The Greater Miami Valley Joint MASW between Miami University of Ohio and Wright State University accepted its first students in Fall 2012. This program was approved by the Ohio Board of Regents in Spring 2012. The program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

This fact sheet answers the most common questions being asked about this joint MASW program. You may also contact co-directors Dr. Shreya Bhandari at shreya.bhandari@wright.edu, 937-775-2751, or Dr. Anne Roma at romaa@muohio.edu, 513-529-8519, with any further questions or to schedule an appointment.

Q. What is the mission of this program?
A. To prepare students from the Greater Miami Valley region to become advanced generalist social work professionals. Graduates will be lifelong learners and leaders. They will contribute to the social work profession through advanced generalist practice. Such practice emphasizes effective practice and policy skill development to promote diversity and cultural competency, social and economic justice, reduce oppression, and improve the broader human condition.

Q. What can I do with a MASW?
A. Persons graduating with a MASW are eligible to become Licensed Social Workers (LSW) and Licensed Independent Social Workers (LISW) in the state of Ohio (www.cswmft.ohio.gov). The scope of practice includes applying advanced generalist knowledge, skills, and values in direct practice, administration, and advocacy across different social service settings working with persons across the lifespan. The largest organization for social workers is the National Association of

Q. If I graduate from this program am I eligible for social work licensure?
A. As a CSWE accredited program, graduates of this program will be eligible to apply for the LISW. Persons must also receive two years of post-graduate supervision from an LISW-S and pass the advanced social work exam in order to become an LISW in Ohio. Graduates can apply for the LSW upon graduation.

Q. How do I apply?
A. All persons applying to the Greater Miami Valley Joint MASW will apply directly to the Graduate School at Wright State University, www.wright.edu/gradschool, or Miami University, http://miamioh.edu/graduate-school/admission/index.html. You will need to complete the application, three letters of reference plus forms, and the personal statement of goals. Information on requirements is posted at http://liberal-arts.wright.edu/social-work/advising/admission

Q. When do I apply?
A. Applications for the Traditional MASW program are due on February 15 and applications for the Advanced Standing MASW program for eligible BSW students are due January 15. We expect a high volume of applications and will give priority to those students who apply by the deadlines.

Q. When would I start?
A. Students accepted into the Advanced Standing program will start in the Summer. Students in the Traditional MASW program will start in the Fall.

Q. From which university will I be graduating?
A. Both universities will be listed on the diploma.

Q. Where will I take classes?
A. Most classes are taught at the Miami University Middletown campus. Some classes or training may be scheduled at the Miami University Voice of America campus in West Chester. Field Seminar is offered on the home university’s main campus; Oxford for MU students and Dayton for WSU students. Be prepared to drive to any of the locations listed in this paragraph.

Q. When will the classes be taught?
A. Classes are primarily taught Monday-Thursday after 4:00 pm in the evening, and are hybrid in nature. Summer classes usually meet during the daytime.

Q. What are the Admissions requirements for the Traditional program?
A. In order to be admitted to the Greater Miami Valley Joint MASW Program, applicants must provide transcripts from all colleges and universities attended to verify the following:
   1. a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university;
2. a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 2.75 (based on a 4.0 system) from all colleges and universities attended to ensure regular graduate status;
3. a minimum GPA of 3.0 in social work or behavioral science courses.
4. completion of the following behavioral science coursework:
   a. at least one course in psychology, sociology, or anthropology;
   b. at least one course in American history, American government, or economics;
   c. at least one course in human biology; and
   d. at least one course in statistics.

Q. What are the requirements for the Advanced Standing MASW Program for BSW graduates?
A. Requirements for the Advanced Standing program are:
   1. meet all the admission requirements of the Traditional MASW program;
   2. have received within the last 5 years before applying, a Bachelor of Social Work degree from a CSWE accredited program OR hold a Bachelor of Social Work degree recognized through the CSWE Recognition and Evaluation service OR hold a Bachelor of Social Work degree covered under a memorandum of understanding with international social work accreditors;
   3. have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 on all previous undergraduate academic work attempted. Students must also have a 3.25 or better in all required undergraduate social work courses;
   4. have documentation of positive performance in field practicum from the undergraduate field instructor or social work employer.

Q. Is there a part-time program?
A. Yes. Courses in this program can be spread out over a 2 year period.

Q. What is the time commitment per week for students in the MASW program?

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Semesters with Field Placement- 15-20 hours per week in field placement per week M-F 8am-5pm. Evening and weekends are rare and not expected.
Q. What are the required courses?
A. Listed below are the titles of the courses taught in the Advanced Standing program. Full descriptions of the courses can be found on the program websites.

Greater Miami Valley Joint MASW
Miami University and Wright State University
Sample Curriculum

**Advanced Standing Program**

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Q. What are the field education requirements?
A. Students in the Traditional program will complete 900 hours of field education across three different semesters. Students in the Advanced Standing program will complete 500 hours of field education across two different semesters.

Q. Where can I get more information about this program?
A. Contact program co-directors, Dr. Shreya Bhandari, WSU Social Work at 937-775-2751 or shreya.bhandari@wright.edu or Dr. Anne Roma at romaa@muohio.edu, 513-529-8519. Visit the WSU Social Work website, liberal-arts.wright.edu/social-work, or like us on Facebook for updates @ wright.state.socialwork. Visit the Miami University Department of Family Studies and Social Work website at www.units.muohio.edu/eap/fsw.

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