



## Fall 2012 Application deadline: **February 1, 2012**

The Advanced Standing Program is designed to facilitate completion of MSW degree requirements for students with a BSW degree from an accredited school of social work within the last five years. The Advanced Standing Program eliminates the redundancy of repeating core social work concepts taught at the BSW level such as values, ethics, and methods of practice, which are also taught during the first year of the MSW program.

### Essentials of the Advanced Standing Program

Students who have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and a BSW degree from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program are conditionally admitted to the MSW Advanced Standing Program. Upon successful completion of an intensive Summer Bridge Module (see below), the core content from the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the traditional MSW program (or 30 units) will be waived and students will be Advanced to Candidacy to begin year two of the traditional MSW program curriculum.

### Admission Criteria

In addition to the School's basic admissions application procedures as well as University application procedures, the following are requirements for all Advanced Standing applicants:

- Graduation, within the last 5 years, from an undergraduate social work program that is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education at the time of the applicant's graduation.
- Applicants must have a cumulative 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) grade point average for all undergraduate work.
- Provisional acceptance for persons currently enrolled in BASW/BSW programs is contingent upon the successful completion of that program plus submission of a reference letter from an undergraduate's current field instructor, as well as a reference letter from the applicant's program advisor or a professor who taught one of the required courses during the senior year. The third reference should be from a professional source.
- All acceptances to the Advanced Standing Program are conditional until University Enrollment Services admits a student and all Summer Bridge modules have been successfully completed.
- Applicants must pass the Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) or the Writing Proficiency Exam (WPE) prior to the start of the Fall semester.

### Curriculum for 2012-2013 Advanced Standing MSW

The Advanced Standing Program includes a Summer Bridge Session (dates TBA). The Summer Bridge Session includes six modules (see below), which are graded credit/no credit.

#### **\*\*Summer Bridge Module (Summer 2012)**

1. Field Work- 16 hours per week for 10 weeks  
plus 2-4 hours of seminar per week.  
Field Work Internship Total Hours: 160
2. Human Behavior Hours: TBA
3. Social Policy Hours: TBA
4. Research Hours: TBA
5. Practice Hours: TBA
6. Technology Hours: TBA

#### **Second Year Fall 2012**

- 660/661 Practice Individuals/Families
- 680A Field Seminar III
- 693 Community Projects II
- 698A Thesis I
- 500/600 Social Work Elective

#### **Spring 2013**

- 670 Administrative Practice
- 680B Field Seminar IV
- 681/682 Advanced Policy
- 699A Thesis II
- 500/600 Social Work Elective

### Program Cost

The tuition costs for the Advanced Standing Program are subject to change by the University. Please check with University Enrollment Services for the most up-to-date tuition fees for 2012-2013.

\*\*Summer Bridge fees are determined by the College of Continuing & Professional Education and must be paid in full prior to the first day of summer class. There is no financial aid available for the Summer Bridge program.