



NORTHWESTERN STATE

Master of Social Work

Our Master of Social Work (MSW) program is currently pursuing regional accreditation through the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the accrediting body for social work programs. This rigorous process ensures programs meet the highest standards of professional education and practice. Accreditation typically takes three years to complete, and candidate programs are eligible to enroll students during this period.

To uphold the quality and integrity of our MSW program while fostering the professional growth of our students, the Department of Social Work will launch the program in a phased approach:

- **Stage One:** A part-time, traditional MSW program, with coursework beginning in August 2025 and an anticipated graduation date of May 2028.
- **Stage Two:** A full-time, two-year MSW program, starting in August 2026 and graduating in May 2028. Students are also eligible to choose the part-time, traditional plan of study during this time.
- **Stage Three:** A one-year Advanced Standing MSW program, designed for qualified students, beginning in August 2027 and concluding in May 2028. Students are also eligible to choose either the part-time, traditional or full-time, two-year plan of study during this time.

We are committed to offering a dynamic and supportive educational experience as we prepare the next generation of advanced generalist social work practitioners.