

The new Duke-UNC master of divinity/master of social work dual-degree program prepares graduates of Duke Divinity School and the UNC School of Social Work for leadership and service in the social agencies of the church and the community at large.

UNC School of Social Work is ranked among the top 10 graduate social work programs in the nation. It enrolls approximately 350 masters and doctoral students from across the United States and several foreign countries.

Duke Divinity School, one of seven graduate professional schools on the campus of Duke University, is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. It enrolls approximately 550 students from more than 30 denominations.

In addition to theological preparation, courses at Duke will draw from the divinity school's resources in clinical practical education and two unique interdisciplinary programs: the Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life and the Theology and Medicine Program.

With the holistic vision offered by this program, individuals with graduate degrees from both UNC School of Social Work and Duke Divinity School will be prepared to serve in a variety of organizations and ministry settings as both ministers and social workers.

MASTER OF DIVINITY & MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

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What do social workers and ministers do?



Social workers are trained to be counselors or administrators in a variety of settings including hospitals, mental health facilities, faith communities, prisons, and child & family services agencies. They may work in the areas of adoption, foster care, substance abuse, homelessness, domestic and sexual abuse, with the aging, and serve as advocates for social justice and policy change.

Ministers preach, teach, visit the sick and lonely, serve the poor, order the life of a congregation, administer the sacraments, advocate against injustices, marry couples, bury the dead, comfort the bereaved, provide leadership in schools, journey alongside people through the triumphs and challenges of life, and serve in a number of other servant roles.



What advantages are offered by this new program?



The two degrees can be completed in *four continuous years of full-time study* (110 credit hours: 60 in divinity and 50 in social work). If completed separately, it takes five years to earn both degrees: three years to complete the M.Div. and two years to earn the M.S.W.

Students will take two integrative seminars co-led by faculty from UNC School of Social Work and Duke Divinity School, one in the first year of study and the other in the final year.

The field education program at each school provides practical experience in settings such as churches, hospices, crisis response centers, urban ministries, prisons and many types of outreach agencies, as well as experience in parish-based counseling.

Inter-institutional courses will be counted for credit at the school of current enrollment, but not by both schools. The Duke-UNC Robertson Scholars bus service provides free transportation between the two campuses, which are 8 miles apart.



Where do students begin the dual-degree program?



Students should apply to the dual-degree program at both schools. One school will defer the enrollment for two years as course work is taken at the other school. The first integrative field seminar will be taken in the spring of the first academic year.



What are the admission requirements?



Applicants for the dual-degree program must have earned a bachelor's degree (B.A. or B.S.) from a four-year college or university accredited by one of the nationally recognized regional accrediting agencies in the U.S., or hold an equivalent educational credential from another country.

Students must apply to and be accepted by both UNC School of Social Work and Duke Divinity School. Acceptance at one school does not guarantee acceptance to the other. Tuition and other expenses are paid to the school at which the student is registered. During the two semesters when students are part-time in both schools, inter-institutional registration provides for tuition payment to either Duke or UNC.

Applications to **UNC School of Social Work** are due *January 1* for full-time applicants. The Graduate School application and the supplemental social work application may be completed online at <http://gradschool.unc.edu> and <http://ssw.unc.edu/>

A \$60 application fee is due at the time of application, as are two official copies of transcripts from each undergraduate and/or graduate school attended and a residency form (can be downloaded from Graduate School Web site). In addition, the

school requires a personal statement, three letters of reference, and recent scores from the Graduate Record Examination.

The final deadline for applications to **Duke Divinity School** is *April 1* for enrollment the following August. A \$35 non-refundable processing fee is due with the application. The minimum GPA for admission to the M.Div. is 2.75 and prospective students are encouraged to apply early in the admission cycle as classes fill quickly. Preference for merit-based scholarship is given to those students whose applications are complete by February 1.

Students who intend to pursue both degrees should specify this in the appropriate place on the application to each school. Transfers into the dual-degree program from other universities are not allowed.



How much time is spent at each school?



The paradigm for the degrees varies depending on whether students begin at UNC or at Duke. Students who begin at Duke focus initially on fulfilling requirements for the M.Div.; those who begin the program at UNC will focus on requirements for the M.S.W.



What is the cost of the M.S.W. program?



Twelve of 62 credit hours are shared with the M.Div. degree, reducing the credit hours required to 50. Costs vary depending on students' residence status; for 2003-04, in-state tuition is estimated at \$1,581.03 plus fees per semester; out-of-state tuition is \$7,697.02 plus fees per semester. For current tuition rates, please visit the school's Web site at <http://ssw.unc.edu>. For information on qualifying for in-state tuition, go to <http://regweb.oit.unc.edu/residency/ncres.php/>



What is the cost of the M.Div. program?



Four courses (12 credit hours) are shared between the two degrees. This reduces the number of courses for the M.Div. at Duke to 20 (60 credit hours). Costs for 2003-04 are \$1,595 per course, or \$6,380 per semester (\$12,760 per year) plus fees.



Do students pay Duke tuition or UNC tuition?



Students will pay tuition to Duke while in attendance at Duke University. While in attendance at UNC, students will pay tuition at UNC. Scholarships or other financial assistance applies only to those courses at the awarding institution.



How can students finance these dual-degrees?



Duke Divinity School offers some competitive scholarships for the M.Div. degree covering between 75 to 100 percent of the cost of tuition. Scholarships are based on admission application materials. They are not deferrable.

Financial aid at Duke Divinity is "demonstrated need-based" and determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, the school's financial aid application, and the previous year's federal income tax returns.

Financial aid packages include one or more of the following resources: scholarships, tuition grants, student loans, field education grants* and campus work opportunities, including serving as a resident advisor on the Duke campus.

* *Duke's field education placements can help defray costs of the dual-degree. Grants vary, but a typical full-time summer placement in 2003 ranged from \$8,000 to \$9,400 for 12 weeks.*

UNC School of Social Work offers a limited number of highly competitive merit scholarships to enrolled students for the M.S.W. degree. Scholarships are awarded in the fall semester.

Merit assistantships are based on nominations by the UNC School of Social Work. These are awarded on a university-wide competitive basis to first-year students with high GPA and GRE scores. The awards usually pay a \$7,000 stipend for nine months, plus tuition and insurance, and require 10 hours of work per week as a research assistant.

To be eligible for financial aid, applicants should complete the FAFSA by February 15 and the School of Social Work financial aid form. The National College Scholarship Service uses the FAFSA to determine eligibility. The School of Social Work financial assistance form is mailed to students after they accept an offer of admission.

Education loans can be secured through the UNC-Chapel Hill Office of Scholarships and Student Aid. Students may apply for School of Social Work jobs (four to 10 hours per week) the first week of school by contacting the school's student services office. Positions include program assistants, research assistants, building monitors and computer lab monitors.



What field education placements are required?



A total of **three field education placements are required** – two at UNC and one at Duke – *but a fourth placement at Duke is recommended* and may help defray the costs of the dual-degree.

M.S.W.: UNC School of Social Work requires four courses of approved field education. The first two courses, known as the **Foundation Placement**, typically are completed during the first year and consist of 480 hours over two semesters – or two full days a week for a total of 60 days.

The third and fourth courses, known as the **Concentration Placement***, occur during the second year and consist of 720 hours over two semesters – or three full days a week for 90 days. **The latter is considered an **Integrated Field Placement** and will be counted by both schools.*

M.Div.: Duke Divinity School requires **two units of approved field education**. These units may be fulfilled either as a part-time (15 hours per week) academic-year placement or in full-time summer placements (10 to 12 weeks). One of these placements must be in a congregational setting. The other unit may be satisfied by completing UNC School of Social Work's Concentration Field Placement (described above).

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