

# BOSTON COLLEGE

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



WHERE TRANSFORMATION HAPPENS



# MISSION + DISTINCTIONS

At Boston College, we prepare students for an effective and meaningful practice of social work. By respecting and promoting dignity, diversity, and distributive justice in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition, we instill in social workers the knowledge, values, and skills to be visionary leaders and to contribute to the transformation of people and communities.

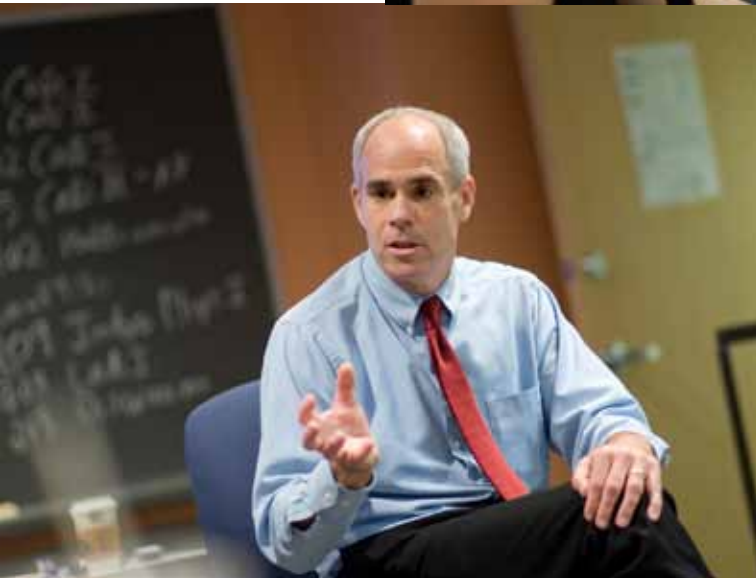
The Graduate School of Social Work (GSSW) is at the very heart of BC's mission to be women and men for others. We live up to this call by reaching out to vulnerable communities at home and abroad. To ensure that our partnerships are sustainable, our actions are guided by humility, mutual learning, and evidence.

Our social work program, currently ranked in the top ten by *U.S. News and World Report*, is constantly on the move. Innovation and entrepreneurship drive our teaching, research, and practice. We blend classroom teaching with online education, and we offer selected courses in English and Spanish. Moreover, students have the opportunity to participate in cutting-edge studies led by distinguished faculty.

Our unique diversity and social justice initiative promotes an inclusive and vibrant community that is supportive and safe. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends come together to address current and emerging challenges. Finally, field placements in local agencies and internships across the globe provide unparalleled learning opportunities for new generations of professional social workers.

## FIELD PLACEMENTS

As an intern in a wide range of social service agencies, you will learn from advisors and field supervisors, as well as from the clients and communities you serve.



## TEACHING

Our faculty have extensive practice and research experience. Our students learn skills that enable them to empower vulnerable families and communities. Together we tackle real-life case studies and develop innovative responses to pressing social issues.

## LIBRARY

To facilitate learning and research, the GSSW is fortunate to be one of only a dozen schools of social work in the U.S. and the only one in New England to maintain its own Social Work Library.



# FACTS + FIGURES



## STUDENTS

MSW	450
PhD	40
Class size	10-20

## DEGREES

MSW  
PhD



## DUAL DEGREES

MSW/JD  
MSW/MBA  
MSW/MA (Pastoral Ministry)  
BA/MSW



## MSW CONCENTRATIONS

- Children, Youth & Families
- Global Practice
- Health & Mental Health
- Older Adults & Families

Each concentration is offered as a clinical or macro practice

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Advanced Standing/Transfer  
January 15

Full-time MSW Program  
March 1

3-Year and 4-Year MSW Programs  
Rolling Admissions



## INFORMATION + APPLY ONLINE

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# METHODS + PERSPECTIVES

## Clinical Practice

Known for our academically rigorous and in-depth clinical program, we both challenge and prepare students to integrate evidence-based interventions and culturally competent practice with individuals, couples, families, and groups. We offer students the opportunity to learn effective interventions such as Cognitive Behavior Therapy, Solution Focused Therapy, Narrative Therapy, Internal Family Systems, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Multi-Family Group Therapy, and Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy. With an emphasis on resiliency and empowerment, we offer courses across the concentrations in trauma treatment for adults and children.

## Macro Practice

Our macro program prepares students to acquire social innovation and leadership skills with a focus on planning, development, administration, policy, financial analysis, and entrepreneurship. We have taken a leadership role in this vibrant academic and practice field by developing a program that involves students in courses that promote innovation and provide experiential learning opportunities at human service organizations. The macro curriculum blends core management skills with an emphasis on creating sustainable social change.

## Curriculum Flexibility

The pace of change is quickening worldwide, and the field of social work is accelerating with it. Flexible curriculum reform is one way that the GSSW has responded to the growing demand for novel solutions and more effective social services. We have implemented a five-elective curriculum which means that students not only have more variety in their course selection, but faculty also have additional opportunities to develop advanced courses in their areas of expertise.

## Research Centers + Institutes

Our innovative research centers and institutes anticipate demographic and socio-economic trends, develop policies based on sound evidence, leverage interdisciplinary collaborations, and are capable of building bridges between academia and broader society. The latest GSSW initiatives resulted in the establishment of the new Center for Social Innovation (CSI) and the Immigrant

Integration Lab (IIL).

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# SUPPORT + COMMUNITY

## Field Placements

Field education is where you translate the knowledge learned in the classroom into skills applied in the real world. Your field experience will give you opportunities to develop a professional social work identity through apprenticeships with experienced supervisors who provide mentoring and preparation for a career in social work. In addition, all students are assigned an advisor to monitor and support them in their placements. Field agency placements include mental health centers, schools, family services, hospitals, prisons, nursing homes, and policy institutes.

## Career Services

Ours is one of only a few graduate social work programs to have its own Career Services office. Services are available to GSSW students and alumni to assist in identifying career goals and conducting a successful job search. Our network of over 5,000 alumni worldwide provides an invaluable resource for seeking career advice and making professional connections. In recent years 95% of our graduates have succeeded in finding jobs within 3 months of the start of their job search.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of social workers is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2020. The *U.S. News and World Report* also cites medical and public health social work as one of the 50 best careers in 2012 and beyond.

## Social Media

The Boston College Graduate School of Social Work has an active online community on our school's social media websites. Visit us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube where we promote social and professional networking as well as highlight GSSW news and events. We hope you will use the social media card below to "Get Connected" to our School and community.

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# FINANCIAL AID + SCHOLARSHIPS

We are committed to ensuring access and affordability to all qualified students. Our student services, advising, and admissions offices will work together with prospective and current students to find possible resources and funding opportunities to offset tuition costs.

The GSSW awards tuition scholarships which recognize academic merit, experience, and diversity. There are graduate assistantship opportunities within the School as well as graduate assistantships available in a number of other programs on campus. The GSSW maintains an extensive database of external funding opportunities for social work students. Some field internships offer student stipends. The University Office of Financial Aid administers federal direct student loans, Perkins loans, and work-study awards.

All applicants are considered for scholarship awards during the admission process. No additional application is required for GSSW Scholarships.

[www.bc.edu/gsswfinancialaid](http://www.bc.edu/gsswfinancialaid)

We strongly encourage you to apply for financial aid as soon as, or soon after, you apply. We recommend you visit the University website for budget information, including tuition and fees and costs of attendance.

Visit our website to find out more about scholarships, fellowships, grants, university, and federal aid resources. There you will find answers to frequently asked questions and an online application with process guidelines and a checklist.

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