



## MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK (MSW-RESEARCH)

Compres, Faculty of Health Sciences,  
North-West University

It all starts here®

Do you work in the field of children, youth or families and communities? Do you have a keen interest in obtaining answers and finding solutions that will resolve issues in a complex society, such as children's rights and the voice of the child, child protection issues, family life, youth at risk, sexual abuse, child-parent relationships, relational well-being, trauma, only to name a few? Do you seek a course that can provide you with hands-on knowledge and career growth opportunities? Then a Masters in Social Work (MSW-Research) is the degree for you.



### Masters Degree in Social Work (MSW) G801P/M/V (8CS N01)

#### Purpose of this programme:

- This degree gives you the opportunity to conduct research in several focus areas as outlined in this document. On completion of the degree you will be able to demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the research process and prove your ability to do independent research.
- You will also be considered as a master in your specific field of research on the completion of the degree. It takes two years to complete the degree. You will be supported by a highly skilled study supervisor and receive group supervision more or less twice a year. There will be no formal classes or modules.

#### Admission requirements:

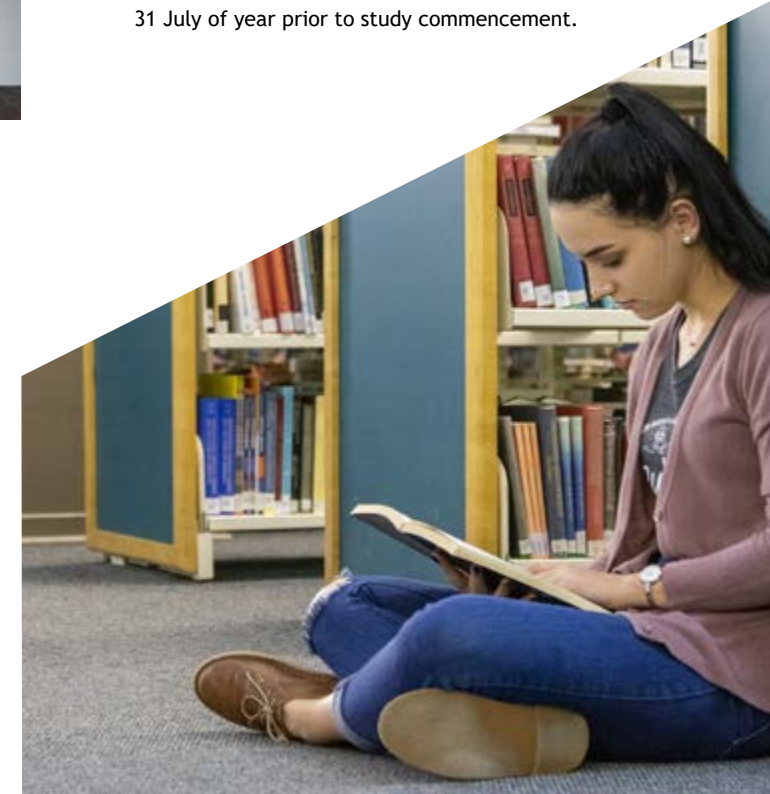
- A four year Bachelor's degree in Social Work.
- Students enrolling for this programme must provide proof of registration as a social worker as required by the Act on Social Service Professions 1978 (Act 110 of 1978).
- Candidates must have achieved an average of at least 60% in the BSW degree.

#### The selection procedure:

- Online application is submitted.
- An initial paper-based selection is done.
- Submission of a mini proposal.
- Each applicant will be subjected to a selection interview by a post graduate panel of Compres.
- Applicants need to have an idea of the fields of study as indicated in this document and in which project they want to complete their research.

#### Closing date for applications:

31 July of year prior to study commencement.



## Focus areas

### Relational well-being

- Project: Relational well-being of South African Families (Dr Issie Jacobs, Email: 21829446@nwu.ac.za)

### Focus area: Trauma, violence & Abuse

- Project: The psycho-social circumstances of high school learners living without parents in two resource-poor communities in the Western Cape (Prof Mariette van der Merwe, Email: Mariette.VanDerMerwe@nwu.ac.za)
- Project: A primary preventative intervention strategy for child sexual abuse in a high-risk community in North West Province (Dr Lizane Wilson, Email: Lizane.Wilson@nwu.ac.za)
- Project: PTS in the context of EMS personnel in South Africa. A randomised control trial (Dr Pieter Boshoff, Email: Pieter.Boshoff@nwu.ac.za)

### Focus area: Child protection

- Project: Improving child protection systems in SA (Dr Elmiën Truter, Email: Elmiën.Truter@nwu.ac.za)
- Project: Facilitating children's participation in the context of child protection in SA (Prof Carlien Van Wyk, Email: Carlien.VanWyk@nwu.ac.za)



## Route to postgraduate studies

- Apply online at <http://studies.nwu.ac.za/postgraduate-studies/higher-degree-admissions> by submitting your application via the online application process. You may also download the pdf fillable application form by using the same link and e-mailing the pdf fillable application form to MC-HigherDegrees@nwu.ac.za (Mahikeng Campus), HigherDegree-Enquiries@nwu.ac.za (Potchefstroom Campus), VTC-HigherDegrees@nwu.ac.za (Vanderbijlpark Campus).
- International students are charged with an application fee of R550. South African citizens are exempt from paying application fees.
- The following documents must accompany your application:
  - A certified copy of your identity document.
  - A certified copy of your complete academic record that includes your final results of qualification
  - A certified copy of your registration at SACSSP.
  - A mini proposal of your intended study.
- Candidates who pass the first round of “paper selection” will be provided with detailed information regarding the rest of the process. This includes a selection interview.

### Bursary information:

For information about bursaries and application forms: <http://studies.nwu.ac.za/academic-form/nwu-masters-bursary>

### PhD:

The highest academic qualification in Social Work during which the student makes an original contribution to the subject area that should be delivered by means of independent research.

Completion of this qualification allows students access to admission to a PhD.

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