

October 5, 2017

Dear Prospective Advanced Standing Program Students,

Thank you for your interest in our Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) Program at Governors State University. Our Social Work Programs are fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). We are committed to providing excellent, innovative and contextually based preparation for advanced social work professionals. Graduates of our social work programs are highly skilled professionals serving the growing social and economic needs of vulnerable and marginalized families, their children and communities as well as the organizations that serve these communities. Graduates of our M.S.W. Program are prepared to practice social work grounded in a critical social justice ethic. We offer a Master of Social Work in three areas of Specializations: Practice with Children and Families; Practice in Schools and Holistic and Wellness Practice.

The Governors State University Master of Social Work Program prepares advanced standing social work professionals to serve the needs of those at greatest risk. While we offer both a full-time one-Year and a part-time two-year study option, we deliver courses primarily in an evening format more accessible to those employed full-time and seeking advanced professional credentials.

ALL MSW Application materials can be found at <http://www.govst.edu/chhs/msw/apply/> and the final deadline for submitting ***all completed*** applications along with all other required materials is ***February 15, 2018.***

****Please carefully read the Advanced Standing Program Application Instructions.*** It is imperative that your application and all related documents including your three references are submitted by the February 15, 2018 deadline. We strongly encourage you to follow the Instructions. If you have questions regarding the application process or want further information on the GSU M.S.W. program, we have scheduled information sessions on the following Thursday and Friday Evenings.

1. Thursday, **October 12, 2017**
 - a) **Advanced Standing Program** 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Hall of Honors
2. Friday, **November 10, 2017**
 - a) **All Applicants Program** 6:30 – 8:00p.m. Hall of Honors
3. Thursday, **December 7, 2017**
 - a) **Advanced Standing Program** 6:00 – 7:00pm Hall of Honors
4. Thursday **January 26, 2018**
 - a) **All Applicants Program** 6:30 – 8:30pm Hall of Honors
5. Thursday, **February 15, 2018**
 - a) **All Applicants Program** 6:30 – 8:00p.m. Hall of Honors

Please email the Social Work Admission Office, mswadmissions@govst.edu to reserve a place at one of these sessions.



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If admitted to the M.S.W. Program in 2018, you are required to attend the **New Student Orientation** on Saturday, **May 12, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Hall of Honors**. If you are admitted to a Full-Time study plan, you are required to attend the **Field Work Application Session** also scheduled on May 12, 2018 from 2:00pm-5:00pm. Please reserve these dates.

Thank you for your interest in the Governors State University Master of Social Work Program.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerri Outlaw".

Dr. Gerri Outlaw, Chair
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