Social Work: Practice, Policy and Research MasterTrack™ Certificate and MSW Informational Session
Session Housekeeping

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● Session is being recorded and will be sent to all registrants
Webinar Agenda

- **MasterTrack Information/Options**
  - Elizabeth Adeleye, Online MSW Program Student Services Officer

- **Social Workers’ Role in Addressing Current Social Justice Issues**
  - David Córdova, Associate Professor of Social Work/Interim Director of Online MSW Program

- **MSW Program Options/Admissions Information**
  - Elizabeth Adeleye, Online MSW Program Student Services Officer
What is the MasterTrack Certificate?

- Graduate level certificate on Coursera
- Launched in 2020 (formally on edX)
- Series of 5 classes plus MOOC
- Foundation graduate level social work courses
- Stand alone
  - Career development
  - OR
- 1st step to UM-MSW
MasterTrack Certificate Courses

The MTC consists of **1 MOOC and 5 courses**:

- SWMT 101: Social Work Practice: Advocating for Social Justice & Change (MOOC)
- SWMT 505: Engaging Social Justice, Diversity and Oppression in Social Work
- SWMT 506: Essentials of Interpersonal Practice
- SWMT 507: Research Basics for Social Work practice
- SWMT 508: Essentials of Social Welfare Policy
- SWMT 509: Essentials of Community and Organizational Practice
Major Topics

- Social work code of ethics and core mission
- Crime and policing in communities
- Environmental Justice
- How to identify potential solutions to poverty and growing inequality
- The importance of social welfare policy for social workers
- Using evidence-informed practices and interventions to promote positive change
- Ethics, diversity and inclusion in social work
- Leading communities and organizations through ethical and responsible engagement
- Application of research to practice
MasterTrack Certificate
Course Structure
4-6 month program

- 1 MOOC (4 weeks)
  - Totally asynchronous
  - Brief interactive activities
  - No assignments
  - Quizzes

- 5 Courses (8 weeks each)
  - Mostly asynchronous
  - 1 synchronous meeting at the beginning (orientation to course, community building)
  - 1 synchronous office hour (about mid-point)
  - Assignments and activities (applied/practice based)
  - Quizzes
MasterTrack Certificate
Course Timeline

● Various start times for the MTC

● Current Cohorts:
  ○ October 25, 2021 - May 1, 2022 (6 month)
  ○ January 3, 2022 - July 3, 2022 (6 month)

● Future Cohorts:
  ○ February 28, 2022 - August 21, 2022 (6 month)
  ○ May 2, 2022 - August 21, 2022 (4 month)
  ○ June 20, 2022 - December 18, 2022 (6 month)
What is Next?

- MasterTrack Certificate only
- Transition to online (part-time) MSW program at Michigan
- Transition to on-campus (part-time or full-time) MSW program at Michigan
Social Workers’ Role in Addressing Current Social Justice Issues

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David Córdova, PhD

- My research and how it intersects with the topics in the MasterTrack courses
- What inspires me about the topics covered in the MasterTrack courses
- How I see the MasterTrack courses relevant to current events
MasterTrack MSW Program
Curriculum Schedules For MasterTrack Students

- Full Time On-Campus
- Part Time On-Campus (Day or Evening)
- Online Part Time
MSW Program Requirements

- 45 credits of total coursework
  - 31 academic credits
  - 14 field credits
    - 912 hours of field practice
    - Could be remote or employment-based in the U.S.
MSW Pathway Options

- Community Change
- Global Social Work Practice
- Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse (option for online)
- Management and Leadership
- Policy and Political Social Work
- Program Evaluation and Applied Research
- Social Work Practice with Older Adults and Families from a Lifespan Perspective
- Welfare of Children and Families
MasterTrack MSW Application Process
Step 1: Experience Review for MasterTrack MSW Program

- Significant post-bachelors human service-related experience required

- Complete the **Eligibility Review Form** and upload a copy of your resume to be submitted to OSS: [https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/msw-eligibility/](https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/msw-eligibility/)
Step 2: Apply to MSW Program

- After experience is reviewed and approved, complete MSW program application:

https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/apply
MSW Program Criteria for Admission

- Academics
  - Transcripts & Recommendations
- Recommendations
  - 3 (Academic/Professional)
- Supplementary Statement
  - 3 Page Statement
- Human Services/SW Experience
  - Resume & Application
- Personal Characteristics
  - Application, Recommendations, Statement, Resume
When to Apply to the MSW Program?

Online Program

- **Spring/Summer 2022 Application**
  - Priority Deadline: January 2, 2022
  - Final Deadline: April 1, 2022

- **Fall 2022 Application**
  - Priority Deadline: March 1, 2022
  - Final Deadline: August 1, 2022

More info at: [https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/online/mastertrack](https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/online/mastertrack)

On-Campus Program (Fall admission)

- **Early Decision Deadline:** December 1
- **Priority Deadline:** March 1
- **Final Deadline:** August 1, 2022
  - [https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/apply](https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/apply)
Financial Aid for MSW Courses
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- No financial aid for MasterTrack courses. Payment plans may be available through Coursera.

- Approximately 75% of MSW students receive some form of grant and/or scholarship assistance from the School of Social Work.

- SSW Financial Aid Form
  - Need & merit-based grants & scholarships
  - Need-based Scholarships for part-time online students and tuition offsets.

- Special Program Applications (due Dec. 1, Feb. 1., Mar. 1) (Full-time, On-Campus only)
  - Child Welfare Scholarship, Community-Based Initiative, Geriatric Scholarship, Global Activities Scholarship Program, Integrated Health with Medically Underserved Populations Scholarship, Jewish Communal Leadership Program, National Community Scholars, New Leaders in African-Centered Social Work Program

- FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov)

- Federal Direct Loans
Questions?

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Chat with Student Services
Thank you for joining us.

We look forward to meeting with you soon!