

**Director of the Master of Social Work Program  
University of Minnesota–Twin Cities School of Social Work  
College of Education and Human Development  
12-month, Professional & Administrative position**

The School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota–Twin Cities is pleased to announce an opening for the Director of the Master of Social Work (MSW) Program beginning in July 2021 or until filled. The School welcomes applications from candidates with a strong commitment to graduate level social work education in a dynamic research university environment.

The School of Social Work offers undergraduate programs in Youth Studies, Social Justice, and Family Violence Prevention, a MSW program with four practice concentrations, a MEd program in Youth Development Leadership, and a research-intensive PhD in Social Work. Underlying all these programs is a social justice value base and a commitment to the most vulnerable and marginalized populations in our society.

The University of Minnesota–Twin Cities is among the largest public research universities in the country, offering undergraduate, graduate, and professional students a multitude of opportunities for study and research. Located in the heart of one of the nation's most vibrant and diverse metropolitan communities, students and faculty members on the campuses in Minneapolis and St. Paul benefit from extensive partnerships with world-renowned health centers and government agencies, deeply rooted community-based groups and organizations, as well as arts, nonprofit and public service organizations. The University of Minnesota is situated in the traditional lands of the Dakota people, the original people of Minnesota. Today, Minnesota is home to 12 indigenous nations (5 Dakota and 7 Ojibwe nations). Minnesota is also home to immigrants from across the globe, including people from Mexico, India, Somalia, Laos, Burma, Micronesia and Ethiopia. Minnesota has the largest Karen, Hmong, and Somali communities in the United States and strong historic Black and Hispanic communities.

For further information about the University, please access the following links:

- University of Minnesota ([www.umn.edu/twincities/about.php](http://www.umn.edu/twincities/about.php))
- College of Education and Human Development (<http://www.cehd.umn.edu>)
- School of Social Work (<http://www.cehd.umn.edu/ssw/>)
- Centers and Institutes (<https://research.umn.edu/resources/expertise-facilities>)
- Office of Public Engagement (<https://engagement.umn.edu>)
- Office of Equity and Diversity (<https://oed.dl.umn.edu/>).

## **Position Expectations**

The Director of the Master of Social Work Program has primary responsibility for the strategic planning and implementation of all areas related to the MSW Program for the School of Social Work. This includes admissions, curriculum development and implementation, student advising, faculty teaching assignments, program assessment, and compliance with accreditation standards. Reporting to the Director of the School of Social Work, this position works closely with the College's Graduate Program Office, and is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective relationships with faculty, staff, students, and other key constituents. The MSW Program Director promotes the School's connection with the practice community through active engagement with relevant professional associations at the local and national levels. The level of this position requires

comprehensive knowledge and understanding of University practices and processes, as well as sound judgement and decision-making skills, and provides vision and leadership for the MSW Program.

#### **Essential Qualifications**

- MSW from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education
- Licensed as a social worker in Minnesota or capable of securing a license within 1 year
- 6 years of relevant experience, which includes management experience
- Experience working with and advising students in higher education

#### **Preferred Qualifications**

- PhD in Social Work
- Experience teaching at the graduate level
- Experience with curriculum design and implementation
- Knowledge of Twin Cities Metro Area and statewide social services
- Information management knowledge and skills

#### **Essential Functions**

- Program leadership, oversight, and administration
- Curriculum development, assessment, and oversight
- External relations with professional organizations
- Student advising
- Instruction

#### **To Apply**

Apply online at: <https://hr.myu.umn.edu/jobs/ext/340593>

For questions related to the online application system, please visit: <https://humanresources.umn.edu/find-job/using-job-app-system>

Please submit the following materials as part of your application:

- Cover letter describing key skills and experience related to the position
- Current resumé or curriculum vitae
- Names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of three references. *The Search Committee will contact references as needed.*

The search committee will begin its review of applications on May 17, 2021, with the position open until filled. Please contact Dr. Patty Shannon (pshannon@umn.edu), Search Committee Chair, with any questions regarding this position or the University of Minnesota.

***The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.***