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.

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For information on tuition, financial aid, and how to apply, visit bc.edu/ssw.

### 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

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### 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 by public transit. This location offers rich opportunities for field placements in Boston and surrounding communities, as well as in many countries, including Fiji, Peru, Kenya, and Cambodia.

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

- Children, Youth, and Families
- Global Practice
- Healthcare
- Latino Communities
- Older Adults and Families

You may add additional knowledge and skills by completing the following certificates:

- Advanced Research
- Latino Leadership
- Social Justice in the Workplace
- Policy & Community Organizing
- Religion, Spirituality, and Social Work
- Social Work School
- Trauma

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**Cross-Registration**

You take up to two graduate courses in other schools at Boston University. You may also cross register for one core social work-related elective per semester at one of the following partner institutions:

- Boston College
- Boston University
- Northeastern University

**Degree Programs**

- Policy & Community Organizing
- Leadership and Management
- Neuroscience & Social Work
- School Social Work
- Administration

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**Trauma Integration Initiative**

Begun in 2019, the Trauma Integration Initiative (TII) is a campus-wide, interdisciplinary program designed to help students, faculty, and staff learn about and respond to trauma. The initiative incorporates teaching, fieldwork, and research into a holistic program that not only prepares BCSSW students to work in settings where trauma is prevalent, but also equips them with the tools and strategies they need to help their clients deal with trauma, but to guard their own well-being in the process.

**Equity, Justice, and Inclusion**

Black Leadership Initiative

Located in Asia, the Black Leadership Initiative (BLI) is designed to provide a unique professional development experience to graduate students interested in leadership in social justice, including the identity and lived experiences of the Black communities and in the Black diaspora. The BLI supports students interested in enhancing their leadership skills and understanding of socio-political issues that affect Black communities.

Certificate in Equity and Justice in the Workplace

Designed to prepare master’s students to improve equity in the workplace for diverse populations, the program incorporates teaching, fieldwork, and research into a holistic program that not only prepares BCSSW students to work in settings where equity is an issue, but also equips them with the tools and strategies they need to help their clients deal with trauma, but to guard their own well-being in the process.

**Mentoring and Supporting Students**

"I found too many opportunities to develop my identity as a social worker at Boston College. My field placement gave me tangible skills, but also helped me to discover my passion and professional path. The School of Social Work taught me not to think strategically and holistically about how we can incorporate the definition of social work in crisis decision making." – Karis Lewis, MSW ‘12

**Seminars and Panels**

- Diversity and Inclusion Seminar
- Black Alumni Mentorship Seminar
- Alumni-Hosted Seminars
- Alumni Mentorship Program
- Alumni-Hosted Panels
- Diversity and Inclusion Panel