

## Information for MSW Applicants Seeking Advanced Placement

Howard University School of Social Work ***does not*** grant social work course credit for life experience or previous work experience. Applicants must meet the established criteria in one or more of the following categories to be eligible for consideration for advanced placement:

- ***Graduates of Baccalaureate Social Work Programs:*** Accepted applicants who have earned baccalaureate degrees from baccalaureate social work (BSW) degree programs accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) are eligible for consideration for advanced placement. Detailed information about the advanced standing program for BSW graduates is presented in the booklet, ***Advanced Standing Program for Graduates of Accredited Baccalaureate Social Work Programs***, which is available at [www.socialwork.howard.edu](http://www.socialwork.howard.edu); follow the link, *Apply for Admission to the MSW Program*.
- ***Transfer Applicants:*** Accepted applicants who have completed graduate social work courses with grades of “B” or better in MSW degree programs accredited by the CSWE, and accepted applicants who have completed graduate courses with grades of “B” or better in accredited programs in other disciplines that are comparable to courses in the MSW curriculum. A maximum of 30 hours may be approved for transfer credits. Accepted applicants seeking transfer credits must provide copies of course descriptions and course syllabi for courses for which transfer credits are sought. Please submit course descriptions and course syllabi as soon as possible following formal acceptance for admission.
- ***Applicants Who Take the Challenge Examinations:*** Accepted applicants may elect to take the Challenge Examinations on a course-by-course basis before enrolling in the program. Accepted applicants who take the examinations may earn up to 30 credits through passage of the examinations during the pre-enrollment period. Detailed information about the Challenge Examinations is presented in the booklet, ***Pre-Enrollment Challenge Examinations for the Master of Social Work Degree Program***, which is available at [www.socialwork.howard.edu](http://www.socialwork.howard.edu); follow the link, *Apply for Admission to the MSW Program*.

Additional information about eligibility and procedures for advanced placement may be obtained from the School of Social Work Admissions Office, (202) 806-6450 and [socialworkadmissions@howard.edu](mailto:socialworkadmissions@howard.edu).