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Program Overview

Penn's Doctorate in Clinical Social Work (DSW) stands apart from all other social work doctorates. A professional practice degree housed in an Ivy League institution, Penn's DSW prepares MSW-level social workers for advanced clinical practice and university-level teaching.

The first of its kind, Penn's Clinical DSW offers these unique advantages:

- Blended online and weekend course scheduling that makes it possible for busy working professionals to attend classes remotely, with periodic weekend onsite residency sessions.
- Intensive, accelerated programming that enables students to satisfy all degree requirements in 3 years, without career disruption.
- Cutting-edge courses that focus on the latest breakthroughs and techniques in clinical practice, clinical research and teaching, taught by world class faculty who are renowned leaders in their fields.

- A publishable dissertation that allows students to become content experts and contribute to the professional practice knowledge base. Individualized format and method: book-style or article-length; empirical, curriculum development, historical, conceptual/theoretical, or development of an intervention.

Admission Requirements

Qualified applicants must have an earned master's degree in social work from a CSWE accredited program and at least two years post-MSW experience. Applicants should also have a record of academic and professional accomplishment that demonstrates readiness for doctoral-level study and advanced clinical practice.

Application Deadline

All application materials must be received by the application deadline of March 1.



Partial list of our recent graduates' employment

Abramson Cancer Center
(Director, Patient and Family
Services)

Bryn Athyn College (Assistant
Professor and Area Head of
Psychology)

City University of New York,
(Assistant Professor of Human
Services)

Drexel University, Autism
Institute Outreach Core
(Director)

Marywood University (Assistant
Professor, MSW Program)

Marywood University (Assistant
Professor and Field Coordinator,
BSW Program)

Mazzoni Center (Therapist and
Manager of Addiction Services)

Richard Stockton College of
New Jersey (Assistant Professor)

Temple University, College of
Health Professions and Social
Work, Harrisburg, PA (Faculty)

Temple University, College of
Health Professions and Social
Work Philadelphia, PA (Faculty)

University of Pennsylvania (Full-
time Instructor, MSW Program)

University of Pennsylvania (Part-
time Instructor, MSW Program)

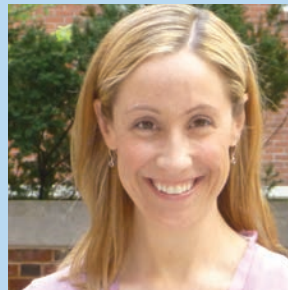
University of Pittsburgh (Clinical
Assistant Professor and Agency
Coordinator, Child Welfare
Education and Research
Program)

University of Southern
California (Clinical Assistant
Professor, MSW Program)



I did not anticipate the tremendous impact the DSW program would have on my professional life. I was introduced to a wonderful network of colleagues, my clinical skills were enhanced, and I had the opportunity to teach. I quickly realized how much I enjoyed teaching and as a result I have pursued a career in academia.

Bianca Harper, DSW'12, LCSW, Assistant Professor, University of Southern California, School of Social Work



After many years as a medical social worker and supervisor, the DSW allowed me to transition into a leadership role as an administrator to multiple professional disciplines in addition to social workers. The skills I learned are useful every day with my staff and colleagues and enhance my work with patients, families and health care providers.

Heather Sheaffer, DSW'10, LCSW, Director of Patient and Family Services, Abramson Cancer Center, Penn Medicine



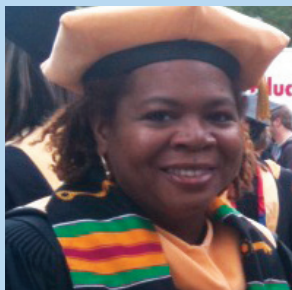
The DSW program faculty was extraordinary and it was an amazing experience to learn from national leaders in the field. The DSW program expanded my knowledge base and opened career doors, and the connections I made continue to be an asset in my career as an academic.

Kielty Turner, DSW'10, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of Field Instruction, BSW Program Marywood University



The DSW cohort model created lasting relationships, many of which are still intact today. My dissertation research has motivated me to investigate the development of a nature counseling model involving passive experiences in nature for people struggling with life issues.

Paul Starling, DSW'11, Counselor at Elementary School in the West Chester Area School District



With a husband, two children and a full-time job, I needed a program that would accommodate my lifestyle and respect the knowledge and experience that I bring.

Valerie Allen, DSW'10, Director, African-American Resource Center, University of Penn; Part-time Lecturer, Rutgers University and University of Pennsylvania



I enjoyed valuable learning experiences from extraordinary DSW faculty and incredible supports from my cohort classmates. I feel more confident in my clinical work with clients and in my social work knowledge and skills. PENN's DSW program helped me achieve my aspirations for clinical excellence and professional advancement.

Anderson S. Yoon, DSW'10, Director, Yoon Behavioral Health Center & Assistant Project Director, The Child Center of NY



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