Many prospective students have questions about the UNCW MSW program. You may find your answers here. Please read this before reaching out. If you have additional questions, please email us at boltonk@uncw.edu.

Q: How do I apply to the program?
A: You must first apply to, and be admitted to the UNCW Graduate School. You will find all Graduate School admission information here: http://uncw.edu/gradschool/index.html. All admissions materials submitted will be forwarded to the MSW Admissions Committee for review after the Graduate School determines your eligibility to the UNCW Graduate School. The MSW Admissions Committee then determines admission to the MSW program.

Q: When is the application deadline?
A: Full time applications and Advanced Standing applications are due February 1st and Part-time applications are due April 15th.

Q: Is a specific score on the GRE required?
A: No, although at least average scores will stand you in good stead. We consider all aspects of an applicant’s background, and standardized testing is just one aspect.

Q: Are some undergraduate majors (like social work) preferred?
A: No, we welcome students with a diverse background, although we do require introductory courses in sociology, psychology, statistics and human biology.

Q: What financial assistance is available to MSW students?
A: We have financial assistance available for some of our students. You can find out more information by visiting the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid website - http://www.uncw.edu/finaid/includes/GraduateandTeacherCertification.html. Additionally, a limited number of teaching assistantships are available.

Q: Does work or volunteer experience in the human services influence admissions?
A: While all applicants will be considered individually, if you have some background in human services through work, internships, or volunteer efforts your application is stronger.

Q: What should I include in my personal narrative?
A: Try to give the Admissions Committee a concise picture of who you are (your academic and personal experiences) and why you are choosing social work as a career. Discuss your current thoughts about what you would like to do with your MSW degree, although we know that this may change as you go through the program. Remember that we have many applicants, so the more clear and detailed you are about your history and goals the better picture we have of you.
**Q: Is there a part-time program?**
A: Yes, the part-time MSW program, will take three years, including summers, to complete. The preferred deadline for applications is February 1st with an absolute deadline of April 15th for the following fall semester. The majority of classes will be delivered in a hybrid format, meaning they will be delivered partially online, as well as delivered through VTC. A handful of classes will be available online.

**Q: Can I start the program in January?**
A: No

**Q: Is there advanced standing?**
A: Yes, the Advanced Standing MSW program is for students that graduated with an undergraduate degree in social work from a CSWE accredited institution. The program is one year (May to May) and consists of 39 credit hours. The deadline for applications is February 1st for admission in the May semester.