

COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVE IN DETROIT



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- » The Community-Based Initiative in Detroit is established to train and support a new generation of social workers dedicated to community and social change in urban cities, neighborhoods and communities.
- » The Community-Based Initiative in Detroit provides students with coursework and field placements based in Detroit and surrounding areas including Highland Park, Hamtramck and Dearborn. Upon graduation, scholars work as community organizers, policymakers, program planners, organization managers and administrators, evaluators, and foundation staff within Michigan, the US and internationally.

PROGRAM FUNDING

- » **Nonresident Student:**
\$10,000/semester (\$40,000 total)
- » **Resident Student:**
\$5,000/semester (\$20,000 total)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- » December 1 (early)
- » February 1 (priority)
- » March 1



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CHRISTINA CASTILLO

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PRACTICE METHOD CONCENTRATION
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

PRACTICE AREA
COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS

FIELD PLACEMENT
U-M DETROIT INITIATIVE IN PSYCHOLOGY

During Christina Castillo's undergraduate years at the University of Michigan, her counselor encouraged her to consider the Community Action and Social Change (CASC) minor through the U-M School of Social Work. "He told me that the MSW program at U-M was the top-ranked school of social work in the nation," Christina said. "Who wouldn't want to go to the best school in the country?"

As a first-generation college graduate, attending the nation's premier graduate school is a great sense of pride for Christina. "My grandparents came to the United States without any education, and now I'm setting a good example for my daughter," she said.

Christina's field placement in the Community-Based Initiative Program provides the practical experience she'll need to work with young people. "I'm working with a youth program in Detroit on school activities ranging from helping with soccer games to assisting high school students prep for college entrance exams," Christina said.

A close-up portrait of Christina Castillo, a young woman with dark hair tied up in a bun, smiling warmly. She is wearing a light blue hoodie. The background is a blurred brick wall.

“ I’m a first-generation college student and now my daughter will look up to me. ”



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