Master’s in Social Work

Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the DePaul University MSW Degree Program will be able to demonstrate the following competencies:

- Graduates of the program will be knowledgeable of the profession’s ethics and value base and be able to practice accordingly.

- Graduates of the program will practice within the context of striving of justice and will therefore practice antidiscrimination, especially with respect to clients from historically oppressed groups including women, children, the poor, people of color, people with disabilities, the aged, gay, lesbian, and trans-gendered people, people from various ethno-cultural backgrounds, people with diverse religious beliefs, recently-arrived immigrants, and people for whom English is a second language.

- Graduates of the program will be able to apply select advocacy and social change strategies while working for justice.

- Graduates of the program will be able to apply the knowledge and skills of a generalist professional perspective to practice with client systems of all sizes.

- Graduates of the program will be able to apply select theoretical frameworks to understand human development and behaviors across the lifespan and interactions among and between individuals, families, groups, communities, organizations and institutions.

- Graduates of the program will be able to analyze and influence social policies and their impacts.

- Graduates of the program will be able to critically assess research, apply research findings to practice, and evaluate their own practice.

- Graduates of the program will be able to communicate effectively with multiple audiences, using various media.

- Graduates of the program will be able to use supervision effectively and accept constructive feedback regarding their practice interventions.

- Graduates of the program will be able to operate effectively within organizations and work to change organizations in the quest for justice.

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• Graduates of the program will be able to apply select theoretical frameworks and constructs from community practice to analyze, intervene, and evaluate interventions with client systems of all sizes.

• Graduates of the program will be able to work collaboratively with professionals (including those from other disciplines) and autonomously.

• Graduates of the program will be lifelong learners and be knowledgeable of licensure, continuing education, and on-going professional learning demands.