

UNH-Manchester Offers New Executive MSW Program

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DURHAM, N.H. — The University of New Hampshire will offer a new executive master's in social work degree program at its Manchester campus this fall.

The three-year program is geared toward working professionals, with classes being held on Friday nights from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Fall and spring semesters last 18 weeks, with one course offered during three six-week mini-semesters. Course are also offered in the six-week format during the summer.

Students take a total of 20 courses for 62 credits. Requirements are identical to the traditional MSW program on the Durham campus.

According to Bob Jolley, chairperson of UNH's Department of Social Work, the executive MSW program in Manchester was created for several reasons.

"Our advisory committee believes that most students attending the Manchester program will be returning adults who also hold jobs in local agencies," says Jolley. "In addition, a survey of local health and human service organizations and prospective students indicated a preference for the three-year, weekend schedule. This format is consistent with national trends in higher education to offer alternative course schedules over shorter periods of time.

About 24 graduate social work students will be enrolled in the first year of the program. Because courses will be offered in a highly structured sequence, students will be admitted to the program every other year.

The application deadline for the Fall 2001 semester is April 15. For information, contact Elizabeth Forshay,

MSW admission coordinator, at 603-862-0076 or by email at eforshay@cisunix.unh.edu.

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