

# SOCIAL WORK, MASTER OF (M.S.W.)/GENDER VIOLENCE INTERVENTION, CERTIFICATE IN (POST-BACCALAUREATE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE) [DUAL DEGREE]

The dual degree Master of Social Work and Certificate in Gender Violence Intervention program is a collaborative effort among the L. Douglas Wilder School of Public Affairs, the School of Social Work and community advocates working in the area of sexual and domestic violence. Master of Social Work students may simultaneously earn the Certificate in Gender Violence Intervention offered by the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs. The certificate requires a total of 15 credit hours.

To enroll in the Certificate in Gender Violence Intervention simultaneously with the M.S.W., students must complete a graduate application for the certificate program and pay the required fee to Graduate Admissions; however, no supporting information is required for students who are already enrolled in good standing in the M.S.W. program.

Applicants will need to complete an online application through Graduate Admissions (<https://www.vcu.edu/admissions/apply/graduate/>), pay the application fee and submit a personal statement expressing their interest in the program and indicating that they are currently in the M.S.W. program. Students may email the Graduate School ([gradmail@vcu.edu](mailto:gradmail@vcu.edu)) to arrange for references, resume/CV and transcripts already on file from the M.S.W. program to be added to the application.

Additional information may be obtained from Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work, Box 842027, Richmond, VA 23284-2027, Attention: Elizabeth Cramer, Ph.D., [[ecramer@vcu.edu](mailto:ecramer@vcu.edu); (804) 828-9027], Certificate in Gender Violence Intervention Adviser. Detailed information about the Certificate in Gender Violence Intervention is available from Sarah Jane Brubaker, Ph.D., Wilder School [[sbrubaker@vcu.edu](mailto:sbrubaker@vcu.edu); (804) 827-2400]. Certificate courses can be completed after M.S.W. degree requirements have been completed as long as there is continuous enrollment. All M.S.W. students interested in the certificate should check the course schedule for changes and other course offerings.

See the individual program pages (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-government-public-affairs/gender-violence-intervention-certificate/>) for specific admission requirements, application deadlines, program goals, student learning outcomes, degree requirements and graduation requirements for the M.S.W. and Certificate in Gender Violence Intervention programs.

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## Admission requirements

Degree:	Semester(s) of entry:	Deadline dates:	Test requirements:
M.S.W. and Post-baccalaureate graduate certificate	Fall	Apr 1 (Mar 1 for financial aid)	
	Spring	Oct 1	

## Curriculum requirements

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Required courses</b>		
GVPA 623	Research Methods for Government and Public Affairs <sup>1</sup>	3
GVPA 635	Theorizing Gender Violence	3
GVPA 693	Internship <sup>2</sup>	3
PADM 650	Principles of Nonprofit Management <sup>3</sup>	3
SLWK 761	Interpersonal Violence in Clinical Social Work Practice	3
Total Hours		15

<sup>1</sup>GVPA 623: satisfied by SLWK 706-SLWK 707 or SLWK 714-SLWK 715 [clinical or social work planning, administrative and policy practice research course (three credit hours)].

<sup>2</sup>GVPA 693: satisfied by SLWK 693-SLWK 694, SLWK 695; or SLWK 793-SLWK 794, SLWK 795 [a social work field practicum in an agency providing sexual or domestic violence services (three credit hours)].

<sup>3</sup>PADM 650: satisfied by SLWK 602-SLWK 606 or SLWK 608 (three credit hours).

**The minimum total of graduate credit hours required for the Certificate in Gender Violence Intervention for students in the M.S.W. program is 15.**

## Field placements

Once students are admitted and enrolled in the certificate program, they should consult the certificate adviser when they choose their field placements to ensure that at least one placement is conducted in a setting that addresses gender violence.

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Program websites: [socialwork.vcu.edu](http://socialwork.vcu.edu) (<http://socialwork.vcu.edu>) and

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[wilder.vcu.edu/academic/certificate/intervention.html](http://wilder.vcu.edu/academic/certificate/intervention.html) (<http://wilder.vcu.edu/academic/certificate/intervention.html>)