



香港樹仁大學

HONG KONG SHUE YAN UNIVERSITY

Master of **SOCIAL WORK**

We care, we nurture



*Department of
Social Work*

THE PROGRAMME

The Master of Social Work (MSW) offered by Hong Kong Shue Yan University is an accredited professional training programme leading to a professional qualification in social work. It is designed for students who hold a first degree in any discipline and wish to pursue a professional career in this field. Graduates of the Programme are eligible to apply for the status of Registered Social Worker (RSW) with the Social Workers Registration Board (SWRB).

The programme equips a new generation of practitioners to tackle complex societal issues through an interdisciplinary curriculum. Students learn to foster sustainable communities and shape social policy. The advanced training enables expert intervention in mental health, crisis, and trauma, providing support for families, children, and vulnerable groups like the older adults and minorities. This rigorous preparation ensures graduates are ready to lead, and create social impact, and contributing to the well-being of diverse communities.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Digital Social Work Practice

Development and application of digital technology in social work practice.

Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Application of social work knowledge in interdisciplinary collaboration; arrangement of fieldwork placement in interdisciplinary service settings.

Sustainable Development

Integration of United Nation's 2030 Global Agenda for Sustainable Development in the curriculum.

Global and Regional Outlook

Opportunities to contribute to global and regional research programme; overseas placement in Canada, New Zealand and Singapore.

Leadership Training

Opportunities to shadow senior management of NGOs for leadership and management training.

Small Class Teaching

About 70% of classes will adopt small class teaching mode.

Curriculum

12 Core Courses (36 Credits)

- *Human Diversity, Behaviour, and Social Environment*
- *Interprofessional Collaboration in Social Work Practice* 
- *Agency, Community, Stakeholders, and Systems Engagement – Social Work Mezzo Practices*
- *Sustainable Development and Social Work Macro Practices*
- *Advanced Interviewing Skills and Modalities – Social Work Micro Practices*
- *Globalisation and Regionalisation in Social Welfare and Social Policy*
- *Law and Ethics in Social Work*
- *Practice-based Research, Evaluation and Social Impact Assessment*
- *Advanced Digital and Technological Applications in Social Work Practice* 
- *Integration and Consolidation in Interdisciplinary Social Work Practice I*
- *Impact Creation and Leadership in Social Service Management*
- *Integration and Consolidation in Interdisciplinary Social Work Practice II*



This course has been included in the list of reimbursable courses under the Continuing Education Fund.

This course is recognised under the Qualifications Framework (QF Level 5)

2 Elective Courses (6 Credits)

- *Advanced Intervention in Mental Health and Wellness*
- *Managing Crisis and Trauma*
- *Professional Practice with Families and Complex Issues in Contemporary Society*
- *Social Work in Public Health*
- *Practice-based Research Project*
- *Narrative Therapy: Theory and Practice*
- *Therapeutic Play with Children in Social Work Practice*
- *Cognitive Behavioural Therapy in Mental Health Practice*
- *Social Work in Educational Settings*
- *Gerontological Social Work Practice*

Placement

**Pre-placement Workshops
(100 hours/ Non-credit bearing)**



**2 Fieldwork Placements
16 Credits (Total 800 hours)**

Full-time Mode

1st Placement (8 credits)

- Year One - Summer Block, May to August
- 5 days (10 Session) per week, 10 Weeks in total

2nd Placement (8 credits)

- Year Two - Concurrent, Sept to March
- 2 days (4 sessions) per week, 25 weeks in total

Part-time Mode

1st Placement (8 credits)

- Year Two - Concurrent, Sept to March
- 2 days (4 sessions) per week, 25 weeks in total

2nd Placement (8 credits)

- Year Three - Concurrent, Sept to March
- 2 days (4 sessions) per week, 25 weeks in total

Study Mode

2-year Full Time

(Classes on weekday evenings and Saturdays in Year 1)

3-year Part Time

(Classes on weekday evenings and Saturdays during the study years)

Tuition Fee

2026-27 Entry

HKD \$319,000 (Local & Non-local)

(\$5,500 x 58 credits)

ADMISSIONS

Basic Entrance Requirements

1. A bachelor's degree with first or second-class honours from a recognized local or overseas university. Preference will be given to applicants who have attained undergraduate training in a social science discipline.
2. IELTS 6.0 or above (Academic) / TOEFL score of 550 (Paper-based Test) or 79 (Internet-based Test) or equivalent English qualification. (Only for applicants whose entrance qualification is issued by an institution where the medium of instruction is not English).
3. Proficiency in Cantonese is preferred, as the programme includes a practicum component requiring interaction with local social service users.

Selection

Admission interviews will be conducted to select suitable applicants. Applicants will be evaluated in terms of their language fluency, presentation skills, attitude, knowledge of current affairs, and basic knowledge of social work.

Application

- Application fees (HKD, non-refundable):
Local - \$250; Non-local - \$650
- Each applicants must submit a Personal Statement Form in English within 1,500 words, describing their study motivation and outlining their future professional development plan.
- Confidential recommendations from two referees.

Summer Foundation Course

Students who did not receive prior social work-related training will be required to attend a non-credit course "Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare" "before the beginning of MSW programme.

Course fee (2026-27 entry) HK\$5,400.

NATURE OF SERVICE

- Elderly • Community Development • Rehabilitation
- Residential Care • Labour-related Services
- Employment Placement • Medical Service
- Chronically ill Patients • Children and Youth Service
- Family Service • Minority Groups
- Services for Ex-offenders and Drug Addicts



*Bringing New Value of social work practice through
the integration of digital and interdisciplinary collaborative practice*

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