

Handbook

for

School Social Work
Graduate Licensure Program

JMSW Program

A Joint Master of Social Work Program
between
North Carolina A&T State University
&
University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Introduction

This handbook is designed to provide information for persons preparing for the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction Licensure for School Social Work. The requirements for admission, policies, and procedures for this program have been determined by the JMSW Program in collaboration with the Schools of Education at North Carolina A&T State University and University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Any request for information should be directed to Professor Susan Dennison, Coordinator of the School Social Work Graduate Licensure Program.

NOTE: JMSW students who are interested in applying for Licensure at the Graduate Level in School Social Work complete the Application for the JMSW Graduate Licensure Program in School Social Work and return it to Professor Dennison by January 20th of their second semester in the JMSW Program. If applicants are accepted into this Graduate Licensure Program then their paperwork is forwarded and processed by the School of Education on the campus where the student was initially registered as a student.

Philosophy, Goals, and Objectives for School Social Work Education at the JMSW Program

Throughout its history, the profession of social work has focused on the goal of enhancing the quality of life of individuals, families, and communities. Social work's philosophy is built on the values of the profession, which are summarized in the Curriculum Policy Statement of the Council on Social Work Education (1984).

1. Social workers' professional relationships are built on their regard for individual worth and human dignity and are furthered by mutual participation, acceptance, confidentiality, honesty, and responsible handling of conflict.
2. Social workers respect people's right to choose, to contract for services and to participate in the helping process.
3. Social workers demonstrate respect for and acceptance of unique characteristics of diverse populations.
4. Social workers are responsible for their own ethical conduct, for the quality of their practice, and for maintaining continuous growth in the knowledge and skills of their profession.

In the Joint Master of Social Work Program, the focus of the curriculum is on preparing students for advanced generalist social work practice. Additional goals specifically for School Social Work Education include the following:

1. To increase students' understanding of the public school setting and the role of school social workers within that setting.
2. To increase students' skills in providing linkage services between schools and student's families.
3. To increase students' skills in conducting assessment and intervention services in public school settings.
4. To increase students' understanding of the relationship of school social workers to other members of the educational team.
5. To increase student's knowledge and skills for maintaining appropriate written documentation of the services provided by a school social worker.

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Requirements for Graduate School Social Work Licensure

1. Students eligible to be considered for admission to this program must be accepted into the JMSW Program, have successfully completed all of their first semester courses (15 graduate hours) and have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
2. At the completion of the first semester of coursework in the JMSW Program, interested students must complete an *Application for JMSW Graduate Licensure in School Social Work* and return it to the Coordinator of the School Social Work Licensure Program.
3. This application form must be returned to the Coordinator of School Social Work Licensure by January 20th. A review of the student's application will be completed to determine either an admission or denial of admission to the JMSW Graduate Licensure Program in School Social Work. Students who have met the minimum eligibility criteria to be considered for admission to this program are not guaranteed this recommendation. A limited number of placements in school settings are available each year for field placements (see in the appendices of this booklet a listing of school districts where school social work interns have been placed in the past). Subsequently, if the number of interested applicants exceeds available placements, a priority order for acceptance into this program will be based on students' overall GPA.
4. Students recommended for admission to this program will have their paperwork processed either through the NC A & T State University School of Education or the UNCG School of Education. Students' admission materials for this program are processed through the campus where they were initially admitted to the JMSW Program.
5. Students must complete field instruction in a school setting (SWK 606 and SWK 616).
6. Students must successfully complete the following coursework with a minimum grade of B: SWK 582: School Social Work.
7. Approximately one month before completion of above requirements, students apply for Licensure "M" through either the UNCG or NC A&T State University School of Education by completing the form titled *Request for North Carolina Licensure for Professional Personnel (Graduate and Licensure Only Applicants)*.

