



**Virtual Open House Chat Log  
March 16, 2018**

**Q: How does Michigan support DACA students?**

A: We find that DACA students have very specialized needs so it is best for DACA students to meet individually with Office of Student Services Staff. Please contact our office at 734-936-0961.

**Q: Can you talk about the ability for students to take courses outside of Social Work? For context, I am interested in Urban Planning however am unsure if I want to commit to a dual degree.**

A: This is an option. Sometimes students use their elective credits to take classes outside of the school. This summer, before registration, students can meet with a course planning advisor. Mention your ideas during the session. Sometimes, a student may have to contact the other unit to receive permission to enter the course.

**Q: What can students choose for their placement, for example, do they have a chance to work outside the state of Michigan?**

A: We offer field placements in a variety of settings: urban, rural, suburban and even University settings. We do offer placements as far south as Toledo, OH. Many of our special program field placements offer settings outside the State of Michigan, both nationally and internationally.

**Q: I am currently admitted to the MSW program for the 20-month program. If I were wanting to do a dual degree program with another school, how do I go about doing that? How does the process look different when applying as a current student at the University?**

A: We would suggest applying for the other program in the fall of your first year here. You would have to apply to the other program and then receive admission into the other program to then adjust your curriculum schedule and class requirements for a dual degree option.

**Q: What kind of placement would I do if my practice area is health, my practice method is interpersonal practice and I am more interested in research rather than clinical?**

A: Field placement options are based upon your concentration choices so IP/Health will be more direct services than research. If research is more of your interest, then you

may want to explore switching to social policy and evaluation or utilizing elective credits to take a doctoral course or establish an independent study where you would develop a specialized course with a faculty member.

**Q: One of the positives of another program I am looking at is the cohort model-- does SSW have a cohort model?**

A: Only students in the special programs have a cohort experience. Others are not in cohorts.

**Q: Are there any field placements working within the criminal legal system?**

A: There are some options in juvenile justice, courts, jail settings, etc. Contact the Office of Field Instruction for more details- [ssw.ofi@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.ofi@umich.edu).

**Q: If selected for a specialization program that you later determine is not the best fit, is there an opportunity to reconsider prior to the start of the program?**

A: You can decide to decline a special program that has been offered to you. However, you may also lose the scholarship funding with the program. You should contact the Office of Student Services early with any changes related to your program and funding. You may reach the office at 734-936-0961.

**Q: Is there a way for admitted students to see a list of organizations where students are placed for field placements? I understand that SSW places students but would be helpful to view a list to have an idea of organizations and agencies.**

A: Only students who have submitted their enrollment deposit and are due to enroll in the program have access to the agency listing. I would suggest contacting the Office of Field Placement and discuss with them your ideas and questions about agency selections if you have not submitted your enrollment deposit. - [ssw.ofi@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.ofi@umich.edu)

**Q: Are there research opportunities/classes for students?**

A: Yes, students can take advantage of doctoral courses, research options in the Curtis Research Center, part-time work on a faculty research project or creating a research project as an independent study.

**Q: Once in the program, is there a possibility of changing your Practice Method?**

A: Between now and when students register for classes there is time. Changing your practice method during the semester may have effect the field placement and limit your options. If you have questions regarding your concentration, feel free to contact our office at 734/936-0961 to speak with an admission counselor.

**Q: My intended pathway is working with victims of trauma. My concentration will be Clinical and focused in mental health, but can I take courses in families and even in psychology?**

A: Yes, you will be able to take courses in other areas and in other units utilizing electives.

**Q: If I do not have a 3.5 GPA for the last 60 credit hours when I graduate and am supposed to do Advanced Standing will I automatically be rolled over into the 16-month program?**

A: As long as you meet the GPA requirement for Advance Standing (AS) / (12 month) with a 3.5 over the last 60-75 undergraduate credits, you will be enrolled as such. Students who do not meet the GPA requirement will be requested to choose between the 16 or 20-month program. If someone applies and is accepted to a special program, they will have to renounce the AS and enroll as a 16-month student.

**Q: Are you able to enroll in one of the specialization programs after being admitted, if you change your mind or take an interest in one?**

A: Specializations or certificate programs can be added after enrollment versus Special Programs which require an application. Students can only apply for special programs during the application cycle. Each certificate and specialization program has specific course requirements that will utilize the electives allotted within the program. To find out more details review this link; <https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/specialization-and-certification-programs>. Feel free to contact our office, 734-936-0961, should you have further questions.

**Q: How far away are internships from campus? I am from the south and am worried that I won't know how to drive in snow**

A: Internships are varied in locations, some are in the local community, Detroit which is a 45 min drive east and in other areas up to 1 hour away north or south of the campus. There are varying factors that affect where one may be placed. Michigan infrastructure is equipped to handle and maintain the roadways. You can discuss this with the Field Instruction office. There will be an informational session about field before one has to choose.

**Q: Can you add any certificate to any practice method/focus?**

A: Each certificate has specific requirements and utilizes the electives allotted within the program, to find out more details click here: <https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/specialization-and-certification-programs>

**Q: What if you do not meet the GPA Curriculum for the 16 month and the 20 month, the student should not apply for MSW?**

A: There is not a specific GPA requirement for the 16 or 20-month track. The average GPA for the MSW program is 3.5. We suggest contacting our office at 734-936-0961 to discuss your concern in more details with an admissions counselor.

**Q: When do 16 month students apply for field placement?**

A: Most 16-mo students apply for field placement in October unless they are enrolled in a Global/National scholar program or have a specific nuance within the program that requires that they begin field in the Fall.

**Q: Are there university-based field placements for the National Community Scholars Program?**

A: In general, there are not university-based placements within the National Community scholar program. Feel free to review more details here, <https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/financial-aid/national-community-scholars-program>.

**Q: Does the school pick our placement? We do not get to pick the specific agency we will be at?**

A: Students do get to select their top choices from the listing of agency/organizations that we partner with. The Office of Field Instruction will then work with students to narrow down those choices. There will be informational sessions to gain more details.

**Q: If I have been admitted to concentrate in IP and Mental Health and I am interested in attaining my license after graduating, what does that process look like?**

A: Licensure varies from state to state. We have a Career Services office that aides student with the process.

**Q: I applied for the Special Scholarship program but I do not want to be considered for it anymore, can I deny the Scholarship if I were to be accepted?**

A: Yes, you can decline the offer should you be accepted.

**Q: If we have already been admitted and accepted admission, but had an experience that has made us want to change our practice area, is that an option and how would I go about doing that?**

A: Yes, changing your method and/or area are options prior to entering the program. Please feel free to email us at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu) regarding this change.

**Q: For students who are not in the integrated health special program, is it still possible to be placed at Michigan Medicine for field placement?**

A: There are similar field options and the courses for Integrated Health are open to all students. Please feel free to contact the Office of Field Instruction for more information.

**Q: Can students have a practice area minor?**

A: The only option for a minor is within the practice method. If you have an interest in other practice areas, students can utilize elective hours to take courses in another practice area.

**Q: I am currently an admitted advanced standing student. I had previously preferred urban placements but now I prefer University placements. Will I still be able to apply for University placements?**

A: You will still have an opportunity to apply for a University placement. The Office of Field Instruction will provide more information once it is time to begin the field placement selection process.

**Q: How do dual degree students balance the MSW course load and field work with their other degree?**

A: Dual degree students are certainly able to balance course load and field work as students are still generally enrolled in 15/16 credits per semester. The dual programs are usually spread over 6 semesters to allow appropriate time to complete all requirements.

**Q: Am I able to have a clinical concentration focused on mental health and also obtain my license in school social work?**

A: The requirements for School Social Work licensure in Michigan require coursework and field hours with children/youth. You can obtain this via our Social Work in School Settings certificate. As a student focused on mental health, you would just need to make sure that your placement provides learning with children/youth. Every state has different school social work licensure requirements. Please feel free to reach out to Professor Beth Sherman regarding any other specific questions surrounding school social work/licensure.

**Q: Are there any Field Placements that focus on the LGBT community?**

A: Yes, there are various community and University based placements focused on the LGBT community.

**Q: For those global or national placements, when can students apply for it?**

A: To have a full semester (spring/semester) of global or national placement, a student would need to apply for the Global Activities and/or National Community Scholars program and be accepted. There are options for more short term global opportunities within the certificate program and independent studies. Please feel free to contact the Office of Global Activities at [ssw.oga@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.oga@umich.edu)

**Q: If you already submitted your application, is it possible to discuss the possibility of choosing interpersonal practice AND community engagement?**

A: If you are interested in adding a minor of Community Organizing, please feel free to notify us by emailing [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu)

**Q: I am an admitted student who applied to the Child Welfare Special Program. I am having difficulties accessing information to complete my FAFSA, and have not completed it yet. Is the FAFSA needed to be considered for the Special Program? When should I expect to hear if I was accepted or declined from the program? I had applied by the priority deadline.**

A: The FAFSA is not required to be considered for a special program. We are working to have special program notifications out to students as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact our office at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu) regarding special program notification.

**Q: I am in the advanced standing program. I saw a video on the SSW website that stated there is a class in the first semester that most advance standing students exempt out of and you have to fill out a form. When do we request to be dismissed from this class, if we decide we should?**

A: Please feel free to contact our office at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu) regarding this form but usually students are able to complete this form during course registration time which will occur over the summer.

**Q: Do you offer assistantships?**

A: Yes, the University does offer assistantships. We unfortunately do not have any opportunities within the school of social work. Please visit [careers.umich.edu](http://careers.umich.edu) and select graduate students under career interests.

**Q: I will be an advanced standing student in interpersonal practice with a focus in mental health. I also have a deep interest in pursuing research while attending. I am wondering if it would be better to pursue a minor or if there is another outlet to pursue this?**

A: We do not offer a research minor but you may be interested in the Social Policy & Evaluation minor which is a bit more analytical than the other options. Many students also work in various research settings/institutes here on campus as well as connect with various professors across campus to explore research opportunities.

**Q: I may want to drop my minor depending on what field options are available. At what point are we able to access field options that fit our concentration/minor? When is the last opportunity to drop a minor?**

A: Students can drop their minor option at any time in the program. Access to selection of field placement depends on your curriculum track. Advanced standing and 20 month students will begin selection by May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Q: I am interested in designing my own dual degree program. What does this process look like?**

A: Please feel free to contact Mary Ruffolo at [mruffolo@umich.edu](mailto:mruffolo@umich.edu)

**Q: Would doing a field placement at the American Indian Health and Family Services Center in Detroit be an option for the Detroit Clinical Scholars Program or the HRSA Integrated Behavioral Health and Primary Care Trainee Program?**

A: Both of those special programs offer placements that are a part of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority. Please feel free to contact the Office of Field Instruction at [ssw.ofi@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.ofi@umich.edu) regarding specifics about an individual agency.

**Q: What is the application process like for the Specialization programs? Is there anything that needs to be done after completing the application? I had heard there might be an interview?**

A: There is no application for the specialization and certificate programs. There is an application for the Special Scholarship programs however, and there may be an interview.

**Q: Is it too late to apply to a dual degree program?**

A: Application to another program depends on the programs application deadlines. Please feel free to reach out to the other program of interest regarding their application deadlines. Students can also apply for a dual degree within their first semester in the MSW program.

**Q: Is field placement selected on merit?**

A: Placement is not based upon merit although students are required to interview with their prospective field site.

**Q: When are the deadlines for the MSW/MPH program?**

A: A student must apply to each dual degree program separately. Please visit [sph.umich.edu](http://sph.umich.edu) to identify the School of Public Health application deadlines.

**Q: Is there a page where students can view the field placements that are available?**

A: Students will receive access to the field site section of the website during the appropriate time to begin field selection. Should you have questions in the meantime, please feel free to reach out to the Office of Field Instruction at [ssw.ofi@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.ofi@umich.edu)

**Q: What is the average class size?**

A: The average class size can be anywhere from 15-30 students and is generally dependent upon the method and area and year within the program.

**Q: Do MSW graduates often enter careers in Student Affairs?**

A: A career in student affairs is certainly an option. Many of the staff within the Office of Student Services have an MSW degree. There are also several MSW graduates working in various capacities across campus.

**Q: Is it typical for MSW students to work part time?**

A: Many of our students do work part time as many students have work-study awards.

**Q: If I have been admitted to concentrate in IP and Mental Health and I am interested in attaining my license after graduating, what does that process look like?**

A: This is dependent upon the state in which you are applying for licensure as each state has different requirements. Feel free to reach out to the Office of Career Services at [ssw-cso@umich.edu](mailto:ssw-cso@umich.edu) regarding licensure requirements.

**Q: Is it still possible to apply to the special program scholarships if we've already submitted our application?**

A: The following special programs are still accepting applications: Child Welfare Scholarship, Detroit Clinical Scholars Program, Geriatric Scholarship Program, HRSA Integrated Behavioral Health and Primary Care Trainee Program, Jewish Communal Leadership Program, and National Community Scholars. **AS OF 3-16-18\***

**Q: Is it still possible to apply to the special program scholarships if we've already submitted our application?**

A: If you are interested in applying to one of these special programs, please email us at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu) to request a link to the special program application.



**Q: Can you change from a 20 month to 16-month curriculum track?**

A: Should you wish to request a change in curriculum schedule, please submit your request to us at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu). Be sure to include the reason for your wish to change.

**Q: Does the special program scholarship have a deadline?**

A: The special program application deadline was March 1st. For the special programs that are still accepting applications, you are encouraged to apply at the earliest date possible if you are interested as the applications may close at any time.

**Q: When do we get to choose if we want the 12, 16, 20-month track for advanced standing?**

A: Please feel free to contact our office at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu) to notify us at the earliest date possible.

**Q: Are advanced standing students eligible for any of the special program scholarships?**

A: Advanced standing students are welcome to apply to special programs that are still accepting applications; however, if offered a space in a special program, the student would need to decline/renounce advanced standing should they wish to participate in the special program.

**Q: I am wondering if there is a specific number of students within each cohort/curriculum?**

A: The number of students pursuing each curriculum schedule changes with each incoming class. To view our 2017 Class Profile, please visit <https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/class-profile>

**Q: If we have already been admitted and accepted admission, but will be finishing your BSW in August, can I still sign up for classes even though U of M does not have my final transcript yet?**

A: Yes, you should plan to follow the registration schedule for incoming students. (Registration will occur this summer and information will be sent out in May/June.)

**Q: I am planning on applying for Fall '19. I have about one semester left in my undergraduate? What does it mean if I apply by the priority deadline?**

A: The fall 2019 MSW application will be available in August/September. The early application deadline is December 1st and the priority deadline is March 1st. We strongly encourage early application. Note that many special program applications close after the March 1st deadline.

**Q: How can we access our UM email once admitted?**

A: Once you have created your username, you will have a UMICH email account. You may either log in via Google Mail or via Wolverine Access.

**Q: As an international student, can I have a chance to apply for the Masters International Volunteer program?**

A: Unfortunately, the Peace Corps requires U.S. citizenship or U.S. permanent resident status.

**Q: Are there any scholarships offered to those who completed service with AmeriCorps programs such as City Year?**

A: Currently, the School does not have any designated scholarships for those that participated in AmeriCorps programs. Feel free to view our scholarships and grants at <https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/financial-aid/grants-and-scholarships>

**Q: I am an admitted student. Is there a separate financial aid application that needs to be filled out besides the FAFSA?**

A: On the MSW application, if you answered "Yes" to being interested in financial aid, a financial aid application page would have been added to your MSW online application. Please feel free to contact us at [ssw-finaid@umich.edu](mailto:ssw-finaid@umich.edu) regarding financial aid.

**Q: What does it mean if I apply by the early deadline?**

A: Applicants that meet the December 1<sup>st</sup> early application deadline will receive at least an initial admissions decision by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Early application is strongly encouraged.

**Q: I'm an international student. When will I get my I-20?**

A: I-20 processing begins in early April. You will receive an email then with information and, typically, a request for additional documents required for I-20 processing.

**Q: When can students expect to hear back about admission into any one of the special programs?**

A: Special program applications are being reviewed and decisions will be emailed out at the earliest date possible.

**Q: I was admitted to the 16-month Advanced standing program but do not have a BSW. I will hold a BA in related fields (Sociology, Ed, Psychology). Is this okay?**

A: The 16-month curriculum schedule is different from the advanced standing program. A BSW is not required for the 16-month schedule. Feel free to review details on program length at <https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/program-length>

**Q: If I am a current undergraduate here, do I need to worry about anything with creating a new umich email?**

A: If you have a current UMICHS username and email, it will remain the same.

**Q: I have not received my admissions decision yet and I was wondering when is the latest date you will be sending out decisions.**

A: We will continue to review applications through the summer. Unfortunately, there is no set admissions decision timeline other than for those that met our December 1st early application deadline. Applicants that met the December 1st deadline received at least an initial decision by March 1st. We process on a modified rolling basis, so this may provide you with time perspective. Admissions decisions will be sent out electronically to the email address listed on the MSW application at the earliest date possible.

**Q: I submitted my application, how do I go about scheduling a time and date for an in-person interview before a decision is made? I was previously informed that I have to wait sometime after my application was submitted to contact someone about this**

A: You may contact our office at (734) 936-0961 to schedule a self-initiated interview. Please note that your MSW application must be complete (all required documents received, including all transcripts and all three recommendations) before you can schedule a self-initiated interview.

**Q: How many hours are you required to complete the advanced standing program?**

A: Advanced standing students complete 45 credit hours. For details, feel free to visit <https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/overview/advanced-standing>

**Q: Do you guys participate in the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award Matching Program?**

A: Unfortunately, we do not.

**Q: Will the international applicant get rejected if they fail to reach the English requirement which the result is submitted to the school in application?**

A: Feel free to review detailed information on English proficiency on our webpage: <https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/apply/english-proficiency>. You will see that we have recommended minimums. Applicants meeting the minimum criteria for admission but scoring below the recommended minimum scores will be contacted to complete an interview.

**Q: How can I view my submitted application?**

A: You should be able to view your application information on your application activity page.

**Q: Is it still possible to apply for the Community Based Initiative in Detroit?**

A: Unfortunately, the Community-Based Initiative in Detroit application has closed.

**Q: If we have applied, are we able to schedule an interview this month?**

A: If your MSW application is complete, you may contact our office at (734) 936-0961 to schedule a self-initiated interview. We will view scheduling availability based on your dates/time requested.

**Q: What are the work/study options?**

A: Feel free to browse through the Student Employment portal at [studentemployment.umich.edu](http://studentemployment.umich.edu)

**Q: How can I begin the process of accommodations for a disability both academically and for housing?**

A: If you have been accepted to the program for Fall 2018, you can contact the Services for Students with Disabilities Office to gain assistance with how to register with them, click here for more details: <https://ssd.umich.edu/>. As for on-campus / University housing accommodation you should be speaking with University Housing, <http://housing.umich.edu/>

**Q: What are the housing options?**

A: Housing information may be found at <https://ssw.umich.edu/student-life/housing>

**Q: How is the sign-up for classes process... Do students schedule on their own time? Also, do students usually get the class schedule they would like?**

A: We have set registration dates to which students are assigned. Students will be able to connect with the Office of Student Services to discuss course planning for your first semester. Students may not always get the classes they would like but we do have a petition process to request enrollment in closed courses.

**Q: Are many incoming students able to use their work-study award in the School of Social Work building?**

A: Yes, it is possible. To review work-study or non-work-study jobs you can find University-wide options here, <https://studentemployment.umich.edu/>

**Q: What is the acceptance rate for students coming in?**

A: This varies as we receive a different number of applications each year. We do expect to have an incoming class of approximately 400-410 MSW students.

**Q: If you receive a work study position, is there a way to work more hours for additional pay at the location that you are placed?**

A: Students are only able to work the maximum award amount (hours) which is usually \$3000 per academic year.

**Q: Is there a specific timeline that students should be hearing about financial aid and loan eligibility from the Office of Financial Aid?**

A: If you have submitted your FAFSA, then you should receive federal loan and work-study information from the Office of Financial Aid a week or so after being admitted. You should contact SSW for information regarding grants and scholarships.

**Q: Do many MSW students from U of M stay after graduation to continue into a PhD? Who can we talk to about potentially furthering our education and the options available?**

A: Some students do pursue a PhD, you can always discuss this with the Doctoral Office; <https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/phd>

**Q: What date do out of state students need to begin moving into dorms/housing in Ann Arbor? Is it a week before the orientation or is there an earlier date?**

A: It really depends when your housing lease begins as that might determine when you could move. Please contact University housing at [housing@umich.edu](mailto:housing@umich.edu) to identify the earliest move in date for on campus housing.

**Q: Is it possible for a first year student to become a GSI or GSSA outside of the MSW program? Do you have to wait to apply until after you pay the student fee?**

A: Yes, this is possible. Payment of the enrollment deposit (admitted vs. matriculated student) may or may not be a requirement, this depends on each position and the requirements within the posting.

**Q: Does the school provide career services and support in career development after graduation?**

A: Yes, the Career Services office assist current students and Alumni,  
<https://ssw.umich.edu/offices/career-services>

**Q: Are the MSW classes held in the same building and where are they held?**

A: Most courses are within the SSW building.

**Q: If you are planning to commute to the SSW, where is the best place to park your car and take the bus in?**

A: There are several off campus commuter lots that students access for free. The public bus system will then take students to various stops on campus. Please feel free to contact us at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu) for more info.

**Q: If we have already received our acceptance letter, when can we expect to receive information about departmental scholarships?**

A: Financial aid information is sent out at the earliest date possible. We make every effort to have financial aid information to the student prior to their enrollment deposit deadline.

**Q: Will students accepted into a special program be able to connect with other students in the program?**

A: Fall SEED Orientation often provides opportunities for students to connect with one another.

**Q: Is it possible to apply for global positions outside of the Peace Corps or is that opportunity closed?**

A: Please feel free to review information on global field placement opportunities on our Office of Global Activities webpage at <https://ssw.umich.edu/offices/global-activities>

**Q: If we are granted a work-study award, when should we apply to a position and when will we be allowed to begin?**

A: Students can begin field in the Fall semester. Please feel free to visit [studentemployment.umich.edu](http://studentemployment.umich.edu) to view work study posting in regards to the application process

**Q: Is there a 16 month program available for the Master's International Volunteer Program?**

A: Unfortunately, there is not. We offer 20-month and advanced standing opportunities. For more information, visit <https://ssw.umich.edu/peacecorps/masters-international>

**Q: Is it possible to rely on GSI/GSSA positions for tuition? Additionally, will anymore of these positions (outside of SSW) be posted on the UM job page before Fall 2018?**

A: Most GSI/GSSA positions offer a form of tuition coverage. There are current listings on the University Careers page [careers.umich.edu](http://careers.umich.edu)

**Q: How do I attend a class within my interests when I visit the campus? What is the email?**

A: Please visit [ssw.umich.edu/admissions/connect/visit](http://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/connect/visit)

**Q: Are there any practice licensing exams offered through career services?**

A: Yes

**Q: Advanced standing is 12 months?**

A: Yes

**Q: What is the process of applying for licensure in another state?**

A: The process looks different for every state. I would suggest that you contact the Career Services Office for additional information.

**Q: I am interested in staying in the Munger Residences. I have tried to apply for it online but it seems like the application is not ready yet. Will the University email a housing application to me or do I just need to wait for a few more weeks for the application to become ready?**

A: Please contact University Housing at [housing@umich.edu](mailto:housing@umich.edu)

**Q: How does the school support international students?**

A: Please view international student resources at <https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/international-students/resources>. You may also be interested in our Global Social Work Student Association.

**Q: We are matched with an internship that we then interview with, correct?**

A: Working with the Field Office, you will be able to select your top choices with required documents being shared with the agency/organization and they will be the ones to seek out interviewing.

**Q: Can you share a bit about what the SSW does to focus on racial equity both within the classroom, within the entire school, in field placements, etc.?**

A: Every student has to take SSW 504 which covers race, diversity, etc. We also have a Diversity Equity and Inclusion Office that has developed a strategic plan for the school and serves as a source of support and offers events on diversity, equity and inclusion.

**Q: Can the career center help via email for the goal statement and resume if we have not yet relocated to Michigan?**

A: Yes, feel free to email them at [ssw-cso@umich.edu](mailto:ssw-cso@umich.edu).

**Q: How is the class, placement, and work life balance? I've heard mixed reviews. Some do not recommend working while in the 16th month program and others encourage it.**

A: We suggest only working part-time while in the program. Working any more hours than that along with field placement requirements and class time is difficult. Time management is key along with a self-assessment.

**Q: Are there any placements located more toward West Michigan that you know of?**

A: There have been some students placed in Lansing or Kalamazoo.

**Q: Is it possible to defer my admission in the case that I cannot afford to attend this year?**

A: You can certainly request a deferment up to 2 years. Email [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu) and explain the reasoning behind the request.

**Q: I don't have a car. Are there local field placements with a global focus in or around Ann Arbor area where I can get to with public bus or shuttle bus?**

A: It is best to contact the Office of Field Instruction directly to discuss what options are open with those characteristics.



**Q: What is the benefit to acquiring an MSW compared to a master's degree in Psychology if one wants to work with children, youth, and families?**

A: One of the benefits of acquiring an MSW degree is that you are not only learning clinical skills in working individually with clients and their families but also learning how greater systems interact and play a role on the individual and families utilizing an ecological/person in environment approach. Social work embodies a social justice lens to the work that we do with our clients.

**Q: For the health concentration is it a more holistic view of health promotion (i.e. including mental health and other factors) or is it purely just disease prevention etc?**

A: The health concentration offers learning in disease prevention, health education, treatment and rehabilitation and health reform within a variety of settings. Many of these areas could also intersect with mental health.

**Q: Where can I find info about macro social work careers that do not require state licensure? I desire a career with broad geographic options.**

A: You could talk with Michelle Woods within the Career Services office regarding macro career options.

**Q: What is the percentage of UM SW students who are successfully licensed?**

A: To practice direct services or clinical social work, you must become licensed. Some states do not require macro social workers to be licensed so in that case, they may not pursue licensure.

**Q: Are there any resources for students with young children (such as housing/child care, etc)?**

A: There is family housing on UM's North Campus. Go to [housing.umich.edu](http://housing.umich.edu). You can also view information regarding a child care subsidy at [finaid.umich.edu](http://finaid.umich.edu)

**Q: I read a bit about the Technical Assistance Center and am really interested in its work. Is that still in operation and are what are the opportunities to be involved in its work?**

A: If you are thinking about the School of Social Work TAC, Professor Larry Gant is the lead faculty member for that project. You may reach out to him at [lmgant@umich.edu](mailto:lmgant@umich.edu) for additional questions.

**Q: Is there any sample of goal statement of fieldwork placement, for reference?**

A: Every student and field placement are very unique and therefore each goal statement is very individualized. For this reason, there are not any goal statement examples available. You can contact Career Services at [ssw-cso@umich.edu](mailto:ssw-cso@umich.edu) to help you review your statement before submitting.

**Q: Is it possible to apply for global positions outside of the Peace Corps or is that opportunity closed?**

A: Yes, it is possible. You'll want to contact the Office of Global Activities to understand the timeline for applying for international opportunities.

**Q: Hello! Is it possible to choose 2 Specializations and Certificates? For example, both child welfare and school social work?**

A: Yes, it is possible but it may require having more than 60 credits and extending your time in the program. Most students have 9 credits worth of electives to utilize. Most certificate programs require at least 6 credits to be taken and some require specific field placement experiences which may not provide an option for students to complete more than 1 specialization or certificate.