

School of Social Work Master of Social Work

SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA is committed to a program of studies that is informed by a central concern for human rights, personal empowerment, community change, and social justice. It has as its foundation an analysis of power in relation to class, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and abilities. Incorporating critical social thinking, including structural, feminist and anti-racist analyses, the School focuses on social work in northern and remote areas, aboriginal and cross-cultural issues, women and human services, and community practice and research. It continues to develop in collaboration with regional, national and global communities.

The Master of Social Work program is available on a full- or part-time basis and may be completed through a thesis or a practicum route. The MSW builds on the BSW by offering students an integrated research/policy/practice concentration in one of the key thematic areas: social work in northern and remote areas, First Nations, women and the human services, and community practice and research. The aim of the MSW is to provide students with advanced social work research, policy and practice skills. It is designed to enable students to pursue independent studies that will help them undertake a variety of responsibilities in management, policy formulation, program consultation, planning, advanced social work, clinical practice, and research within the human services

Accreditation: The MSW program at UNBC was granted full accreditation by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work (CASSW) in June 2003. CASSW (now CASWE, Canadian Association for Social Work Education) is a voluntary, national, non-profit association of university faculties, schools or departments that offer professional education in social work at the undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate levels.

There are two entry routes into the MSW at UNBC:

1. Entry from a BSW and one year (12 months full-time equivalent) post-BSW human service experience. Entry at this level leads directly into the MSW Program.
2. Entry from a Bachelor degree in a related area and two years (24 months full-time equivalent) human service experience. Entry at this level begins with an MSW Foundation Year of studies.

MSW Foundation Year

Required Courses:

SOCW 630-3 Communication Skills
 SOCW 631-3 Critical Social Work Practice
 SOCW 632-9* MSW Practicum I
 SOCW 633-3 Critical Social Policy
 SOCW 634-3 Social Work Research/Policy/Practice
 SOCW 635-3 Social Work Philosophy and Ethics
 SOCW 637-3* Advanced Practice Methods
 Two 600 level electives
 *Co-requisites

After completing the Foundation Year, students complete the MSW Program requirements.

MSW PROGRAM

The Master of Social Work program requires the successful completion of 33 credit hours of course work including a practicum or thesis. The MSW course requirements appear below.

Required Courses:

- *Thesis students must take the following required courses:*
- SOCW 609-3 Advanced Quantitative Research
 HHSC 703-3 Advanced Qualitative Research Approaches in Health and Human Sciences
 SOCW 704-3 MSW Integrative Seminar
 SOCW 700-12 MSW Thesis

- *Practicum students must take the following required courses:*

SOCW 609-3 Advanced Qualitative Research
 HHSC 703-3 Advanced Qualitative Research Approaches in Health and Human Science
 SOCW 704-3 MSW Integrative Seminar
 SOCW 732-6 MSW Practicum II

- *All students must take at least two of the following courses:*

SOCW 601-3 Issues in Northern/Remote Social Work
 SOCW 602-3 First Nations: Advanced Social Work Practice
 SOCW 603-3 Women: Policy/Practice Issues
 SOCW 605-3 Community Work/Politics of Change

Elective Courses*

- *Thesis students must take two electives. Those two electives are normally social work courses taken from the list below, or the list immediately above (SOCW 601, 602, 603, 605), but may also be courses from other graduate programs, and/or from other accredited Canadian universities via approved transfer agreements.*

- *Practicum students must take a total of four electives. Up to four (and a minimum of two) must be social work courses and can come from the list below, or the list immediately above (SOCW 601, 602, 603, 605). Two may come from other UNBC graduate programs, and/or from other accredited Canadian universities via approved transfer agreements.*

SOCW 604-3** Directed Readings/Electives
 SOCW 610-3 Addictions and Mental Health
 SOCW 613-3 Clinical Social Work Practice
 SOCW 615-3 Multi-Cultural Social Work Practice

SOCW 620-3 Policy Making/Human Services
 SOCW 621-3 Comparative Welfare Analysis
 SOCW 651-3 Legal Issues for Women
 SOCW 698-3 Special Topics
 SOCW 701-3 Thesis Practicum

*Not all of the above electives are offered in a given year.

** May be taken once only.

The MSW foundation year and the MSW year requirements are detailed in the following table:

MSW Foundation Year			
Courses	Fall Term	Winter Term	
Required	SOCW 630-3 SOCW 631-3 SOCW 633-3	SOCW 634-3 SOCW 635-3	
Electives	SOCW 637-3 SOCW 632-9		
Foundation Year	2 MSW Electives		33 Credit Hours
MSW Year			
Courses	Thesis Option	Practicum Option	
Required	SOCW 609-3 SOCW 704-3 HHSC 703-3 SOCW 700-12	SOCW 609-3 SOCW 704-3 HHSC 703-3 SOCW 732-6	
	Take at least 2 of: SOCW 601-3 SOCW 602-3 SOCW 603-3 SOCW 605-3		
Electives	2 Electives	4 Electives	
MSW Year	Course Work Practicum Thesis	21 0 12	27 6 0
Total required for MSW Year	33 Credit Hours (Either Option)		
Total Required for Foundation Year and MSW Year	66 Credit Hours		

The Regulations of the Graduate Programs Office and of the Graduate Academic Calendar take precedence over this document. Please see their webpages below.

www.unbc.ca/graduateprograms
<http://www.unbc.ca/calendar/graduate>

School of Social Work Faculty and Research Interests:

Dawn Hemingway, Associate Professor Chair and MSW Coordinator

BA (Simon Fraser) MSc MSW (UNBC)
*Adulthood/Aging (Care-giving, Psychogeriatrics,
Empowerment/Self-Advocacy), Disability Issues,
Community Development/Community-based
Research, Women and Health,
Northern/Remote Community Health*

Glen Schmidt, Associate Professor BSW Coordinator

BA BSW (Manitoba) MSW (British Columbia)
PhD (Memorial)
*Social Work Education Outcomes, Mental
Health Services, Services to First Nations
People, Remote and Northern Practice Issues,
Child Welfare Practice and Policy*

Si Transken, Associate Professor

BA Hons BSW (Laurentian) MA PhD (Toronto)
*Criminal Harassment, Incest, Sexual Assault,
Violence Against Women, Expressive Arts
Therapy, Feminist Social Work, Anti-Racism,
Mediation, Sexual Expression and Identities*

Bruce Bidgood, Associate Professor

BA (Brock) MSW PhD (Wilfrid Laurier)
*Family Violence, Child Welfare, Social Policy,
Social Administration, Social Planning, Applied
Social Welfare Research*

Heather Peters, Associate Professor (on sabbatical)

BA (Saskatchewan) BSW (British Columbia)
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*Homelessness, Social Policy, Housing Policy,
Community Development, Aboriginal Self-
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