Have you already earned your bachelor’s degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited institution? You may be eligible for advanced standing in our excellent MSW program. In as little as nine months of study, you can earn a highly respected degree in a fast-growing field.

**Fall Semester**
Five courses; 15 credit hours
- Advanced Social Work Practice with Families: Models in a Global Context
- Field Practicum III
- Practice Evaluation
- Elective

*Plus one Advanced Diversity course chosen from the list below:*
- Empowerment Practice with Latinos: Identity, Social Context, and Implications for Practice
- Human Rights, Gender and Globalization—El Salvador
- Empowerment Practice with Latinos: Identity, Social Context and Implications for Practice
- Race and Ethnicity in U.S. Social Policy
- A Feminist Approach to Clinical Practice with Individual and Families
- Race, Gender and Human Rights in the Guatemalan Context

**Spring Semester**
Five courses; 15 credit hours
- Community Practice
- Field Practicum IV
- Family-Centered Policy in a Global Context
- Community-Based Participatory Research
- Elective

**Total Credits: 30**

**Concentrations**
Concentrate your studies and build your career in the area that matters most to you. You can earn one of the following certificates alongside your master’s degree.

- Military Social Work
- Gerontology
- Child Welfare
- School Social Work

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**The most efficient track to a great career**
Our advanced standing program requires you to complete 30 credit hours of coursework, including 20 hours per week of fieldwork and related field practicum courses (a total of 600 clock hours over two semesters.) You can complete the program in two years of part-time study or nine months of full-time study. You'll master the fundamentals of the profession: human behavior, community analysis, social welfare, and the nature and dynamics of family systems. You'll take electives on topics of personal interest, and have the chance to specialize in one of four high-demand practice areas: child welfare, school social work, military social work and gerontology. You'll be ready for leadership roles in a wide range of social work settings.

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**Get hands-on experience—at home and around the world**
Social work today is a global profession. International concerns—such as immigration policies, refugee crises and economic dislocations—impact the lives of countless individuals and families. Dominican’s program sets the standard for integrating global issues into the curriculum and for extending the social work discipline to communities around the world. Our optional ten-week international field placements offer you once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to practice social work in Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Ireland, Mexico or South Africa. What’s more, our location in the dynamic western suburbs of Chicago provides you with hundreds of options for domestic field placements.

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“The professors at Dominican are deeply invested in your success. They really take the time to get to know you and guide you down the professional path of your choice. They support and challenge you to be your very best.”

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**Jennifer Morales**
School of Social Work Graduate
My international placement was in Pretoria, South Africa. I worked with an agency that serves infants who have been infected with HIV. I got a chance to develop a sexual health and reproduction program for young girls. The experience continues to make me a better social worker.

Tamika Hall
School of Social Work Graduate

A powerful program—designed with you in mind

Our Advanced Standing Program is ideal for busy professionals. You can earn your MSW in just nine months of full-time study, or in two years on our flexible part-time track. What’s more, our program has earned the prestigious accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the gold standard in the profession. This highly efficient, forward-looking program will prepare you completely for the competent practice of family-centered, globally focused social work.

An outstanding record of success

Dominican’s MSW program has an exceptional placement rate. Routinely, 100% of our graduates are working within nine months of graduation. Moreover, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of jobs in social work is expected to grow by 12% by 2024. You’ll find Dominican graduates in leadership roles in a wide variety of professional settings, from schools to hospitals to child welfare agencies, aging care facilities, military bases, and substance abuse and mental health agencies. Whether you are a practicing social worker or a career changer, your MSW from Dominican will enable you to make a lasting and meaningful difference in the lives of others.