

School of Public Service Leadership

DOCTORATE OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

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Capella University DSW Program Overview

Capella University's Hybrid Doctor of Social Work (DSW) program prepares you to take on the responsibilities of a leader, advanced practitioner, and educator. It also features face-to-face learning experiences, including two week-long, intensive, capstone project planning and writing retreats, and a course that requires participatory research and program evaluation.

The DSW in General Social Work program includes 4 integrated components: online coursework, an in-person writer's workshop, a participatory research course, and capstone project. Each facet of the program builds on the others to take the learner through their program and the completion of the DSW degree.

Program Website: <https://www.capella.edu/online-degrees/dsw-social-work/>

Capella University DSW Outcomes

The curriculum emphasizes critical thinking, action research, and the integration of theoretical knowledge with practical experience. There is a strong focus on the growing use of technology to expand the reach or effectiveness of social service programs, build awareness of important social issues, leadership skills and teaching skills. This DSW can be completed in as little as three years, with all courses taken in sequence, allowing you to learn and build professional relationships with the same cohort of students.

DSW Curriculum Overview

Nineteen Required Courses 71 quarter credits All courses taken in a prescribed sequence.

SWK8010 Advanced Social Work Practice: Integrating Technology and Teaching in Academic and Agency Settings (4 quarter credits)

SWK8015 * Advanced Social Work Practice: Theoretical Perspectives (4 quarter credits)

SWK8020 * Advanced Social Work Practice: Disaster and Crisis Management (4 quarter credits) SWK8025 * Leadership and Management in Complex Social Systems (4 quarter credits)

SWK8030 * Grant Writing and Administration (4 quarter credits)

SWK8035 * Advanced Social Work Policy and Practice (4 quarter credits)

SWK8045 * Clinical Theories of Social Work Practice 1 (4 quarter credits)

SWK8055 * Advanced Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations in Complex Systems (4 quarter credits)

SWK8065 * Clinical Theories of Social Work Practice 2 (4 quarter credits)

SWK8075 * Advanced Social Work Practitioner as a Leader of Social Change (4 quarter credits)

PSL7860 * Survey of Research Methods (4 quarter credits)

PSL7864 * Quantitative Design and Analysis

PSL7868 * Qualitative Design and Analysis (4 quarter credits) PSL-R8941 * Professional Doctorate Research Seminar for Public Service Leadership Track 1 (3 quarter credits)†

PSL-R8942 * Professional Doctorate Research Seminar for Public Service Leadership Track 2 (3 quarter credits)† In addition, choose one from the following courses:

PSL8130 * Action Research for Public Service Leadership (4 quarter credits)

PSL8140 * Program Evaluation for Public Service Leadership (4 quarter credits) Upon completion of all required and elective coursework, learners must register for PSL9971 a minimum of three times to fulfill their program requirements.

PSL9971 * Doctoral Capstone (3 quarter credits)

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Reported DSW Career Outcomes

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Common jobs with an online Doctorate in General Social Work include adjunct, part-time or full-time faculty, child, family, or school social workers, clinical social worker/Director in agency and government settings, director of quality assurance, human services director, medical or public health social worker, researcher or senior social worker.

Reported graduate workplaces include: Consulting firms, colleges and universities, government agencies and settings providing clinical and advanced generalist services, hospitals and clinics, nonprofit organization/non-governmental organization, and research organizations.

Many of our graduates open their own private practices and many use the degree to teach in the academy.

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