

# SOCIAL WORK

Master of Social Work



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The MSW program at King's is a direct-practice (non-thesis) program designed to develop and enhance the knowledge and practice skills of social work professionals. Learning opportunities are aimed at preparing students to work with individuals, groups and families, always with an understanding of the impacts of the broader social and cultural environment.

A Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) (Honours) degree is an entrance requirement for the one-year MSW program. If you have an honours undergraduate degree in another discipline, you are eligible to apply to our two-year program.

### Why Choose Our MSW Program?

#### 1. Accreditation:

Accreditation: King's MSW program builds on your undergraduate education, offering specialized training to become an advanced practitioner. Our MSW Program is fully accredited by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE). Graduates from the accredited MSW program are eligible to apply for registration with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW). Prospective students should review the OCSWSSW guidelines for registration eligibility.

#### 2. Graduate-to-Practice Focus:

The program prepares students for direct social work practice upon graduation.

#### 3. Interdisciplinary Approach:

The MSW curriculum is informed by evidence-based research as well as critical analysis of the literature from a broad range of related disciplines such as: sociology, psychology, education, and philosophy, fostering a well-rounded understanding of social work.

#### 4. Supportive Learning Environment:

Benefit from small class sizes and faculty mentorship. Classes average between 20-25 students. Practicum integration seminars average between 10-15 students, allowing for greater support of integration of theory into practice.

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICUM

The program includes a supervised practicum that allows students to develop advanced practice skills in a professional setting. With between **450 and 900 hours** of hands-on practice before graduation, students integrate classroom learning with real-world applications.

- Placement Matching:** Personalized placement matching, based upon students' curriculum vitae and previous experiences, ensures students transition smoothly into professional practice.
- Diverse Practicum Opportunities:** Professional Practica are available in healthcare, community organizations, policy settings, and more. The number of settings utilized changes each year based upon community partners' ability to offer practicum.
- 1-year MSW:** 450 hours of supervised practice. 1-2 hours of weekly supervision.
- 2-year MSW:** 900+ hours of supervised practice. 1-2 hours of weekly supervision.





## MSW Program Options

### 1-Year MSW (For BSW Graduates)

A 12-month, practice-focused program for students with a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) (Honours). It includes advanced coursework, a 450+ hour practicum, and professional development opportunities.

### 2-Year MSW (For Graduates from Other Disciplines)

A 24-month program for students with a 4-year degree in another discipline. The first year builds foundational social work knowledge, while the second year mirrors the 1-year MSW with advanced coursework and a practicum.

Both pathways provide hands-on practicum experience, integration seminars, and professional development training to prepare students for advanced-level social work practice.

## Career Opportunities:

Our graduates are working in a variety of fields, including:

- **Health & Mental Health Services:** Hospitals, Long-Term Care, Community Counselling Agencies, Mental Health & Addiction Services.
- **Family & Youth Support:** Family Services, Child & Youth Services, Women's Advocacy.
- **Justice & Public Policy:** Justice & Corrections, Dispute Resolution, Government Agencies.
- **Community & Education:** School Boards, Non-Profit Organizations, Community Development.
- **Further Education:** Although this is a non-thesis MSW, some students decide to pursue further studies after completion of their program. Some have gone on to pursue a Juris Doctorate (JD) in Law while others have chosen to pursue a PhD in Social Work.



*"I pursued my MSW to complement my legal background, allowing me to apply diverse perspectives, including anti-oppressive and critical race lenses. The program's courses in leadership and program evaluation helped me build the skills I need to achieve my career goals."*

— Sarika Singodia, King's Master of Social Work Student



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