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POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN SOCIAL WORK, UFS

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Information about Postgraduate studies

The Social Work profession plays a major role in addressing psychosocial problems that are prevalent in the South African context and beyond. Social work services are provided in different sectors such as government, corporate, non-governmental organisations and in private practice.

Dynamic and professionally sound leadership is critical within these sectors for social work to impact on social needs of different systems. Since social work encompasses such a broad scope of practice, fields and/or inter-disciplinary areas, it is essential to provide a professional qualification that enables candidates to acquire advanced intervention skills, competencies, knowledge and value system.

Information about Postgraduate Programmes

Our postgraduate social work qualifications, MSW and PhD are designed to enable candidates to conduct social work research and pursue further personal, professional development and to promote life-long learning.

Master's in Social Work by Research, The student is required to produce a substantial piece of research on a chosen topic in consultation with the supervisor/promoter

Master's degree in School Social Work, this is a structured course work programme. It equips students with an understanding and knowledge of policies within the school context. Students are further equipped with the knowledge and skill of conducting bio-psychosocial spiritual assessments – Developing and implementing therapeutic treatment plans on a micro-, meso- and macro-levels – Therapeutic services, crisis management, advocating for learners – training and workshops, ethical issues

and contributing to a multidisciplinary treatment team. The student is also expected to produce a mini-dissertation under the guidance of a supervisor/promoter.

Doctoral Studies (PhD in Social Work), a candidate is allocated a promoter/supervisor. The student has a choice to conduct his/her studies by way of submitting least three publishable, related articles on a chosen topic in consultation with the promoter. Alternatively, the candidate may conduct his/her studies and submit their thesis at the end of a research process.

Admission requirements for each Postgraduate programme

To enrol for the MSW degree, one must have completed a four-year degree in Social Work with an average mark of 60% or more in research. Admission is subjected to departmental approval on the basis of a presentation of a research concept note or any other selection criteria as may be determined by the Department.

To enrol for the Structured Master's degree in School Social Work, one must have completed a four-year degree in Social Work with an average mark of 60% or more in research. Admission is subjected to academic merit, the student's ability to do practical work (access to a school environment), and availability of space in the program.

To enrol for the PhD, one must have completed a Master's degree in Social work with a minimum of 60% in research. Admission is subjected to departmental approval on the basis of a presentation of a research concept note or any other selection criteria as may be determined by the Department.

The closing date for applications for selection is 30 September.