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The School of Social Work at Millersville University is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to offer the academic requirements for the School Social Worker, Educational Specialist Certificate K-12. In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the School Social Work certification is required by school districts. The School Social Work certification program is interdisciplinary and offered in both distance and in-person modalities.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK CURRICULUM

The curriculum in this certification program is designed to prepare social work students with the required knowledge, skills and expertise to support the academic, career and personal-social development needs of diverse and vulnerable populations, such as K-12 students and their families. Successful completion of MSW plus required certification curriculum includes in-person field practicum experiences in a Pennsylvania public school entity, including K-12 public school districts, charter schools, or intermediate units (IUs) that prepare candidates to be certified as a School Social Worker Educational Specialist.

Upon completion of the required coursework, the Certification Office at Millersville University will assist eligible candidates with the application process and provide recommendations for School Social Worker Educational Specialist.

Required Courses (18 credits)

- SOWK 606 School Social Work
- SOWK 630 Advanced Field Practicum I (in a school setting)
- SOWK 631 Advanced Field Practicum II (in a school setting)
- EDLD 620 School Law, Public Policy and Principal
- SPED 580 Diagnostic and Assessment Strategies for Students With Disabilities
- Second Language Acquisition, Choose 1 of the following:
 - EDUC 561 Second Language Acquisition: Theory, Programs and Assessment
 - EDUC 564 Assessment, Policies and Practices in Teaching English Language Learners

Flexible Program Options

Applicants can earn their School Social Work certification while enrolled in the MSW program, part-time or full-time. Those applicants who have earned a master's degree in social work from an accredited Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) program or an equivalent foreign qualification recognized by the CSWE Office of Social Work Accreditation (OSWA) may apply.

Admissions

Prospective student must submit a formal application to the College of Graduate Studies and Adult Learning. At the time of application, students must include a resume detailing relevant experiences in a school setting, a well-written and focused goal statement, and ensure that references provide sufficient information about their relationship with the applicant, and evaluation of their experiences related to school social work practice.

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