Hangout may be required (case-by-case basis)

MSW for Human Service Professionals must also submit:

+ Evidence of two or more years of related work experience
+ An employer verification form

Advanced Standing program applicants must also submit evidence of the following:

+ An undergraduate degree within the past five years from a social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
+ GPA of 3.0 or better on a four-point scale in all social work courses

Flexible entrance requirements—no GRE required.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

All Online MSW candidates must submit the following:

+ Completed application
+ Official transcripts for all schools attended
+ Personal statement/essay describing how your interest in social work developed, including life experiences that influenced this choice.
+ Two letters of recommendation preferably from supervisors in social agencies, college faculty or other non-relatives who are equipped to evaluate your readiness for graduate study

Note: For advanced standing applications, one letter of recommendation must be from your faculty field liaison or field instructor, the second preferably from a faculty member

+ Professional resume — preferred but not required
+ $50 application fee

For additional details regarding application requirements, please visit online.adelphi.edu.

Tuition and Fees*

Cost per Credit Hour: $830

Total Tuition:

- General and MSW for Human Services Professionals (64 credits): $53,120
- Advanced Standing (32 credits): $26,560

Fees: $200/Semester

* Tuition and fees based on 2019-20 rates. Tuition and fees subject to change. Total tuition may vary based on credits taken.

DEPOSIT

Admitted students are required to pay a non-refundable $200 deposit to secure their place in the program.

FINANCIAL AID

If eligible, students may take out federal and/or private education loans to cover tuition and other education-related costs. The FAFSA school code is 002666.

For more information about funding your Adelphi University education, contact Student Financial Services at 516.877.3080 or at financialservices@adelphi.edu.

Additional information can be found at the Student Financial Services website: financial-aid.adelphi.edu.
About Adelphi and the School of Social Work

Adelphi University is a highly awarded, nationally ranked, powerfully connected doctoral research university offering exceptional liberal arts and sciences programs and professional training with particular strength in its Core Four—Arts and Humanities, STEM and Social Sciences, the Business and Education Professions, and Health and Wellness.

Established in 1949 and continually accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) since 1951, the Adelphi University School of Social Work has been leading the field for more than 65 years.

We train practitioners to improve the lives of individuals, families, groups and communities. The School is a strong advocate for social justice and a driving force for ethical social work practice. For these reasons and more, we are consistently ranked as one of the top programs in the nation.