University at Albany - State University of New York
Master of Social Work Alumni Study

One to two years after graduation from the MSW social work program, graduates were asked to complete a mail or web-based questionnaire about their experiences in the program, their ability to do the CSWE social work competencies, and their first social work job.

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**MSW Alumni Survey [Satisfaction]** - One section asked the graduates about their satisfaction with internship, curriculum, the MSW program overall, preparation they received for a career in social work and comparison of mean responses over years are below.

1. **MSW Field practice (internship)**

   ![Graph showing satisfaction levels for MSW Field practice (internship) from 2008 to 2013/14]

   - [Level of Satisfaction]
     1 = Very Dissatisfied
     2 = Dissatisfied
     3 = Neutral
     4 = Satisfied
     5 = Very Satisfied

   - 2008: 3.2
   - 2009: 3.4
   - 2010: 3.6
   - 2011/12: 3.8
   - 2013/14: 4

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2. MSW Curriculum

3. Your concentration (clinical practice or macro)

4. Overall satisfaction with the MSW program
**MSW Alumni Survey [Social Work Core Graduate Competencies]** - Beginning in 2013, another section of the questionnaire asked: How well you can do...?

### 5. Overall satisfaction with the preparation you received for a career in social work

![Graph showing overall satisfaction from 2008 to 2013/14. Levels of satisfaction: 1= Very Dissatisfied, 2= Dissatisfied, 3= Neutral, 4= Satisfied, 5= Very Satisfied.]

### 1. Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly

![Graph showing improvement of competence from 2013 to 2016. Levels of competence: 1= Strongly Disagree, 2= Somewhat Disagree, 3= Neither Agree nor Disagree, 4= Somewhat Agree, 5= Strongly Agree.]
2. Apply social work ethical principles to guide professional practice

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3. Apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments

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4. Engage diversity and difference in practice

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5. Advance human rights and social and economic justice

6. Engage in research-informed practice and practice-informed research

7. Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment
8. Engage in policy practice to advance social and economic well-being and to deliver effective social work services

9. Respond to contexts that shape practice

10. Engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
MSW Alumni Survey [First Job after graduation] - Another section asked about the graduates’ first social work job after receiving the MSW.

1. Current employment in social work

2. Months actively searched for first job

3. Initial salary at beginning of first job

4. Clinical practice in first job (primary function)