

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (M.S.W.)

Career and Alumni Resources

Career Planning

GSS provides the opportunity for students to seek employment through the online internship and job database Handshake. As a current GSS student, you already have an account set up with your Fordham email address. Just click "Forgot Password." On the Handshake platform, you can post your resume, apply for jobs directly on the system, and access it after graduation as alumni. To learn more about using Handshake, visit the webpage.

Continuing Education

Continuing education is now required for licensing in New York State. GSS will be offering CEU opportunities for our graduates and the community. You can find upcoming opportunities on the school's website.

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

Keep your membership up as a graduate and enjoy the opportunity to have a continuing impact on your profession. It is also a good way to stay current on the issues that affect us as professionals, as well as the issues that affect our clients. There are a variety of committees at the local chapters, and being involved is an excellent form of professional networking.

Licensing

Licensing requirements in the U.S. vary from state to state. It is recommended that graduates check requirements with the state board of social work licensing for the state where they intend to practice. In New York graduates may take the LMSW—Master's level exam after their social work master's degree has been conferred. New Jersey MSW students may take the exam in their final semester of MSW studies. Connecticut has temporarily suspended the master's level license examination until January 1, 2026.

Fordham offers sessions on test-taking strategies and content review which are generally offered towards the end of the spring semester. Announcements will be emailed in advance so that you can make whatever arrangements are necessary to attend.

Fordham also offers an Online Licensing Preparation course (five hours) which is available to all M.S.W. students and alumni. The course includes five modules: The first module is on test-taking strategies, and the other four modules align with the four areas of the licensing exam. The course outlines resources for studying. All graduating students receive an email in April providing access to the course. There is no fee for the course.

Alumni Events

You will receive information about Fordham University alumni events, and those specific to the Graduate School of Social Service, through the University's Alumni Office. Make sure you update your information on the Forever Fordham page. You can use the online directory to search for fellow classmates or network with other alumni. Most information is sent

electronically, so it is important that you keep your email address current. An Alumni tab will be accessible from your my.fordham.edu account.

All graduates are eligible for an alumni card Ram Pass that allows you building access and browsing privileges in the libraries. To receive one, go to the University's homepage and click "Alumni." You can apply for a Ram Pass online.

Professional Development Sessions

Professional development sessions with invited speakers addressing topics of interest at the Lincoln Center and Westchester campuses are available for students. Times and topics are posted online, and you will receive an email with information on how to register for the sessions. Some of these sessions are recorded so that students unable to attend can view them.