



**MasterTrack Information Session**

**Questions Log**

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**Q: By attending the webinar we won't get the participant certificate?**

A: No, the webinar is about the certificate program, not a presentation that provides a certificate.

**Q: When is the Coursera MasterTrack Course open for registration?**

A: You should be able to register now at: <https://www.coursera.org/mastertrack/social-work-umich>

**Q: How much does the MasterTrack certificate cost?**

A: The MasterTrack Courses are a total of \$2,000.

**Q: Is a practicum site required for any of the Coursera Classes? And if so, how are we supported in finding a site?**

A: No, the certificate program itself does not require a field placement (practicum). You will be required to engage in a field placement once you are engaged in the MSW degree program.

**Q: Do any of these courses include mathematics or statistics centered content?**

A: The research methods course is the only one of the courses that would include some statistical content.

**Q: MOOC is asynchronous - are any of the other 5 live?**

A: Each course has one synchronous session and optional sessions to engage with the instructors.

**Q: If we are interested in the MasterTrack as a lead-in into a Masters of Social Work, when would we need to submit an application to see if we would qualify? And when would we hear back?**

A: If you wanted to continue to the [Online MSW program](#) the application is available now. If you wanted to apply for the residential MSW program, our application for Fall 2021 opens up sometime in September. Please also see the Eligibility Review Request form, which you need to submit before applying:  
<https://sww.umich.edu/programs/msw/mastertrack/finish-on-campus>

**Q: Is the first MOOC course cost separate from the other 5 courses?**

A: No, the cost is \$2,000 for the 6 courses including the MOOC.

**Q: If we don't sign up for the MOOC starting in September, when is the next soonest start date for the MasterTrack course?**

A: You can start the first cohort up to October 12. The second cohort begins in March 2021.

**Q: Is the MicroMaster also called Master Track?**

A: No, the [MicroMasters](#) is offered through EdX and the [MasterTrack](#) is offered through Coursera and they are separate certificate programs. They do cover similar courses and both offer students the same accelerated path into the MSW degree program. The MasterTrack is offered through a cohort experience. The MicroMasters is totally asynchronous and students can join at any time until November 30, 2020 when this option will end.

**Q: I see the first MasterTrack cohort begins in September 2020, when will the second cohort begin?**

A: The second cohort will begin in March 2021. A third cohort will begin in May 2021.

**Q: Can one begin the MasterTrack course while completing an undergraduate degree at another institution (final semester)?**

A: This is possible. You will want to submit the Eligibility Review Request form if you want to pursue the MSW degree as well: <https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/mastertrack/finish-on-campus> This is due to the fact there is an experience requirement.

**Q: Will the results of our performance and course names be reflected on our transcripts?**

A: No, the MasterTrack certificate program courses are not reflected on your transcript as they are not credit bearing and occur prior to starting the MSW degree program.

**Q: Is there some flexibility between online and residential learning (i.e. could we switch from starting online in the spring to being on campus in the fall)?**

A: You may complete the MasterTrack online and then transition into the on campus MSW program beginning in a fall term. You will need to be fully admitted to the degree seeking MSW program.

**Q: Any materials to purchase for a MasterTrack? Or are all reading materials, etc. digital/free?**

A: There is a \$2000 fee for the certificate program and that is the only expense.

**Q: How long is the MSW program once someone has completed the MasterTrack? Specifically the Interpersonal Practice online MSW program.**

A: The online MSW program is part-time and would be completed over 7 semesters (2.5 years) with 45 credits once the certificate program is completed.

**Q: Is there a timeline (or a deadline) for when we would need to fill out the Eligibility review request for continuing on to the Masters of Social Work at U of M?**

A: No, but you want to do this first if your goal is to enroll in the MSW program.

**Q: Can a MicroMaster holder pursue online courses to get a Masters degree?**

A: If you successfully complete the MicroMasters and meet the experience eligibility, yes you would be able to complete the Part-Time Online program.

**Q: Please remind me - what does MOOC stand for?**

A: Massive Open Online Course.

**Q: Does the MasterTrack course qualify me for masters at any other Universities?**

A: It does not. The MasterTrack is only recognized by our University. You could certainly communicate that you had completed this certificate on your resume if applying to an MSW program.

**Q: What is the benefit of this track ?! What does it lead to? What kind of jobs I can do with this certificate?**

A: The certificate program alone can be used for continuing education surrounding social work, it could provide for advancement within a current position or it could be used to add to a resume in hopes of obtaining a social work/social service position. The benefit of completing the certificate program to use towards the MSW degree would be that less time is needed to complete the MSW portion, therefore saving money as well.

**Q: So would I be lying if I passed this course and told people, "I have my masters in social work"?**

A: You would not have a Masters in Social Work degree simply by completing the certificate program only. You will receive the Master of Social Work degree only if you then proceed into the MSW degree program. You can state that you have completed a MicroMasters certificate in social work.

**Q: Is there a difference between the online and residential MSW?**

A: Yes, the online MSW program will only be offered as part-time for those interested in our Interpersonal Practice pathway. You can complete our residential MSW program either full-time or part-time. Our evening/weekend part time program also has some pathway limitations.

**Q: Will the results of our performance and course names as far as MicroMaster is concerned be reflected on our transcripts?**

A: You receive a certificate for completing the certificate program. It is not credit-bearing, but it does reduce the MSW requirements by 15 credits at our MSW program only. The certificate is not listed on the transcript if you enroll in the MSW program.

**Q: If I am pursuing a graduate degree in UMSI, am I eligible for master track?**

A: Yes, you may enroll in the MasterTrack certificate program. You would need to apply to the MSW program and meet an experience requirement in order to complete the MasterTrack MSW program. Dual degree students however would need to pursue the residential MSW program, the online program MSW program is not an option.

**Q: Would I be licensed as a Social Work practitioner after getting an MSW at UofM?**

A: No, social work licensure is provided through the respective State that you wish to practice in. You will receive the MSW degree which the first step towards obtaining licensure. Many states require passing a licensing exam, application, fees and post MSW supervision hours to obtain licensure.

**Q: Is the residential MSW currently remote due to COVID? Or is it hybrid? Will this change in Spring of 2021?**

A: We are doing a hybrid and online mixture. Unfortunately, we are not sure what Spring 2021 will look like yet.

**Q: What is the tuition rate for those entering in the spring or fall 2021 MSW online program?**

A: The online program is a part-time program therefore students are charged per credit hour and you can find estimates at <https://sww.umich.edu/admissions/msw/tuition/part-time>. Please note that students engaged in our online program are eligible for School of Social Work grants and scholarships as well.

**Q: How do students in the online program get practicum hours? All online or in-person but from a remote area?**

A: Hours are typically done in-person; however, they can be near your home if you are located in the United States.

**Q: Other than the mental health concentration, all others must be completed in Ann Arbor?**

A: The online MSW program is only available for students interested in our Interpersonal Practice pathway. If you are interested in any other pathway, you must engage in our residential MSW program (full-time or part-time).

**Q: Does the MicroMaster course qualify me for masters at any other Universities?**

A: It does not. The MicroMasters or MasterTrack courses are only recognized by our MSW program.

**Q: Can the online program be completed full-time?**

A: As of right now, it can only be completed part-time.

**Q: During MasterTrack certificate program will UM provide support for potentially gaining field experience?**

A: The certificate program does not require field placement. Once you are admitted into the MSW program and begin that portion, there is assistance in helping students identify a field placement site.

**Q: When is the deadline for payment/enrollment in the 1st Cohort?**

A: Final deadline is October 12, 2020.

**Q: Am I obliged to live near Michigan to attend online courses?**

A: No, you are not required to live near Michigan for the online MSW program but you are required to reside in the United States. You must also be a U.S. citizen or have permanent residency status to pursue the online MSW degree. The MasterTrack certificate is open to everyone.

**Q: How do students in the online program and living in another state get practicum hours?**

A: You will work with the Office of Field Education to find a field placement near you.

**Q: Can the March 2021 MasterTrack cohort certificate completion be applied to the Fall 2021 MSW part time on-line program?**

A: Yes.

**Q: Also can students participate in more than one special program? They seem really cool.**

A: Just one.

**Q: Interpersonal Practice pathway, what does it mean?**

A: Here is some more information about the Interpersonal Practice Pathway  
<https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/overview/interpersonal-practice>

**Q: Are there math or stats requirements in the full Master's Degree curriculum? if so what are the course numbers?**

A: If you engage in the MasterTrack certificate program, you will be exempt from our foundation research/stats course. However, depending upon your chosen pathway within the MSW program, there could be additional statistics courses required.

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

A: The MasterTrack is brand new, so we aren't sure how large the courses will be. In the MSW program, most courses have 20-30 students.

**Q: How would you differentiate between the coursework in your Social Work program and say a Counseling program with a concentration in Clinical Mental Health Counseling?**

A: Social work approaches clinical work from a strengths based perspective focused on person in environment. Therefore, there is more of a social justice/equity perspective in how a person's environment affects behaviors, etc. and this is reflected through our MSW coursework.