



“ I feel lucky to learn from such incredible practitioners. The faculty are well known in the field and specialize in a wide array of clinical approaches. They’ve gone above and beyond to help me tailor a curriculum that supports my goal of working in East Africa or the Middle East to prevent and respond to gender-based violence.”

—John Drollinger, MSW '19  
Clinical · Global Practice



**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Two- and Three-year; Spring Advanced Standing MSW Programs**

- December 1 Early Application Deadline
- January 15 Priority Application Deadline
- March 15 Regular Application Deadline

*Applications received by the dates listed above will be eligible for the greatest number of scholarship opportunities. After March 15, applications will be considered on a rolling basis.*

**Summer Advanced Standing and Transfer Students**

- January 15 Application Deadline

**For information on tuition, financial aid, and how to apply, visit [bc.edu/ssw](http://bc.edu/ssw).**



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2021-2022



**BOSTON COLLEGE**  
School of Social Work

The Boston College School of Social Work (BCSSW) is a global leader in social work education, dedicated to solving social issues at home and around the world through pioneering practice and research.

Part of a Jesuit, Catholic university, BCSSW pursues the highest standards of intellectual rigor, as well as a deep commitment to social justice, to develop practitioners who think in new ways to improve life for others.

**THE MSW PROGRAM**

Our top-ranked Master of Social Work (MSW) Program offers a strong foundation in social work theory, practice, policy, and research through a combination of clinical and macro coursework and field education in agencies and organizations serving vulnerable individuals, families, and communities.

You'll learn from faculty who are recognized nationally and internationally for their research and practice, and who draw on diverse disciplines—from social work and sociology to public health/epidemiology and neuroscience—in their teaching and in their work.

With options for full- and part-time study, our program prepares you to partner with community members and allied professionals to help address complex social problems and initiate change.

**FIELD EDUCATION: BOSTON AND BEYOND**

The School of Social Work is located on Boston College's main campus in Chestnut Hill—six miles from downtown Boston and easily accessible via public transit.

This ideal location offers rich opportunities for field education, research, and employment. We partner with more than 1,000 social service agencies, hospitals, nonprofits, and government offices for field placements in Boston and surrounding communities, as well as in many countries, including Italy, Peru, Kenya, and Cambodia.

**MSW PROGRAM**

**#10**  
U.S. News & World Report ranking

**12**  
required courses

**5**  
elective courses

**50+**  
electives to choose from

**4**  
semesters of field education

**1,000+**  
field agency partners

BCSSW BY THE NUMBERS *2021–22 academic year*

650 MSW students    24 PhD students    33 Full-time faculty    96 Part-time faculty    95% Receive financial aid

INCOMING MSW CLASS PROFILE

Students from **38** states and **6** countries

TWO-YEAR STUDENTS		THREE-YEAR STUDENTS		STUDENTS OF COLOR	
MSW Students	261	MSW Students	60	African American/Black	4.1%
Undergraduate GPA	3.58	Undergraduate GPA	3.49	Asian or Pacific Islander	7.8%
Mean Age	25	Mean Age	29	Hispanic/Latinx	10.8%
Male	16%	Male	7%	Native American	0%
Female	84%	Female	93%	Multiracial	2.7%
				AHANA*	25.4%
				International	4%

\*African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Native American

TAILOR YOUR DEGREE

Flexible and innovative, our program allows you to customize your education. You'll choose a practice specialty—clinical or macro social work—then develop expertise by selecting one field of practice:

- Children, Youth, and Families
- Global Practice
- Health
- Latinx Communities
- Mental Health
- Older Adults and Families

You may build additional knowledge and skills by completing up to two certificates:

- Advanced Research
- Child Welfare
- Latinx Leadership
- Leaders for Equity and Justice in the Workplace
- Neuroscience & Social Work
- Policy & Community Organizing
- Refugees & Immigrants
- School Social Work
- Trauma

CROSS-REGISTRATION

You may take up to two graduate courses in other schools or departments at Boston College. You may also cross-register for one social work-related elective per semester at other area schools in the Graduate Consortium—Boston University, Brandeis, and Tufts.

DUAL DEGREES

BCSSW offers three dual-degree graduate programs for students interested in earning both an MSW and a JD from Boston College Law School; an MBA from the Carroll School of Management; or an MA in Theology and Ministry from the School of Theology and Ministry. We also offer a highly selective MSW/PhD in Social Work.

TRAUMA INTEGRATION INITIATIVE

Begun in 2019, the Trauma Integration Initiative incorporates teaching, fieldwork, and research into a holistic program that not only prepares BCSSW students to help their clients deal with trauma, but to guard themselves against its effects.

EQUITY, JUSTICE, AND INCLUSION

**Black Leadership Initiative**

Launched in 2021, the Black Leadership Initiative continues BCSSW's legacy in innovation by providing one-of-a-kind professional development through a curriculum that focuses on an Afrocentric approach to social work practice.

**Certificate: Leaders for Equity and Justice in the Workplace**

Designed to prepare master's students to improve equality in the workplace for women, people of color, and other marginalized employees.

**Latinx Leadership Initiative**

You take courses in Spanish, complete internships in schools, hospitals, and prisons around the world, and conduct cutting-edge research that shapes the strategies social workers use to support Latinx clients.

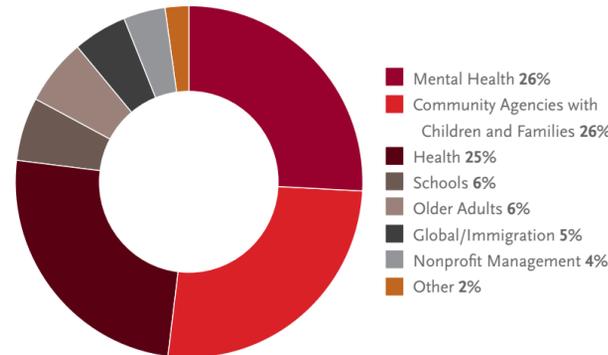
CAREER OUTCOMES *Class of 2019 survey*

2.5 months Average length of job search    99% Employed within one year of graduation    52% With starting salary of \$50,000+    91% Licensure pass rate on first try

SELECT JOB TITLES

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|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Behavioral Health Clinical Fellow         | Evaluation Manager               | Partial Hospital Program Clinician |
| Behavioral Health Policy Analyst          | Executive Director               | Project Manager                    |
| Development Associate                     | Geriatric Social Worker          | Public Policy Coordinator          |
| Director of Catholic Immigration Services | International Development Fellow | School Adjustment Counselor        |
| Director of Program Development           | Medical Social Worker            | Substance Treatment Counselor      |
| Domestic Violence Advocate                | Multisystemic Therapy Clinician  | Volunteer Coordinator              |
|   | Outpatient Clinician             | Youth and Family Clinician         |

EMPLOYMENT BY AREA OF FOCUS



ALUMNI NETWORK

8,822 BCSSW alumni

189,497 BC alumni

In over 120 countries

SELECT EMPLOYERS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Boston Medical Center                             | Massachusetts Department of Children and Families |
| Catholic Relief Services                          | Massachusetts Department of Public Health         |
| East Boston Neighborhood Health Center            | Massachusetts General Hospital                    |
| The Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project | McLean Hospital                                   |
| Hebrew Rehabilitation Center                      | National PACE Association                         |
| The Home for Little Wanderers                     | San Diego Center for Children                     |
| Jesuit Refugee Service                            | Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services               |
| Justice Resource Institute                        | Wayside Youth & Family Support Network            |
| Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford       | YouthConnect                                      |

“ I found so many opportunities to develop my identity as a social worker at Boston College. My field placements gave me tangible skills, yet they also helped me to discover my passion and professional goals. The School of Social Work taught me to think strategically and holistically about how each of us can expand the definition of social work to create lasting change.”

—Kaiti Jones, MSW '17  
Macro · Children, Youth, and Families  
Director of Program Development,  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston



**MENTORING AND SUPPORT**

We'll work closely with you to chart a path to professional success. All our students enjoy the benefits of faculty and field advisor mentoring, as well as a range of BCSSW and University support services, including:

- BCSSW Advising Center
- BCSSW Career Services
- BCSSW Library
- BCSSW writing and research tutors
- Disability Services Office
- Peer advisors
- Office of Graduate Student Life
- The Connors Family Learning Center (learning disabilities)
- University Counseling

