Graduate credentials are becoming increasingly important in the social work profession. Social workers practice in many areas, including education, health, mental health, child welfare, substance abuse treatment, criminal justice, and veterans services. The specialization received with a master’s degree is an asset to both the practitioner and the client in empowerment practice. Also, with this specialization comes the availability for increased choices for employment. Currently the employment outlook for social workers is projected to grow by 19 percent by 2022.

It is the mission of the St. Ambrose University School of Social Work to prepare competent and ethical social work professionals who advocate a just society.

Consistent with the purposes of social work and Catholic Social Teaching, the St. Ambrose University School of Social Work seeks to advance the well-being of people, to promote social and economic justice and to protect human rights. Emphasizing client system empowerment, the School prepares graduates to practice competently, ethically and with critical understanding of diversity, human behavior and social contexts.

Students acquire a comprehensive knowledge base, practice skills, and ethical standards for professional practice. These competencies enable graduates to provide resources and opportunities for people to live with dignity and freedom in their transactions with each other and social institutions locally, nationally, and globally.

The SAU Master of Social Work Advanced Standing program prepares empowerment social workers to use a life-long praxis process in order to ensure collaborative, client-centered, multi-level, contextualized practice. Empowerment social workers promote professional social work and advocate for social, economic and environmental justice.

**Program Highlights**

- Advanced Standing on-campus or online options
- 10-month full-time Advanced Standing option
- 2-year part-time hybrid Advanced Standing option
- Specialization in empowerment practice
- Field placements are facilitated by the Director of Field and will be within your local area
- Options for work-site field placements available
- Courses begin during summer session
- Focus on wide range of practical skills for maximum career flexibility
- Study abroad options in India and Ecuador

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ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Application guidelines at www.sau.edu/msw
- Graduate Studies online application
- Official transcripts from all institution(s) of enrollment
- MSW application
- Three letters of reference
- Personal statement

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Goals and Objectives

The St. Ambrose Advanced Standing MSW Program is designed for students who hold Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degrees from programs accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). These applicants may be eligible to receive credit toward part of the first year of the MSW Program. To qualify, students must have a B- or better in all BSW generalist social work courses, including social work practice, research, policy, and human behavior in the social environment. Other program requirements for admission must also be met.

- The social work faculty includes internationally known empowerment scholars.
- Students who qualify for advanced standing earn an MSW degree by completing a total of 36 credit hours.
- Energetic faculty are committed to guiding student development and providing quality education. Their scholarly research interests reflect a broad range of social work issues.
- Area and regional agencies and organizations offer a full range of field placement options.
- Following the completion of two accelerated study courses (6 credit hours), students move directly into their empowerment specialization year.
- Courses begin in the summer session and will end with graduation in May.

The material presented here is for informational purposes and does not substitute for the catalog. Consult the official university catalog for complete program requirements.