

Graduate Studies  
*at* **AUGSBURG**

## Master of Social Work

**I came for a master's degree.  
I found my purpose.**



Clinical and macro concentrations

Dual degree options

Global perspectives, diverse faculty

Supportive community



## You want to make a difference

The Master of Social Work is a small program of distinction and quality that supports Augsburg's 140-year tradition of service to society. An MSW degree from Augsburg focuses on social justice, intentional diversity, and service to the local and global community.







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A degree. And so much more.





## You are passionate about helping others. You want to make a difference in people's lives.

A master's in social work from Augsburg College can help you do what's most important to you. The MSW program builds on Augsburg's 140-year history of service to the community, helping students connect their passions to the world's greatest needs.

Our program will prepare you to work in a variety of settings. Through internships and field placements, you'll learn about the many opportunities for social workers to practice and to help others.

In all of our programs, you'll meet faculty who have lived and worked around the world. You also have an option of completing a short-term study abroad seminar. Past study abroad seminars have visited Slovenia, Mexico, and China.

With classes meeting on the weekends and the small learning community of your cohort, you'll find the support and structure you need to complete your master's degree.





## Global perspectives, diverse faculty

### Hector Matascastillo '10 MSW

For almost 20 years, Hector Matascastillo has served in the U.S. Army in 57 countries. After a post traumatic stress incident changed the direction of his life, Hector found his way to Augsburg.

“I realized that with the same tenacity and courage I needed to be a soldier, I could make a difference in the world,” he said. Hector decided to pursue a master’s in social work so that he could use his experiences to help other veterans and their families.

Now, through the global perspective Augsburg faculty bring to the MSW program, he’s beginning to see the world in a new light. “The whole world is being translated here for me.”

Hector says the MSW faculty’s knowledge is not isolated to textbooks. “It’s very pertinent and practical, and they really show you how to put knowledge into practice. If you want to make a change, they’ll give you all the tools.”



I came for a degree.

I gained the tools to make real  
change in the world.



# Preparation for a career in social work

The Augsburg MSW program gives you the knowledge to practice social work in many settings—schools, hospitals, mental health clinics, corrections, immigrant services, and community service agencies.

Enroll in either the Multicultural Clinical Practice (MCCP) concentration or the Program Development, Policy, and Administration (PDPA) concentration. In the **Multicultural Clinical Practice concentration**, we acknowledge that multiculturalism is a process requiring of the practitioner both a deep awareness of their social and cultural identity, as well as the use of multiple lenses when working with diverse populations. With person-in-environment as an organizing perspective, multicultural clinical social work practice seeks to prevent, restore, and enhance the biopsychosocial and spiritual functioning of individuals, families, and groups. The **Program Development, Policy, and Administration concentration** gives you the knowledge and skills to lead organizations and to promote needed change in programs that serve diverse people in a variety of settings.



“The dual degree program has offered me the best of both worlds in terms of social justice work. I have gained a sound theological grounding and have been trained in the specific methods and actions that make a difference in individual lives and in the world.”

MARILU THOMAS '08 MSW/MDIV

## Dual degrees

### MSW/MBA

Augsburg offers a dual MSW/MBA for social workers to learn to create better managed and financially sound service organizations to serve diverse communities, both locally and globally. The Augsburg MSW/MBA provides the knowledge, experience, and values necessary for success in both business and human services systems. Augsburg is the only college in Minnesota to offer a dual degree in social work and business administration.

### MSW/MA in Theology

The dual degree in social work and theology allows social workers to serve both the spiritual and social needs of individuals, families, and communities in both urban and rural settings. Enroll in Luther and Augsburg's dual degree program and receive theological training and advanced social work skills. Both institutions have a commitment to social and economic justice, as well as to teamwork in pastoral and human service settings.





## Small classes, supportive community

### Martha Quick '10 MSW

When Martha Quick started the Master of Social Work program, she brought a wealth of social work experience to the classroom.

A mother of four, family health aide, and a long-time volunteer with many different ethnic groups, Martha had always worked to help others. “I’d never thought of social work as a profession,” she said, “but that’s pretty much all I’ve ever done.”

In the MSW program, Martha’s internships gave her the opportunity to work with other groups, like the aging population, the GLBT community, and people with severe and persistent mental illness.

At Augsburg, Martha has found a small community of students with the same passion to help others and professors who motivate her to continue working for social justice. She’ll take this support back into the community when she completes her degree.

“When I graduate from Augsburg, I can truly say I will be a well-rounded social worker.”

**I came for a degree.  
I got to work with many different people.**





## Meet our faculty

### Ankita Deka, PhD Assistant Professor

**How does the MSW program prepare students for a career in social work? How does the program help them explore options to discover what they want to do?**

Our program enables students to explore the different pathways and trajectories of social work practice. The coursework and field placements help students identify their skills set as well as research and practice interests. The vibrant context of the College allows our students to explore local and global connections as they relate to social work. The Augsburg experience will open up a whole new world of possibilities for students in ways they have not experienced before. Our alumni are not just distinct in their professional orientation but also because of their profound sense of vocation to the world.

### Anthony A. Bibus III, PhD, LISW Professor

**What can Augsburg College's MSW program offer that other MSW programs may not?**

Social work faculty members and field instructors are licensed social workers. Because we are a small program, we can pay attention to you and your learning. We will work with you to sharpen social work's dual focus on people and the environment, on direct help and social change. As you build competencies in multicultural practice, we will invite you to join in intergroup dialog, and we will celebrate your dedication to ethical and meaningful social work. Among faculty, staff, and field instructors as well as within your cohort of students, you will find lifelong friends and supportive colleagues.

### Lois A. Bosch, PhD, LISW MSW Program Director and Associate Professor

**What experiences and interests do the MSW faculty bring to the program?**

Our faculty have real practice experience in a broad array of settings to pair with theory. We have worked in areas such as agency administration, school or hospital social work practice, child protection, work with older adults, social casework and community work, and private practice, to name a few. Our faculty continue to pursue these interests in their scholarship and service.



# MORE THAN A DEGREE





## Explore the world of social work

Through internships and field placements, the Augsburg MSW program gives you the opportunity to work with a variety of people in different settings. In the Field Seminar course, you'll discuss your experiences and learn from others in your cohort who are practicing in the field. By the end of your degree program, you'll have the practical skills and the knowledge to find the career that's right for you.

### The Diversity Social Work Advancement Program

The Diversity Social Work Advancement Program (DSWAP) is a program funded by the Minnesota Department of Human Services Adult Mental Health and coordinated by Family and Children's Services of Minnesota. DSWAP has three main goals: to increase the number of licensed mental health professionals from immigrant, refugee, and minority communities; to expand the accessibility of culturally competent, trauma-informed mental health services to members of diverse communities; and to train and develop a cadre of supervisors with a deepened understanding of diverse cultures within the community and a greater understanding of the dynamics of cross-cultural supervision. DSWAP recruits racially and ethnically diverse second-year MSW students for internships to complete graduate school and recent MSW graduates to help them obtain licensure. Grant money is available through this program.

"The program lets you go where you want to take it. You bring your fieldwork back to the classroom and discuss it in a safe setting. That's the best learning experience you can have."

SEAN ERNO '08 MSW







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Master of Arts in Nursing

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Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Master of Social Work

## Locations

**Minneapolis**—All graduate programs are offered on Augsburg's main campus on Riverside Avenue near downtown Minneapolis.

**Downtown Minneapolis**—The MBA program is offered at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans™.

**Downtown Rochester**—The Nursing, Education, and MBA programs are offered at Bethel Lutheran Church.

## Tuition and financial aid

Financial aid is available for graduate students enrolled in a degree-seeking program.

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