Master of Social Work
Admissions Requirements (Advanced Standing)

Applicants for the MSW program with Advanced Standing status must meet the following admission criteria:

- A BSW degree from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) within five years prior to matriculation
- A minimum of 3.25 GPA (last 60 hours/upper division of undergraduate studies)

Please note: Advanced Standing is not automatically granted. All students admitted to the MSW Program are required to take 30 semester hours of concentration courses in addition to the course in public health. Students who are admitted with Advanced Standing status will not be required to take the graduate foundation courses if they earned a ‘B’ or better in the corresponding course(s) at the bachelor’s level. Students admitted with Advanced Standing Status will not be awarded any transfer credit, substitutions, or exemptions.

MSW Advanced Standing admitted students must have a “B” or better from their BSW coursework. Admitted advanced standing students with BSW grades lower than a “B” will be required to complete the equivalent graduate courses in the first term of the MSW program. Final Field Placement Evaluation is required (except FIU BSSW students).

To be considered for admission, all applicants must attach the following required application materials to the Graduate School admissions’ on-line application:

- FIU’s Graduate School admissions application
  [http://gradschool.fiu.edu/admissions.shtml](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/admissions.shtml)
  Note: Do not complete the Graduate School Admissions Recommendation Form on this application.
- Official transcripts from all accredited institutions
- **School of Social Work Application** to the Master of Social Work (MSW) Program
- **Personal Narrative Statement** (6 to 8 full pages, please complete all 7 questions)
- **Three Letters of Reference** (only use School of Social Work reference form)

**Application Deadlines:**
- Fall Semester: June 1st
- Spring Semester: October 1st
- Summer Semester: March 1st
International Students: Please confirm early deadlines.

For questions regarding admissions to the MSW program, please contact Gladys Ramos, Admissions Program Assistant, at 305-348-5887 or glramos@fiu.edu.