

# Master of Social Work

*A flexible and accessible MSW degree program  
with an emphasis on the clinical setting*



## Spend Only \$22,288 on a World-class Online Master of Social Work

OpusVi partnered with Northern Arizona University (NAU) to create an online, part-time, accredited MSW program with a Healthcare emphasis that helps to develop their workforce in healthcare settings across the country.

The Healthcare emphasis MSW Program incorporates theoretical perspectives, including a

framework that emphasizes culturally competent practice. Embracing the need to give voice to marginalized communities. The curriculum focuses on empowering diverse groups of clients to achieve their individualized goals. The Healthcare emphasis MSW Program requires the completion of 39 credits.

# Empowering Healthcare Leaders: OpusVi and Northern Arizona University (NAU) Social Work Launch Accredited Online MSW Program with a Healthcare Emphasis

The Healthcare Emphasis MSW Program prepares students to pursue opportunities in a variety of healthcare settings. Students will develop skill sets to work with individuals, families, communities, and larger macro-level systems to improve the health of target populations. Students will understand how policies impact planning and service delivery systems and the importance of program evaluation to assess the impact of health related interventions.

## What You Will Earn

- The Master of Social Work degree program at Northern Arizona University is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- NAU is accredited by the HLC (Higher Learning Commission).

## What You Will Learn

Students will learn advanced generalist social work skills to prepare them to work on the micro, mezzo and macro levels in a healthcare setting.



## THE PROGRAM AT A GLANCE



Relevant curriculum developed with a healthcare emphasis



Engaging high-quality learning experience



Duration:  
8 semesters



Start date:  
August



Only \$22,288  
tuition cost

Plus affordable and transparent fees.

## Entry Requirements

OpusVi™ and NAU have worked together to make the Master in Social Work accessible to Social Work leaders. Applicants must fulfill certain requirements for admission:

- The Advanced Standing Health Emphasis MSW Program requires a BSW from a CSWE accredited institution within the last 10 years, in addition to a minimum of 5 years human service experience
- An undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.3 on a 4-point scale.
- Field Evaluation from your BSW field placement is a part of the application process
- Professional readiness, student-specific skills

## Learner Support

### Academic Success Coordinator

The Academic Success Coordinator provides support with enrollment, petition forms, applying for graduation, and connects students to other necessary NAU resources.

### MSW Peer Editor

The Peer Editors offer support with APA formatting and grammar/content assistance for signature assignments in the MSW Program.

### MSW Peer Mentor

Peer Mentors work to help students with the transitions to a graduate program or skills to be successful in the program. Peer Mentors provide one-on-one and group mentoring opportunities.

## Perspectives and Outlooks

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (2024) indicates that the field of social work is projected to grow by 7% over the next decade, faster than any other occupation.

Social workers in the healthcare industry are in demand to meet the needs of the aging populations and their families as they navigate medication, medical treatments and changes to their lifestyles. Due to the opioid epidemic, there is an increasing need to treat substance use disorders. Substance-abusing populations have distinct healthcare needs and frequent the emergency departments at higher rates than the general population (Mayer et al, 2023).

# +7%

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## Program Outcomes

Prepare competent advanced generalist social workers with the knowledge, values and skills for engaging in individual, family, group, organization and community-planned change processes with diverse rural, vulnerable, disenfranchised and underserved populations locally, regionally, and globally.

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Promote identification with the profession, continued professional development and development of knowledge and skills for advanced generalist social work practice.

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Provide service to the community and promote human rights and social, racial, economic and environmental justice.

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Advance social work practice through the use and development of research knowledge and skills.

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Provide students with the knowledge and skills to develop and implement policy and programs and to practice from a strengths-based perspective.

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Prepare students for leadership roles in the development, implementation and evaluation of services with rural and diverse populations.



*“With this MSW program, we are working to build an ecosystem of talent support to enhance quality and continuity of care, increase social work retention rates and minimize overall costs for health systems. Social workers are vital to the health of our communities, small and large, and we’re proud to support these efforts by providing individuals with a more affordable and accessible opportunity to expand their skill sets, build their confidence and advance in their careers.”*

- Andrew Malley, Chief Executive Officer at OpusVi



## A Career-focused Curriculum

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- SW 557** Foundation Social Work Practice
- SW 556** Diversity & Social Justice
- SW 555** Social Work Research Methods
- SW 620** Health & Mental Health Policy
- SW 621** Evolving Perspectives & Trends in Health & Wellness
- SW 622** Direct Practice in Mental & Behavioral Health I: Children & Adolescents
- SW 623** Direct Practice in Mental & Behavioral Health II: Adults & Aging Populations
- SW 650** Advanced Topics in Social Work: Death, Dying & Grief
- SW 650** Advanced Topics in Social Work: Substance Use
- SW 636** Program & Practice Evaluation
- SW 637** Organizational Leadership, Administration & Supervision
- SW 695** Advanced Field Education I
- SW 696** Advanced Field Education II

**Total credits: 39**



## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will be equipped with the necessary knowledge, values, and skills to emerge as proficient advanced generalist social workers to serve healthcare settings.

Students will demonstrate the capability to engage in planned change processes at the individual, family, group, organization, and community levels to improve health outcomes.

Students will be adept at addressing the unique needs of diverse rural, vulnerable, disenfranchised, and underserved populations, both within local and regional contexts, as well as on a global scale to address public health issues.

Students will be able to contribute to the advancement of social work practice by effectively utilizing and enhancing research knowledge and skills. They will demonstrate the ability to apply research methodologies in healthcare settings, critically evaluate existing research literature, utilize ethical applications for conducting research among vulnerable populations, and contribute to the development of new knowledge within the field of social work.

Students will be prepared to assume leadership roles in the development, implementation, and evaluation of services tailored to healthcare settings serving diverse populations. They will acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively navigate the complexities associated with providing services in such contexts, demonstrating competence in strategic planning, organizational management, and outcome evaluation.



***“Offering this accessible and affordable MSW option in partnership with OpusVi drives our mission of empowering social work professionals in their journeys of commitment and dedication to the service of others forward. We know the widespread influence social work professionals have on their communities and we’re honored to take part in improving social health across the country.”***

- Dr. Michael McCarthy, Chair and Associate Professor of Social Work at NAU



## How To Apply

1. Fill out Graduate Application - <https://www.applyweb.com/northazg/index.ftl>
2. Respond to the following questions in the Personal Statement:

Describe any experiences, professional and/or personal, that influenced your selection of social work as your professional career. What interests you in social work practice in a medical setting? How do you plan to apply the skills acquired from the MSW Program into a future healthcare setting?

Discuss your understanding of the term social justice and how that applies to public health issues. How do you anticipate using the skills learned from the MSW Program to promote social justice to advocate for the needs of marginalized populations? Reflecting on your experiences serving vulnerable populations, discuss how these experiences impacted your understanding of the role power and privilege play in your own life.

Explain your rationale for selecting the NAU MSW Healthcare emphasis program. What skills and attributes can you contribute to the profession of social work? What challenges may arise for you as a graduate level student (i.e. professional writing, time management, communication, self-care, etc.)? What informal and formal supports will you employ to overcome these challenges?

The MSW program's field education requirement includes being available for the 15 hours of field placement (internship) during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Discuss the time management and organizational strategies you plan to use to balance the demands of the academic coursework, field education, and personal obligations to be successful in the MSW program. Please share your current geographical location, including the city and state you prefer to complete your Field Placement (internship).

\*If you don't meet GPA criteria, include the rationale for your lower GPA and strategies to be successful as a graduate level student.

3. Campus: select Organizational Partnerships Online
4. Degree: Select Masters
5. Program: select Social Work, Advanced Standing, Master (Organizational Partnerships-Online)
6. Upload the following materials to the online application:
  - Unofficial transcripts can be loaded to the application to determine admission status.
  - Official transcripts are needed and must be sent by the student's undergraduate institution to NAU.
  - NAU graduates - Students who earned a bachelor's degree from NAU do not need to submit official transcripts.
  - Upload the final or mid-point BSW field evaluation.
  - References – supply two references, name and email address, from supervisors, professors, professional colleagues or other community associates. The references will be sent an electronic form to complete for the student. At least one reference should be related to faculty/field placement during the BSW. References provided from friends, family members or significant others are not appropriate to include in this application process.

**Contact Us for Questions About the  
Enrollment Process – We're Here to Help!**

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At OpusVi (Latin for Workforce), we partner with healthcare organizations to build transformative workforce solutions. We have developed a workforce development platform that enables healthcare systems and organizations to upskill and retain top talents. Dedicated to providing the best client experience, we have designed custom online and hybrid programs and workforce development solutions that improve and positively impact talent retention as much as patient health and quality of care. We remain leaders in the healthcare education space by creating scalable, cutting-edge solutions through innovative technologies, clinical expertise, and evidence-based training alongside the industry's top subject matter experts and academic institutions.



Since 1899, Northern Arizona University has fostered a collaborative community and a student-centered approach that engages students in active professional growth and research. Students work closely with faculty mentors, participating in rigorous scholarly activities and hands-on experiences in business, the arts, education, the humanities, and the sciences. Steeped in a rich history, NAU has nurtured a dynamic culture of academic inquiry and excellence that permeates its programs at the university's main campus in Flagstaff, more than 20 locations across Arizona, and online.

## Learn More

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