



## **Virtual Open House Chat Log March 12, 2021**

### **Audience Question**

**Q: Will classes still be offered virtually for students needing to take high covid precautions?**

A: We are looking into this now. I recommend you connecting with an admissions counselor to explore the best option for you. Students will need to plan for field placement to be conducted in person in the term they are scheduled to begin.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: If you have applied to the 16 month program and have accepted admission, but want to switch to the 20 month program, how does one do that?**

A: Please email [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu) to request the change.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: How does the fieldwork timeline work for sociology/social work program?**

A: Sociology/Social Work students will complete field hours over their 3 semester program. 2 days/week in the first term and 3 days/week for the last two terms.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: The online program is 3 years and can't be done quicker than that by taking more classes each semester, correct? And currently the only pathway available for the online one is the LCSW, right? Not any of the macro pathways??**

A: Yes the Online Program is short of 3 years long and we do not have an accelerated pathway to complete it now. Yes, the only curricular pathway available is the Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: What is the anticipated decision date for applicants who applied just before the March 1st priority deadline?**

A: Decisions are emailed at the earliest date possible.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: In the case that classes are flex/online in the fall, is it possible for students in the in-person program to have their field placement in an area that is not near Ann Arbor??**

A: It could be possible. You would work with a faculty member in the Office of Field Education to explore this option.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: Can the pathway options be combined?**

A: Students in the on-campus program (excluding part time evening/weekend) can have the option to select a secondary pathway in addition to their primary pathway.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: Is there an expected decision date for the special scholarship programs?**

A: Decisions will be emailed at the earliest date possible for each special program to which you applied.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: What does the field placement look like if you want to have two pathways**

A: Field placement is only taken in your primary Pathway. You can take courses in your secondary Pathway, but that would not part of your field placement.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: If you received a BSW in another state, would you recommend still taking the LSW test prior to starting your MSW at Michigan?**

A: There is no need to get licensed outside of MI if you plan to enroll in our program.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: How do we check if we selected a secondary option upon our application if we cannot remember and already were accepted?**

A: You may email us at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu) to see if you selected a secondary pathway.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: If I were to apply to a dual degree but only be accepted to the MSW half of the dual degree, could I abandon my dual degree "attempt" and just pursue an MSW?**

A: Yes, you could choose to pursue only the MSW degree. If you change plans for dual degree enrollment, please let our office know at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu).

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: How does selecting a secondary pathway impact the graduation timeline? Would it require additional terms?**

A: It's a bit like choosing a "minor." It shouldn't affect your graduate timeline, since you can take your secondary pathway classes in place of the electives you'd normally take.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Do any of these organizations offer to pay off student loans for work exchange after you graduate?**

A: Students are able to explore the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program or the NHSC Loan Repayment plan after graduating for loan forgiveness.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: If we applied to the full-time 16 month program but realize the part-time program is a better fit, is it possible to switch before starting the program?**

A: You will want to email our office at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu) to change your curriculum track.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: When are we able to register for Fall Classes?**

A: You will register for Fall classes in July. We will send more info. about this in June.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Can one add a secondary pathway later on or is that only possible to add during the initial application?**

A: If you would like to add a secondary pathway, please feel free to email us at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu) -- you will want to plan to make final decisions on your pathway(s) at the time you apply for field. It's important to make a decision about a secondary pathway before using elective credits.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Is the field placement for the 12-month accelerated program one placement for the whole year or is it multiple/one per trimester/quarter??**

A: 12-month programs have one field placement for their whole program. Nearly all MSW students complete all of their field hours in one site.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Regarding the master track certificate. Could I take the first two courses now, the next four classes in the summer term, And begin the online program January 2022.**

A: You definitely want to be mindful of the course start and end dates to ensure that they are completed prior to your start term. Please review the course schedule on our website here:

<https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/mastertrack/finish-on-campus>. If you have any additional questions about taking classes out of the sequence and want to ensure your completion by your intended term date (Jan 2022), feel free to email [ssw-mtc-support@umich.edu](mailto:ssw-mtc-support@umich.edu).

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Is there an opportunity to create one's own special program/focus? For instance, I am hoping to work specifically with trans/gender expansive folks but there isn't a specific program for that.**

A: Unfortunately you cannot create a special program but please note that given your interests, we have courses within the School of Social Work and other departments for you to explore that area of interest. You can also explore field placement options with this community as well.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: How do we get information about credits we have that may transfer to U-M? I have grad level coursework completed from a Counseling program and want to see which credits may transfer (as electives, probably?). Thank you!**

A: You are welcome to email our office at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu) -- please include a copy of your transcript.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Will admission decisions be emailed or mailed?**

A: Admissions decisions are sent via email.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: If one's field placement is only in their primary pathway, what is the benefit of having a secondary pathway/how does that change your classes/education/certification??**

A: The secondary pathway allows you to take several courses in that pathway. A secondary pathway is not required. If you wanted to delve deeper into another area of social work that would be a reason to select a secondary pathway.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Is the Management and Leadership similar to an MBA?**

A: No, the Management and Leadership pathway within the SSW is to focus specifically on management of organizations and agencies and development of leadership skill set from a social work perspective. You will graduate with a Master of Social Work degree rather than a Master of Business Administration. We do offer a dual MSW/MBA program.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Can we take Management classes or minor in this field if we are on the online pathway**

A: You will be able to take management courses in the online program. Right now we do not have an option to minor in a second pathway, but there are definitely opportunities to gain exposure to management in other ways (research, independent study, etc.).

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: I know for the school social work certificate you do not need to necessarily apply for that certificate, but when should one send in the information needed in order to pursue the certificate within the 16-month program?**

A: No, there is no need to send any additional information to us. There will opportunity to gain more information. Students use elective to cover the required courses. You can find more information here: <https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/financial-aid/school-social-worker-specialization>

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: How many courses are necessary for the school certification cert?**

A: There are two courses required for school social work certification. You also need to complete specific type of work in your field placement.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Do social science research labs qualify as fieldwork for the program evaluation and research pathway?**

A: Yes, we have some research labs as field placements. If you have a specific organization in mind, please reach out to [ssw-fieldoffice@umich.edu](mailto:ssw-fieldoffice@umich.edu), since approval as a field placement depends on multiple factors

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: About how many individuals apply to the program and how many are accepted each year?**

A: The number of applicants can vary. We typically have about 1200 applications and we admit about 900 students to secure our incoming class of 440.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Can a Trauma Informed Practice Certificate be obtained through electives in the 12 month program?**

A: We do not offer a specific certificate on trauma, however, your interpersonal practice courses will be trauma-informed.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Will there be a more in depth explanation of what the Interpersonal Practice Field covers and how it differs from the other fields? Since online applicants are automatically enrolled in this pathway, I'm curious why this pathway was chosen.**

A: You may email [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu) to speak with an admissions counselor about the Interpersonal Practice pathway. Online MSW students will have a special webinar with the Office of Field Education during your first term in the program! This is our most popular pathway, which is why it was chosen for the initial launch of our online program.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: I have a bachelor's degree (Psychology) in different state, but want to pursue MSW at UM. I am planning to apply for the latest deadline by August 1st. Would I be then applying for regular program (not advanced or online) that is either 16 months/ 20 months on campus?**

A: Yes, if you are interested in the on-campus program, you would be eligible for the 16 or 20 month program. We recommend submitting your application as soon as possible however.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: How many people are in each scholarship program?**

A: This varies by scholarship. Some are small with just 8 students. Others have 15-20.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: If you are admitted to the MSW program, can you switch your specialization area?**

A: Yes, if you would like to request a change to your pathway, you may submit the change request form at <https://ssw.umich.edu/assets/change-in-pathway>

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Is it too late to apply to special programs? Was March 1st the absolute deadline to apply to them?**

A: No, please feel free to email me at [cmcar@umich.edu](mailto:cmcar@umich.edu) and I can provide the applications and deadlines.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Is the deadline to start the msw, full or part time in person program in the fall in August?**

A: Yes, our final deadline is August 1st however we recommend that people apply as soon as possible.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: There is no date that Special Scholars programs will decide by?? If I applied when I submitted my application back in Feb.**

A: Unfortunately, I am unable to provide a specific date. We will get decisions out at the earliest date possible. If you have a timing concern, please feel free to reach out to our office at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu)

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: When is the deadline for the special program apps? Thought it was March 1st.**

A: Many deadlines have been extended. Please feel free to email me at [cmcar@umich.edu](mailto:cmcar@umich.edu) for the application and deadlines

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Does interpersonal practice include training in DBT and ACT?**

A: The interpersonal practice pathway does offering knowledge and training in a variety of treatment modalities. Students may also take additional mini courses to delve further into a specific modality.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Does the same faculty teach both in person and on line program?**

A: Yes!

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Do mini courses count as electives?**

A: Yes, they do

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: If I had an interview with one of the scholarship programs when should I expect to hear back?**

A: Decisions are sent at the earliest date possible.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Will everyone who applied to a scholarship program be notified of acceptance or rejection? Or are only those accepted notified?**

A: You will be notified regardless of the decision.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Can I know any specific examples of field placements related to the program evaluation and applied research pathway?**

A: Please plan on attending our field webinar at the end of April. Also, the Office of Field Education will be holding information sessions to discuss what field might look like for each Pathway.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: How do you check your MSW application status?**

A: Once an MSW application is initially processed, an email is sent with information on setting up a Friend Account so you can check the status of your application in Wolverine Access. Please always feel free to email our office at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu)

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: If someone currently working in social work, am I able to use that workplace as their field placement?**

A: Please contact [ssw-fieldoffice@umich.edu](mailto:ssw-fieldoffice@umich.edu) to discuss the possibility of an Employment-Based Field Placement Proposal.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Is there a GPA requirement for acceptance into the Advanced Standing program? If so, is cumulative from the University we graduated from or cumulative from social work classes through a BSW program?**

A: It is a 3.5 GPA, which is calculated by our program over the last 60-75 credits of your BSW program (so this usually encompasses your BSW coursework). The calculation is based on the transcript that you provide at the time of application.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: How is the timeline for on-campus students different for advanced standing students?**

A: Advanced standing students will apply for field placement in May/June. They will register for classes in early July.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Can students pursue online programs even though they initially applied for on-campus programs?**

A: If you applied to the on-campus MSW program and would like to be considered for the Online MSW Program, then you will need to submit an application to the Online MSW Program.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: If I did not list a secondary pathway on my application, when would be the latest date to add one?**

A: There isn't a specific deadline, but you will need to do so before utilizing elective credits. It can be added while you are in the program.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: When does the field education begin for students starting in the fall? Does it start as soon as classes start? Or will it begin later in our first semester?**

A: Field start depends on your curriculum track: 12-month programs start in the Fall, while 16-month and 20-month students start in Winter.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Are there other scholarships available besides the special scholars programs?**

A: Yes there are. Please feel free to contact me to discuss further [cmcar@umich.edu](mailto:cmcar@umich.edu)

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: If admitted, does the program offer information for students to find graduate housing?**

A: Yes! We have a page on our website providing information about housing. <https://ssw.umich.edu/student-life/housing>.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: If you put the specialization for social work in school settings on your application, are you able to change your mind about that specialization if accepted? Or should it be changed before?**

A: By checking the box on your MSW application, it indicates your interest only. You are certainly able to change this if accepted to the MSW program.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: I'm interested in studying child and youth development and children and youth interventions, particularly child-centered play therapy. Is there a particular professor I could connect with? Thank you!**

A: Profs. Julie Ribaud and Beth Sherman are working in areas similar to your interests.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Do all pathways prepare students for clinical licensure? Specifically interested in the Welfare of Children and Families. Thank you!**

A: The best pathway to prepare you for a clinical license is the IP Pathway. Since some Pathways (such as Welfare of Children) can be micro or macro, so there will be a question on the field application about your preferred focus. This will help OFE in your placement process.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Is there a phone number at Coursera that you can provide. It's a bit complicated and need a voice to see how I can take some classes in spring and remainder in the summer.**

A: No there is no help number, just their email: [mastertrack-help@coursera.org](mailto:mastertrack-help@coursera.org). But if you are struggling to get an answer on your circumstance, you are welcome to email us at U-M at [ssw-mtc-support@umich.edu](mailto:ssw-mtc-support@umich.edu) and we can find a way to connect with you and talk through the MTC course schedule.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: How much say do students have in their field placement? I understand that the field application indicates interests but how personalized can it get?**

A: Please plan on attending the field webinar on April 28 to hear more about the field placement process.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Is it necessary or highly recommended to live in Ann Arbor if you are attending on campus full time? Is it possible, or do any current students, commute? If you live in a different city, is it possible to get a field placement in your city of residence?**

A: Not necessarily, students reside in a variety of locations from our county to metro and suburban Detroit, etc. We have field placements all over southeastern Michigan!

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Which pathway can online students pursue?**

A: Online students must follow the Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse pathway.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Is there someone I can talk to directly at the Office of Field Education about a field placement in a different city??**

A: Please plan on attending our field webinar on April 28. You can also contact [ssw-fieldoffice@umich.edu](mailto:ssw-fieldoffice@umich.edu).

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Any placements in Livingston County? Or are they all in Washtenaw?**

A: Yes, we have field placements all over southeastern Michigan. Please plan on attending our field webinar on April 28.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: If considered for admission, will all individuals need to be interviewed to be accepted?**

A: No, an interview is not a requirement but our admissions committee may request an interview of an applicant as a part of the review process.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Is the field webinar on the 28th at the same time as today?**

A: No, that webinar is April 28 at 5:00 PM. Registration link forthcoming!

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Will the online students of the interpersonal practice in integrated health, mental Health, and substance abuse pathway get to pursue the state licenses in social worker?**

A: Yes graduates of our online program will have a full MSW degree accredited by CSWE. This will make you eligible to apply for licensure.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: What is racial diversity like at UMich/Ann Arbor, and what is it like in the surrounding area?**

A: Please feel free to take a look at our 2020 MSW Class Profile at <https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/class-profile>. We welcome and strive for diversity!

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Are there stipends available for field work, or a possibility to get a job and use it as field work?**

A: Some field placements offer stipend, but many do not. Please reach out to [ssw-fieldoffice@umich.edu](mailto:ssw-fieldoffice@umich.edu) to discuss the possibility of an Employment-Based Field Placement Proposal.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Are there field placements heavy on small group therapy?**

A: Many field placements offer experience in group therapy.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Will I know by the April 28th webinar if I am accepted for the fall semester on campus program?**

A: You may or may not have received an admissions decision by April 28th. If a student is admitted after the webinar, they will be able to watch a recording of the webinar.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Hello! When will those of us who applied to a program like GASP hear back if we've been accepted or not?**

A: Decisions will be emailed at the earliest date possible.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: How do you foster community and connection between U-M students? Is there a cohort model or any smaller groupings to foster teamwork?**

A: Courses often require student to work together on assignments. Sometimes students in particular groups (ex. special programs) act as a close cohort. Additionally, there are over 20 student orgs. in the school where students join together on identities and social work issues. There are also social and education events that bring the community together.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: How many hours a week will we work in field? And is working a full-time job manageable?**

A: Full time students typically spend 16-24 hours/week in field, so it is very difficult to balance being a full time student with a full time job (especially since the vast majority of field placements take place during regular business hours).



#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Will funding our courses be discussed today? Specifically are there assistantships available to apply for?**

A: We won't be covering this specifically today, but an admissions counselor would be happy to talk with you. You can apply for Graduate Student Instructor and Graduate Student Staff Assistant positions at [careers.umich.edu](https://careers.umich.edu).

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: When will we be able to connect with the field agency and find out things like how many hours we will spend in our field placement?**

A: Please plan on attending our April 28 field webinar for more information on the field application process!

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: How does tuition work for this program, if students are participating in peace corps during their time at the university?**

A: You are not charged tuition during the semesters that you are away for your Peace Corps assignment but you are charged tuition during the semesters that you are on campus engaging in the program.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: When do admitted advanced standings students need to commit to the program (deposit or otherwise)?**

A: We include a decision/enrollment deposit deadline in all official letters offering admission.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Are there specific days you hold classes and then specific days for field placement? Ex: field work monday, tuesday, wednesday and classes thursday and friday**

A: No, field days really depend on the agency. Most are very flexible with the student's schedule, but it's possible that there are specific days that agency requires for field.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Are we allowed to submit more than three letters of recommendation?**

A: We require three letters of admission. To be fair to all applicants, we do prefer three letters of recommendation; however, if you feel strongly that an additional recommendation will provide unique information that would be important to your MSW application, you are welcome to have the recommender email their recommendation directly to our office at [msw.recommendations@umich.edu](mailto:msw.recommendations@umich.edu)

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Do multiple students ever get placed in the same agency?**

A: Yes, some agencies take multiple students, other take only 1 student: it really depends on the agency!

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Does that mean you cannot work in a school if you do the 16-month track**

A: The 16-month track is not recommended for school placements, because of the field hours required in the spring/summer term. Very few schools can provide field learning during the summer months.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: In order to add the school social work cert as part of the 12-month program, does it add extra classes or extra time? Or is that possible to complete the school social work cert in the 12-month program?**

A: No, it does not add time. You could take the school cert courses as a part of your elective requirements in the program

### **Audience Question**

**Q: How many students are typically accepted into the on-campus part-time MSW programs?**

A: This program is new, so we hope to enroll around 30 students into our first class of students this spring/summer and will probably keep that average, per class, for the near term. With of course, hope and plans to continue to grow in the future.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: Are any field placements doing more of an online setting due to COVID?**

A: It depends very much on the individual agency, as well as the Pathway, and it is constantly changing. Students starting in Fall 2021 should plan for in-person field. Please attend our April 28 field webinar to learn more about field.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: I may have missed - if you are in the 16month full time program, are you in the same field placement for the entirety of your program?**

A: That is correct, 16-month students have one field placement for the entire program.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: There are primary and secondary pathway. Does it mean that a student has the opportunity to take the courses for two pathways?**

A: Everyone chooses a primary pathway, which is sort of like your major. Secondary pathways are optional and are like a minor. If you choose a secondary pathway, the courses required for that pathway are what you would take as your electives! Everyone has the opportunity to take courses in other pathways as part of their electives, whether they declare a secondary pathway or not.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: Since I haven't submitted the application yet, I am planning to make changes. I only see online part-time (not full-time) MSW and part-time & full-time MSW. If I want to pursue online, is part-time only option? I assume there are flexibility of taking more courses each semester to make like full-time schedule.**

A: For the online MSW program, there is only the part-time option.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: Do 20 month programs have 2 field placements?**

A: The 20 month program has one field placement.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: Are you pretty well connected to services outside of Michigan? I was accepted into the MSW online program and live in California. Just wondering how you will connect students to organizations in other states.**

A: Students in the Online MSW program will have a special webinar specifically about field in your first term in the program! One of our field faculty in the Office of Field Education will be working individually with online students on your field placement.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: When do 20 month students apply for field placements?**

A: Field application is due in October, to start field in Winter 2022

### **Audience Question**

**Q: What types of licensure are student eligible for applying after graduating from the MSW program?**

A: Graduates are eligible to apply for the fullest masters level license that their state provides. Many students pursue the clinical license. Career Services can assist students and alumni through this process.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: If we do not get admitted, are we allowed to ask for feedback on how we can make our application stronger?**

A: You are welcome to email our office at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu)

### **Audience Question**

**Q: Can 20-month program students apply to the global activities scholars program?**

A: Yes, you are welcome to apply; however, if you were offered admission and a place in the special program, you would need to change to 16-month

### **Audience Question**

**Q: Can you get licensed even if you chose the Management and Leadership pathway?**

A: Yes. States do not base your ability to get licensed on the pathway you chose within your MSW program. Some states do offer a license with a macro designation. If you are interested in obtaining a clinical license you will more than likely be required to pass a clinical exam. There may be additional courses required as Michelle Woods mentioned.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: Do most states have a licensure for macro social work?? Or is that not common?**

A: A macro social work license is somewhat rare. We do recommend pursuing it if it's offered in the state you plan to practice.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: Do students in the 20 month program prepare for the licensure exam during their last semester?**

A: You certainly can tap into Career Services preparation during your time in the program. You may need to wait to take the exam until you have accrued your post MSW hours, so you'll likely want to use Career Services to prepare after you have graduated as well.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: Are there any opportunities for MSW students to become graduate resident advisors for on campus housing?**

A: Yes, all graduate students at the University are eligible for these positions. Here is the webpage <https://jobs.housing.umich.edu/category/graduate-positions/>

### **Audience Question**

**Q: Hello! Are there any books/podcasts/resources that have stuck with you or you have found yourself referencing throughout your social work career that you would recommend incoming MSW students read? Thank you!**

A: Hi! There are tons of social work related media, and some that aren't necessarily SW focused but still relevant. Some of my favorites are the "You're Wrong About" podcast, "Beyond Behaviors" by Mona Delahooke book, and "Between the World and Me" by Ta Nehisi Coates book.

### **Audience Question**

**Q: Thank you! I am interested in learning about possible field placements before the deadline to commit to most programs (April 15). Is that possible?**

A: You can see examples of the types of settings for field placements under each Pathway. Please plan on attending our April 28 field webinar to learn more about field: <https://ssw.umich.edu/r/28Apr2021FieldWebinar>

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: As an in-person student, do you have an idea about how many classes will be in-person vs. online? (due to COVID)**

A: We are hoping that the majority of our classes are in-person this fall.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: What is the process of obtaining licensure in Michigan and then transferring that license to another state?**

A: This varies for each state as you will want to contact that State's licensing board or contact our Career Services office while in the program (or after) for assistance.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: If you are in the community change track, is there a way for your field work/research to be made to be both mezzo and macro social work practices?**

A: Community Change field placements are mostly macro, but there could be some mezzo opportunities (but not intended as preparation for clinical licensure).

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: If I plan to move to Michigan in the summer, will I be able to qualify for in-state tuition starting in the Fall?**

A: You will need to apply for residency through the University of Michigan Residency Office. They look at the primary purpose that you are in the state of Michigan and your plans following graduation. Unfortunately, simply moving here does not automatically provide residency for tuition purposes.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: I will be licensed for my home state as LSW when I graduate in May. I take the exam in April. Is there any reciprocity rates I should be aware of for Michigan? I plan on staying in Michigan after I graduate from the MSW program**

A: We do have a BSW level license in MI. So if you want to have that credential, you can certainly look into having it endorsed here. The LSW is not equal to the LLMSW here for those who graduate with a MSW. Contact me at [ssw-cso@umich.edu](mailto:ssw-cso@umich.edu) to discuss.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: If you applied for full time advanced standing in person and are accepted, can you change to part time advanced standing in person?**

A: Please email us your change request to [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu) at the earliest date possible

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Are there any placement opportunities within the University setting, particularly for students focusing on macro or policy?**

A: We have many field placements within the University setting, and many are macro focused

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: I am curious about how students complete their field experience during 2020 under the COVID-19.**

A: There's currently a mix on in-person and remote field placements. We had the opportunity to note which we'd prefer on our field application, and a lot of placements give their student interns a choice if possible. I chose to do mine in-person! For fall 2021 student will need to be available for in-person field.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Any field placements at the UM hospital?**

A: Yes, we do have a limited number of field placements at Michigan Medicine.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: When will admitted fall full time students be able to register for classes?**

A: You will register for fall classes in July.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Are the master track classes taught by Michigan faculty?**

A: Yes. Faculty have designed all MTC courses. All course work is asynchronous with the exception of 2 live sessions per course. These live sessions are facilitated by SSW staff.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: How much aid or support will students get in seeking field placements? Is the primary responsibility of finding a placement and having it approved placed on the student, or will we have guidance?**

A: You apply for field and we find the placement that fits best with your learning goals. Student do not reach out and contact organizations.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: We start field in the second term?**

A: Students in the 16 and 20 month program will start field in their second term.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Is the school of social work open to walk through?**

A: You can walk through the school. This will need to be arranged with our Facilities Dept. as staff are off-site right now. You can email them at [ssw.facilities@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.facilities@umich.edu). All other connections are virtual at this time.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: Do students in the online mastertrack program take the licensure exam during their last semester or after graduation? Or does it depend on the state they're getting licensed in?**

A: If you are in the final semester of a MSW Program (about to graduate with the MSW), some states will allow you to take the required exam in your last semester. Some others do not such as MI. It does depend upon the state's specific rules.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: How much is Tuition fee?**

A: Here's the link to the tuition and fees page: <https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/tuition>

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: What do you suggest I do right now in preparation for the Fall program?**

A: Be sure to check your email, as we will send emails throughout the spring and summer with important information for incoming MSW students. You also will want to keep an eye on the Admitted Students webpage at <https://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/admitted-students> -- we will update information throughout the spring and summer.

#### **Audience Question**

**Q: What does the spring/summer term look like for advanced standing students (e.g. summer 2021)?**

A: Typically advanced standing students take 3-4 classes and go to their field site 2 days/week.

**Audience Question**

**Q: How many semesters/quarters do students engage in field experience?**

A: For full time students, typically 3 terms. For part time students, typically 4 terms.

**Audience Question**

**Q: For the advanced standing program, we begin our field placement before the semester begins...correct?**

A: Full time Advanced Standing students will begin field in Fall 2021. Please plan on attending our field webinar on April 28: <https://ssw.umich.edu/r/28Apr2021FieldWebinar>

**Audience Question**

**Q: Who can I contact about special programs applications?**

A: Feel free to contact the Office of Student Services and Enrollment Management at [ssw.msw.info@umich.edu](mailto:ssw.msw.info@umich.edu)

**Audience Question**

**Q: I learned from website that the MSW program admits around 400 students per year. I wonder what the typical class size is for most of courses in the program.**

A: The incoming class is 430s and an average class size is 20-25.