

SOCIAL WORK, MASTER OF (M.S.W.)/NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT, CERTIFICATE IN (POST-BACCALAUREATE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE) [DUAL DEGREE]

The dual degree Master of Social Work and Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management is a cooperative arrangement between the School of Social Work and the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs. Master of Social Work students pursuing a concentration in administration, planning and policy practice or clinical practice may simultaneously earn the graduate certificate in nonprofit management offered by the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs. The certificate requires a total of 15 credit hours. The program is designed to bring together two fields that benefit from complementary knowledge and skills that may be used in the government and nonprofit sectors. This integration of education in social work and nonprofit management draws on the contributions that each area can make to a professional knowledge base for practice in both fields.

Application process

To earn the Certificate in Nonprofit Management simultaneously with the M.S.W., it is necessary to complete two graduate admissions applications and be admitted to both programs. Students may begin their studies in either program, or apply to both programs simultaneously. Students who are already enrolled in good standing in the M.S.W. degree program are not required to submit any additional supporting documents when applying to the certificate program.

Visit the Wilder School's page (<https://wilder.vcu.edu/programs/public-administration/>) for more information.

Certificate requirements for M.S.W. students

Social work students enrolled in the SWAPPP concentration are required to complete three nonprofit courses: PADM 656, PADM 659 and PADM 661. Two social work SWAPPP courses are substituted for six credit hours of the certificate's 15 credit-hour requirement. One of these courses is SLWK 712. The second course may be SLWK 711 or SLWK 713.

Social work students enrolled in the clinical practice concentration are required to complete four nonprofit courses (PADM 650, PADM 656, PADM 659 and PADM 661) and one elective. Two social work courses, SLWK 602 and SLWK 606 (six credits) or SLWK 608 (3 credit hours), may substitute for PADM 650 (three credits).

Note: M.S.W. students pursuing the clinical practice concentration must complete the entire 15 credit hours required for the Certificate in Nonprofit Management. Any six of the PADM nonprofit credit hours will satisfy the M.S.W. elective requirement for either concentration.

See the individual program pages for specific admission requirements, application deadlines, program goals, student learning outcomes, degree requirements and graduation requirements for the stand-alone M.S.W. and Certificate in Nonprofit Management programs.

Curriculum requirements - SWAPPP concentration

Course	Title	Hours
PADM 656	Fund Development for the Nonprofit Sector	3
PADM 659	Financial Management for Nonprofit Organizations	3
PADM 661	Nonprofit Law, Governance and Ethics	3
SLWK 712	Social Work Planning and Administrative Practice I	3
SLWK 711	Strategies for Social Work Planning and Administrative Practice	3
or SLWK 713	Social Work Planning and Administrative Practice II	

The minimum total of graduate credit hours required for the Certificate in Nonprofit Management for students in the M.S.W. program SWAPPP concentration is 15.

Curriculum requirements - clinical practice concentration

Course	Title	Hours
PADM 650	Principles of Nonprofit Management	3
PADM 656	Fund Development for the Nonprofit Sector	3
PADM 659	Financial Management for Nonprofit Organizations	3
PADM 661	Nonprofit Law, Governance and Ethics	3

One graduate three credit-hour course from the Wilder School or elsewhere in the university (with approval from the program chair)

The minimum total of graduate credit hours required for the Certificate in Nonprofit Management for students in the M.S.W. program clinical practice concentration is 15.

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