SILVER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

About Silver School of Social Work

NYU Silver School of Social Work is a premier locus for research and education of professional social workers, offering undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degree programs (p. 1). The School serves as a major postgraduate training center for practicing social workers through its continuing education (https://socialwork.nyu.edu/a-silver-education/continuing-education.html) coursework and events, and offers master's students intensive learning opportunities in family and children's services, mental health, integrated health, substance misuse and co-occurring disorders, palliative and end-of-life care, restorative justice, and other innovative and emerging areas of social work. MSW students also have the opportunity to pursue global learning (https://socialwork.nyu.edu/a-silver-education/global-opportunities.html) with NYU Silver programs in New York, Shanghai, and other cities around the world. NYU Silver has four campuses (https://socialwork.nyu.edu/about/campuses.html) in the heart of New York City, Rockland County, Westchester County, and Shanghai.

Founded in 1960, NYU Silver is renowned for our strong tradition of clinical excellence, dedication to social justice, and innovative teaching, which prepare our graduates for careers of meaningful impact. The School has provided rigorous training to over 20,000 social work practitioners and leaders in every area of the field. NYU Silver’s faculty (p. 1) are on the leading edge of scholarly research (https://socialwork.nyu.edu/faculty-and-research/pioneering-research.html) and address society’s most intractable problems with a focus on proactive approaches and preventive interventions that transform lives.

Mission

The mission of NYU Silver School of Social Work is to educate professionals for social work practice with individuals, families, groups, and local and global communities, and to provide leadership in the development of knowledge relevant to social work practice in complex urban environments.

The School seeks to fulfill its mission by building and transmitting knowledge that is grounded in empirical research, and that will help to alleviate human suffering, enhance the vitality and caring capacity of communities, and promote the ideals of a humane and just world.

The School is committed to the core social work values of: belief in the dignity and worth of all individuals; the centrality and power of caring human relationships; a commitment to social and economic justice that includes freedom from all forms of oppression and access to social goods; and a dedication to practicing with integrity and the highest level of competence. The School educates its students in collaboration with community partners and advances the social work profession through the scholarly contributions of its faculty.

Campuses

Whether you study at NYU’s main campus in the heart of New York City (https://socialwork.nyu.edu/about/campuses/washington-square.html), our Rockland County campus (https://socialwork.nyu.edu/about/campuses/rockland-county.html) at St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, NY, our Westchester County campus (https://socialwork.nyu.edu/about/campuses/westchester-county.html) at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, NY, or NYU’s Shanghai campus (https://socialwork.nyu.edu/about/campuses/shanghai.html) in that city’s thriving financial district, you will find a vibrant, supportive academic community grounded in the values of service, compassion, inclusion, and social justice.

You will get the same rigorous social work education at all of our campuses. What distinguishes each is their location, setting, campus culture, and range of degree pathways.

Our Washington Square campus offers all four of our degree programs and all eight of our pathways to the MSW degree. Our Rockland County campus offers the two-year, 16-month, advanced standing, extended, and extended one-year residence pathways to the MSW degree. Our Westchester County campus offers the two-year, advanced standing, extended, and extended one-year residence pathways to the MSW. Our Shanghai campus offers the first year of the two-year and extended pathways to the MSW at Shanghai and New York.

Programs

- Clinical Social Work (DSW) (https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/social-work/programs/clinical-social-work-dsw/)
- Social Work (MSW) (https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/social-work/programs/social-work-msw/)
- Social Work (PhD) (https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/social-work/programs/social-work-phd/)

Accreditation

The Silver School’s MSW program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) (https://www.cswe.org/). In accordance with CSWE accreditation standards, student learning outcomes are measured on a regular basis. You can review the most recent learning outcomes (https://socialwork.nyu.edu/content/dam/nyusilver/social-education/msw/Form-AS-4(M)-Silver_MSKW-2020.pdf). Graduates have a strong track record of success in passing the New York State licensing exam at both the entry level and the advanced clinical level.

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