



MSSA: A Social Work Degree Without Limits



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SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES
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RANKED SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK IN AMERICA (#1 IN OHIO),
BY *U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT*

1ST

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK GRADUATE SCHOOL IN THE
UNITED STATES, FOUNDED IN 1915

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STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO, ONE OF THE NATION'S LOWEST

96%

MSSA STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT, TOTALING
OVER \$4 MILLION PER YEAR

7,800+

ALUMNI IN ALL 50 STATES AND 41 COUNTRIES

40

ARTS, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ADJACENT
TO CAMPUS IN UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

16TH

CLEVELAND'S RANKING ON *FORBES'* LIST OF MOST
AFFORDABLE CITIES IN AMERICA



Become convinced
of the power of
one to make a
difference
in the world.

Master of Science in
Social Administration
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Learn with very specialized populations, tailor your curriculum to your educational goals, and develop the critical thinking necessary to address complex problems.

Small class sizes ensure a collaborative environment and will help you get to know your professors and fellow classmates.

International opportunities abound, with short-term study abroad classes during school breaks and a thriving international affairs office.

CONCENTRATIONS

Community Practice for Social Change
Direct Practice

SPECIALIZATIONS

Aging
Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA)
Children, Youth and Families
Health
Mental Health (Children and Adolescent
or Adult)

CERTIFICATES AND TRACKS

Gerontology
Global Health
Management and Leadership
Nonprofit Management
School Social Work
Chemical Dependency Professional
License Eligibility

DUAL DEGREES

Social Work and Nonprofit Management
(MSSA/MNO)
Social Work and Bioethics (MSSA/MA)
Social Work and Business (MSSA/MBA)
Social Work and Law (MSSA/JD)
Social Work and Public Health (MSSA/MPH)

FORMAT OPTIONS

Traditional: Weekly Format
Intensive Weekend
Online

ADVANCED STANDING

The Mandel School awards up to 24 Advanced Standing credits. Complete the MSSA program in just 12 months if you completed a bachelor's degree in social work (BSW) within the last seven years from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited institution.

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD

Just understanding theories is not enough. You need to viscerally experience how it applies to people in a real-world setting. Field Education is an integral part of the MSSA, providing amazing opportunities for students to build experience, hone skills, and make connections. The Mandel School is affiliated with more than 350 Greater Cleveland agencies, creating a vast network of MSSA education and employment opportunities. Field sites include:

Cleveland Foundation
Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources
Hospice of the Western Reserve
Cleveland Clinic
National Association of Social Workers
Cleveland Metropolitan School District
Council of Jewish Federations
Senate Subcommittee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
East Cleveland Partnership



FACULTY FOCUSED ON YOU

Having someone believe in you is the most important resource any school can provide. When you enter the Mandel School, our faculty will believe in you. They are, first and foremost, mentors and teachers. They are icons in their respective fields, world-renowned for their transformative, cutting-edge research. But their doors are open, their classrooms are engaged, and their true passion is for their talented students who are the future of social work.

BEYOND THE MANDEL SCHOOL

You will be part of the vibrant campus of Case Western Reserve University, which offers interprofessional opportunities with your student-colleagues in medicine, nursing, business, and other schools. You will also be a part of Cleveland, a city with a rich philanthropic history and one of the highest concentrations of community development organizations. It has vibrant neighborhoods, a low cost of living, exceptional food and culture, and terrific opportunities for students in their academic and personal lives.

// I am so excited for the doors that my MSSA will open for me. I have great plans and now have the tools to pursue them. //

HIGH STANDARDS

The Master of Science in Social Administration (MSSA) is equivalent to a Master of Social Work (MSW). The MSSA is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the nationally recognized professional accrediting association for social work graduate and undergraduate programs, and the degree fulfills the educational requirements for clinical social work licensure. Any undergraduate major is considered for the MSSA program.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Every student who applies to the Mandel School is automatically considered for our merit scholarships that range on average from \$12,000 to full tuition. The admissions office has a dedicated financial aid adviser on staff to match you with the best financial aid opportunities available, including federal loan programs, veteran's benefits, and external scholarships.

HOW TO APPLY

We encourage you to apply to the Mandel School.

The application form is online: msass.case.edu/apply.

There is no application fee. Your submission must include:

- Transcripts demonstrating successful completion of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Three recommendation letters (preferably from a faculty member, direct supervisor, or volunteer coordinator)
- Personal statement that is exemplary of graduate school-level writing
- Resume highlighting your work and volunteer experiences



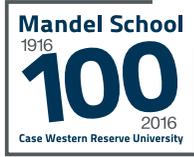
To empower the vulnerable and oppressed.

To improve the well-being of society.

To advocate for those who cannot
advocate for themselves.

To enhance the capacity of individuals to
address their own needs.

To pursue a social work career is not just a
job. It's a calling. At the Mandel School, we
provide the tools you need to transform
your passion into action.



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Think Beyond

As the #9 ranked social work school in the United States and the highest ranked school at Case Western Reserve University, the Mandel School is at the forefront of educating future leaders in social work and nonprofit management. Our mission is to promote social justice and empower communities. Our research is shaping public policy, informing social change, and transforming lives. Our students are talented, compassionate, diverse people who are educated and mentored by world-renowned professors and taught in a rigorous, groundbreaking curriculum that will prepare them to change the world.

If you are thinking about how you want to change the world, think the Mandel School. To learn more or schedule a visit:

- **Email: MandelSchool@case.edu**
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