Social Work

MSW

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Faculty of Community Services
Ryerson University’s School of Social Work is a leader in the field of social work education through its integration and study of anti-oppression and marginalization. Anti-oppression practices draw on critical analysis of socio-economic inequalities and processes of marginalization to understand how people become users of social services. This approach to practice involves critically interpreting and reflecting on social worker-client relations. Social workers with an anti-oppression perspective aim for social justice while addressing clients’ needs. This perspective is relevant to all major fields of social work, including practice within child welfare settings, hospitals, school boards, community agencies and government institutions.

Research Areas

- Aboriginal Health
- Anti-Oppression Social Work Practices
- Critical Approaches to Child Welfare
- Critical Approaches to Mental Health
- Critical Race Studies and Practice
- Disability Studies
- Globalization and Social Work Practice
- HIV/AIDS Education, Prevention and Social Care
- Income Security
- Indigenous Epistemologies and Research Methodologies
- Queer Theory and Identities
- Recreation and Sports Development
- Social Inclusion and Citizenship
- Social Welfare Policy
- Structural Approaches to Direct Social Work Practice

Sample Courses

- Anti-Oppressive Practice Responses to Marginalization
- Critical Perspectives on Marginalization
- Field Practicum
- Practice Research Seminar
- Research for Social Change

Admissions Information

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- Completion of a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree from an institution that meets the guidelines of the International Association of Schools of Social Work, or is accredited by a national body of accreditation
- Minimum grade point average (GPA) or equivalent of 3.00/4.33 (B) in the last two years of study
- Resumé
- Statement of interest
- Two letters of recommendation

Resources

- MSW Student Lab
- MSW Student Lounge

Sample Publications

MSW graduates have published in the following journals:

- Action Research
- Canadian Journal of Public Health
- Canadian Social Work Review
- International Social Work
- Journal of GLBT Family Studies
- Journal of HIV/AIDS Prevention in Children and Youth
- Journal of Native Education
- Pathways to Education
- Qualitative Social Work

At a Glance

$190K 21

total student funding available faculty

1.3:1

student-faculty ratio
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