



Master of Divinity / Master of Social Work Dual-Degree Program



The Mission: To prepare individuals for positions of leadership and service in the social agencies of the church and the community at large.

Objectives: To equip graduates for various ministry and service in which clinical and administrative skills in social work and theology are critical; to enable students to perform and evaluate social work practices in light of theological, biblical, theoretical (bio-psychosocial-spiritual and person-in-environment framework), ethical, pastoral, social justice, and empirical perspectives; and to prepare students for service in occupations where social work and the church's ministries intersect.

Program Description: For full-time students, the program can be completed in four continuous years of full-time study (instead of five years) and leads to a Master of Divinity degree conferred by Duke University and a Master of Social Work degree conferred by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For distance education students at the School of Social Work, the program can be completed in five years instead of six. Completion of the Dual Degree requires strict adherence to course sequence and curriculum design. The program cannot be shortened significantly by taking courses in summer session at either school.

Distinctive Features of the Program: Two integrative seminars (PASTCARE 761 & PASTCARE 809) offered at Duke Divinity School are taken in the first and final year of study. The capstone course in the final year is co-led by a member of the University of North Carolina Social Work faculty and a member of the faculty of Duke Divinity School. These seminars enable the student to integrate theological, biblical, theoretical, ethical, pastoral, social justice, empirical, and practical dimensions of social work. Additionally, students receive intentional formation in MDiv/MSW group gatherings multiple times throughout the academic year.

Requirements for Admission: Applicants for the MDiv/MSW dual-degree program typically will have received a bachelor's degree (BA or BS) from a four-year college or university accredited by one of the nationally recognized regional accrediting agencies in the United States or hold an equivalent educational credential from another country. Students apply separately to Duke Divinity School and UNCCH School of Social Work. Acceptance into one of the programs does not guarantee acceptance into the other. Duke Divinity School requires three letters of reference and a three page essay. The School of Social Work requires a statement of purpose, resumé, unofficial transcripts, three letters of reference, and recent scores from the Graduate Record Examination. Students will not be able to transfer into the dual-degree program from other universities.

Tuition & Financial Aid: Students are able to complete both degrees with four and a half years of tuition/fees and four years of study. If you have been accepted to both Schools before beginning the program and you begin your studies at Duke Divinity School, you will pay for one extra class during each of the first four semesters that you are a student at the Divinity School. This pre-payment (which will be added to your Duke Bursar account) will cover the four classes that you will be taking at Duke Divinity School during the final year of the program, when you are officially enrolled as a full-time student at UNC-CH and paying tuition and fees to UNC-CH. Once you finish your first two years at Duke, you will officially become a UNC-CH student. You



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will be billed as a full-time UNC-CH student for the two years of the MSW program (the third and fourth years of the dual degree).

If you begin your studies at Duke Divinity School and have not yet applied for and been accepted to UNC-CH, you will not be charged for the extra classes on your Duke Bursar account. Once you have been accepted to UNC-CH, you will be expected to pay for the additional four classes that you will take at Duke during the final year of the program.

Students will only be eligible for federal financial aid at one School. Normally, students requiring federal financial aid will receive it from Duke Divinity in the first two years, and from UNC-CH in the final two years. Advanced Standing and Distance Education MSW students should contact the Duke Divinity School Registrar to discuss their particular situation as far as payment of the additional four Duke Divinity courses. Please contact the Duke Divinity School Registrar and the Duke Divinity School Office of Financial Aid with any questions about tuition/fees at Duke University, and the Assistant Dean of Recruitment, Admissions, and Financial Aid at the UNC-CH School of Social Work with any questions about tuition/fees at UNC.

Credits for Each Program:

MDIV: Typical graduation requirements consist of satisfactory completion of 24 courses (72 semester hours), with an overall grade point average of **C** (2.0) or better: nine basic courses or their equivalent; five limited electives; ten electives; two units of approved field education; and four evaluations (two field education evaluations, a Middler Evaluation, and a Senior Evaluation). In the dual degree program, four courses (12 credit hours) are shared between the two degrees, reducing the number of courses required for the Master of Divinity degree to 20 (60 credit hours). Because of these reduced required hours and the addition of two integrative electives unique to the dual degree, the dual degree allows for only five true electives. Depending on judicatory requirements, United Methodists have one or no true electives. Due to the tight requirements of the dual degree program, students wishing to pursue a biblical language must take the language during the summer (and complete their field education requirements during the academic year). Students who are seeking ordination must receive permission from their respective judicatories to enroll in the dual-degree program.

MSW: Sixty-two (62) credit hours are required, and of these 29 are Generalist and 33 are Specialization credits. Students are all in the Evidence-Informed Practice specialization, and within this specialization they select one of two concentrations: Direct Practice or Community, Management, and Policy Practice. Twelve of the 62 credit hours are shared with the Master of Divinity degree program, reducing the credit hours to 50.

Matriculating Students

Full Time students will apply to the dual degree program at both schools and complete the first two years of the program at Duke Divinity School. Students will defer the enrollment for two years at the School of Social Work. Students will enroll



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in the first Integrative Seminar, PASTCARE 761, in the fall of the first year of the dual-degree program. Students will be required to defer enrollment for two years at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Deferrals may not be extended beyond two years.

Distance Education MSW students will apply to the dual degree program at both schools and begin the program at the School of Social Work. Students will defer enrollment into Duke Divinity School for two years. After the student completes two years in the distance education program (i.e., enrolled in Friday classes) at UNC, they will enter the dual-degree program full-time at the beginning of their third year. This third year will begin in residence at Duke Divinity. Students will complete two years of residential coursework at Duke and then return to UNC to complete the final specialization year of their MSW. Students enrolled in the distance education program must take the 1st Integrative Seminar, PASTCARE 101, during the fall semester of their third year when enrolled at Duke.

Advanced Standing MSW students (who are already experiencing the reduction of a year at the UNC School of Social Work) will be eligible for the dual degree program. They must begin the dual degree program at Duke Divinity School and then enter the School of Social Work during the Summer Session (begins in May of each year) following their last semester at the Divinity School. In order to complete the MDiv/MSW paradigm with their cohorts, the Advanced Standing students will take one course credit less at Duke (19 credits total) than the other students in the dual-degree program. Advanced Standing students may reduce their required coursework by three credit hours when they enter the School of Social Work, taking 37 credit hours total. The concentration field placement will be their third placement. The Advanced Standing students will be required to take both of Duke's Field Education Placements.

Divinity School Required Limited Electives

Duke Divinity School requires the following electives: one course from the Church Ministry (CM) Limited Electives (PASTCARE 761 counts for this limited elective, but students must also complete one year of spiritual formation, designated CM 700 and CM 701), one course in New Testament Exegesis (from designated list), one course in Black Church Studies (from designated list), one course from World Christianity (from designated list, but not required if the student chooses to take American Christianity), and one course from the Practicing Theology in Ministry Limited Electives (PASTCARE 809 counts for this PTM limited elective).

Field Education

A total of four field placements are required for the dual degree. For Advanced Standing students, only three field placements are required. Two units of approved field education are required by the Divinity School. They are met through either part-time academic year placements (thirty weeks) or full-time summer placements (ten to twelve weeks). One of the Divinity School field education placements must be in a congregational setting. The School of Social Work requires four semester-long courses (SOWO 520, 521, 820, 821) of approved field education. The first two courses occur during Year 3 and consist of 450 hours over two semesters. This placement typically amounts to two full days a week. The third and fourth field education courses (Specialization Year Field Placements) occur during the final year



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at the SSW and consist of 665 hours over two semesters. This placement typically amounts to three full days a week.

The Specialization Year Field Placement at the School of Social Work will be an Integrated Field Placement fulfilling requirements for the semester-long SOWO 820 and SOWO 821. The Field office and the faculty advisors will work together to coordinate these placements

Distance Education MSW Field Education

Distance education students will take their Integrative Field Placement (SOWO 820 and SOWO 821) in year five when they enter their full-time year at the SSW.

Advanced Standing MSW Field Education

Specialization Field Placements (SOWO 522, SOWO 820 and 821) for Advanced Standing Students will begin the summer before entering the School Social Work as 3rd year students.

Faculty Advisors

A dual degree student is assigned a faculty advisor in each school who also serves as a program advisor for academic/administrative needs of the program. It is expected that on-going collaboration will occur between faculty advisors in the two schools.

Frequently Asked Questions

BASICS:

Q. What do social workers and ministers do?

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

Ministers are called to preach, teach, visit the sick and lonely, serve the poor, administer the sacraments, advocate for justice, serve as community leaders, comfort the bereaved, journey alongside people through the triumphs and challenges of life, and serve in a number of other roles.

Q. What advantages are offered by this dual-degree program?

A. The dual degree can be completed in one less year of full-time study and leads to a Master of Divinity degree conferred by Duke University and a Master of Social Work conferred by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. 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. There are also opportunities at UNC-CH for Advanced Standing students and M.S.W Distance Education students to enroll into the dual-degree program. The length of the program varies from approximately three-and-a-half years for Advanced Standing students to five years for those in the M.S.W. Distance Education Program.



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UNC-CH School of Social Work and Duke Divinity offer also one of the most integrated dual-degree programs in the country. Students take two integrative seminars, one in the first year of study and the other in the final year. The capstone course in the final year is co-led by faculty from UNC-CH School of Social Work and Duke Divinity School. These seminars enable the student to integrate theological, biblical, theoretical, ethical, pastoral, social justice, empirical, and practical dimensions of social work.

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

At Duke Divinity School, students end up paying one semester less in tuition for the MDiv program. At UNC-Chapel Hill, students pay full-time tuition each semester they are enrolled in the School of Social Work (except for distance education students, who will pay the distance education tuition rate during their first two years at the School of Social Work).

The Duke and UNC-CH Robertson Scholars bus service provides free transportation between the two campuses and is available to all students enrolled in the dual-degree program.

Q. Where do students begin the dual-degree program?

A. Students apply to the dual-degree program at both schools and begin the program at Duke Divinity School. Once accepted, students defer enrollment at the School of Social Work for two years and begin at Duke Divinity. The first Integrative Seminar takes place in the fall of the first year of the dual-degree program.

Q. How much time is spent at each school?

A. Students begin at Duke, focusing the first two years in coursework for the M.Div. In year three, students attend UNC-CH and complete coursework for the M.S.W only. Students complete coursework at both UNC-CH and Duke Divinity their fourth year. Efficiency of the dual degree requires strict adherence to the course sequence and the curriculum as designed. The program cannot be shortened significantly by taking courses in summer session at either school.

Q. What are the admission requirements?

A. Applicants for the dual-degree program typically have received 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 United States, or hold an equivalent educational credential from another country. Students must apply separately to and be accepted by both Duke Divinity School and UNC-CH School of Social Work. Acceptance into one of the degree programs does not guarantee acceptance into the other.

Applications to UNC-CH School of Social Work are due in early January. The Graduate School application can be found at gradschool.unc.edu and ssw.unc.edu.

An application fee is due at the time of application, as are unofficial copies of transcripts from each undergraduate and/or graduate school attended. In addition,



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the school requires a statement of purpose, three letters of reference, and scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) within the past five years.

Prospective students may apply online to [Duke Divinity School](http://divinity.duke.edu/admissions/how-apply) at <http://divinity.duke.edu/admissions/how-apply>. An application fee is due with the application, as are transcripts from each undergraduate and graduate school attended, three letters of recommendation, a resume, and one essays. Prospective students are encouraged to apply early as classes fill quickly. Preference for merit-based scholarships is given to those students whose applications are complete by January 15.

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

FIELD EDUCATION:

Q. Does the Divinity School offer field education placements with social service agencies?

A. Yes, the Divinity School has a number of placements with social service agencies in the Triangle. A number of these agencies require students to be Work Study eligible in order for the student to receive funding. To see if you qualify for Work Study, you need to complete the FAFSA application. If you are interested in working in an agency placement during the summer that requires Work Study to help with student funding, you will need to complete the FAFSA for the academic year before the summer in which you will be working. The Office of Field Education at Duke Divinity School will work with you regarding your placement options.

Q. What field education placements are required?

A. A total of four field education placements are required for the dual degree—two at UNC-CH and two at Duke. These placements are designed to provide experience in a variety of settings.

Duke Divinity School: two units of approved field education are required. They are met through either part-time academic year placements (30 weeks) or full-time summer placements (10 weeks). One of the Divinity School field education placements must be in a congregational setting.

UNC-CH: UNC-CH School of Social Work requires two academic year-long courses of approved field education. The first course occurs during Year 3 and consists of 480 hours over two semesters. This placement typically amounts to two full days a week for a total of 60 days. The second course occurs during the final year at SSW and consists of 720 hours over two semesters. This placement typically amounts to three fully days a week for a total of 90 days.

FINANCIAL AID:

Q. How can I finance these dual degrees?

A. Duke Divinity School offers competitive merit-based scholarships for the MDiv degree covering between 50 and 100 percent of the cost of tuition. Scholarships are based on admission application materials.



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Financial aid packages at Duke Divinity include on or more of the following resources: scholarships, student loans, field education grants and campus work opportunities, including serving as a resident advisor on the Duke campus. 100% of Duke Divinity MDiv/MSW students accepted into the program receive a scholarship covering at a minimum 25% of Duke Divinity's tuition. Duke's field education placement grants can help defray costs of the dual-degree.

UNC-CH School of Social Work offers a limited number of scholarships to enrolled students for the MSW degree. Scholarships are awarded in the spring semester for the following academic year. SSW scholarship applications will be sent to each admitted applicant to the SSW. A scholarship application is also provided to all continuing students for awards in their final year of study.

To be eligible for financial aid, applicants should complete the FAFSA by the priority deadline of March 1st.

Education loans can be secured through the UNC-CH Office of Scholarships and Student Aid. Students may apply for a limited number of School of Social Work jobs the first week of school after the positions have been sent to the MSW student listserv. Positions include program assistants, building monitors, and computer lab monitors.

Q. Do I continue to receive financial aid (merit-based and need-based) from Duke when I begin at UNC-CH?

A. You do not continue to receive the same financial aid. Duke and UNC-CH each offer separate merit-based awards.

Financial aid information at Duke Divinity School may be found at <http://www.divinity.duke.edu/admissions/financialaid>.

Financial aid information at the School of Social Work may be found at <http://ssw.unc.edu/index.php?q=students/financial>. If you plan to apply for federal loans such as Stafford Loans, you must complete the FAFSA during the spring before the academic year for which you are seeking assistance and then complete the transaction through the school in which you will be officially enrolled and actively paying for classes.

Outside scholarships usually can be applied to tuition at both schools; see your particular scholarship information for restrictions.

Q. Do I need to sign another promissory note if I am receiving Stafford loans from UNC-CH and had previously received Stafford loans from Duke?

A. Yes, you must sign another promissory note because the lender is different.

PARKING:

Q. What do I do about parking when I am attending both schools?

A. It is possible to purchase a permit for parking lots on the UNC-CH campus, but these permits are expensive and limited. However, there are various free options to get to UNC-CH from Durham.

The Robertson Express Bus, which runs regularly between the Duke and UNC-CH campuses, is available at no charge (www.robertsonscholars.org/bus/). The Robertson bus stop at Duke is at the traffic circle in front of the Chapel (very close to the Divinity School), and the bus also stops at the end of Chapel Drive, just before



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the intersection with Duke University Road (near the gravel Green Zone lot). The bus stop at UNC-CH is in front of the Planetarium, which is a 15-minute walk to the School of Social Work. While at UNC-CH, you may choose to buy a Duke parking pass in order to park at Duke and take the Robertson Express Bus back and forth and in order to have parking when taking classes and Duke during integrated terms. If you choose to do this, you will receive a bill from Duke accordingly.

To get to UNC-CH, you may also participate in the Commuter Alternative Program (CAP) and park at a Park & Ride lots around Chapel Hill where you can ride free Chapel Hill transit buses to campus (<http://www.ci.chapel-hill.nc.us/> > Departments > Transit). The lots closest to Durham are Friday Center, NC-54, and Eubanks Rd. Park & Ride lots require permits that you can purchase at the Department of Public Safety at UNC-CH (<http://www.dps.unc.edu/dps/>). To get your CAP permit, you will need to bring your vehicle registration and proof of automotive insurance.

Students may also ride Triangle Transit Authority (TTA) buses for free if they register with CAP at the Department of Public Safety at UNC-CH and receive a bus pass (<http://www.ridetta.org/>). Especially for those students in South Durham, TTA routes offer a good alternative to driving to a Park & Ride, with TTA stops at Southpoint Mall, Woodcroft, Research Triangle Park, and downtown Durham.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Q. What facilities and services can I use when I am a student at both schools?

A. Once you have completed your two years at Duke Divinity School and enroll at UNC-CH for the third and fourth years of the program, you will have access to both schools' library systems, computer centers, bus systems, and stores. You will have access only to the recreation facilities of the school you are currently paying unless you pay a recreation fee at the other school. You can attend all student activities, graduate student events, and ALL SPORTING EVENTS with your student ID cards! (See Question below about basketball tickets...) Your student ID cards also qualify you for discounts at local restaurants, stores, automotive repair shops, etc. You should plan to go to the student health center and pharmacy at the school in which you are officially enrolled and actively paying for classes. For example, if you are in the final two years of the program and primarily studying at UNC-CH, you should go to UNC-CH's Campus Health Services and pharmacy rather than Duke's.

Q. If I am covered by a student medical insurance plan at one school, do I need to switch student plans when I am enrolled in the other school?

A. Yes, you will need to be covered through the school in which you are officially enrolled and actively paying for classes. If you were covered by Duke's student medical insurance plan during your first two years of the program and wish to continue being covered by a student health insurance during the final two years, you must sign up for the UNC-CH student medical insurance plan (<http://campushealth.unc.edu/> > Health Fee and Charges). You should plan to do so during the summer before enrolling at UNC-CH if you want to avoid time lapsing between coverage. Through the student plans (BlueCross/BlueShield), both university healthcare centers are in-network providers and often provide student discounts for specialty services such as orthopedics, dermatology, and vision care. You can also attend Duke and UNC-CH free health clinics (health screenings, flu shots, etc.) with your student ID cards. You may be interested in enrolling in BlueCross/BlueShield's healthy living BluePoints Online to receive free prizes.



Q. What opportunities will I have to spend time with other dual degree students?

A. Besides the regular classes that you will likely have with other dual degree students, the two required integrative seminars are an excellent time to meet and get to know other dual degree students. Additionally, the dual degree program hosts “Sharing the Journey” meetings on a regular (usually monthly) basis throughout the academic year, which provide opportunities for fellowship, sharing about each other’s experiences, and supporting each other through the dual degree process.

Q. Is there a professional organization that combines the topics of Christianity and Social Work?

A.. Yes. The mission statement of the North American Association of Christian Social Workers (NACSW) is: “NACSW equips its members to integrate Christian faith and professional social work practice.” For more information, see the NACSW website (<http://www.nacsw.org>).

Q. When I do my Plan of Study at UNC-CH, how do I indicate on the online form that I will be taking Duke classes to meet my requirements?

A. For Duke courses, indicate that you are taking a courses from another institution in the “Electives” section and list the course number and title for four Duke Divinity courses. In the “Semester Taken” field, select “Course” as the course name, and insert “500” for the course number. (This is a generic number and does not indicate a particular class.) If you have any questions, the Registrar at the School of Social Work will assist you.

Q. When do I register for my first classes at UNC-CH, and when do I talk to the School of Social Work’s field education office about my foundation-year field placement?

A. Unless you are an Advanced Standing student, you will register during the summer before you begin your MSW, and the School of Social Work will contact you in the spring to confirm your plan to enroll and to give you details about classes and field placement. If you are Advanced Standing, you will need to make arrangements for summer classes and field education during the spring before you will enroll at UNC-CH.

Q. If I am an Advanced Standing MSW student, do I need to be aware of particular protocols and situations?

A. Yes, due to the unique situations of Advanced Standing students, they will need to be in close touch with the advisors of the dual degree program and with both schools about requirements, deadlines, and protocols regarding your field placement and scheduling. Note that Advanced Standing students will need to apply for their concentration field placement during the winter (usually late February) of the academic year before they enroll at UNC-CH.

RESIDENCY:

Q. How do I become a North Carolina resident?

A. If students have established and maintained a domicile in North Carolina at least twelve months before the first day of classes, intend to make North Carolina a



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permanent home indefinitely, and are not in North Carolina solely to attend college, they may be eligible for the UNC-Chapel Hill in-state tuition rate. You can learn more about applying for North Carolina residency for tuition purposes at <http://gradschool.unc.edu/studentlife/resources/residency/#background>. Seeking to establish residency as soon as you move to North Carolina is recommended—i.e. registering your vehicle, obtaining a NC driver's license, registering to vote, joining a local civic group, having NC employment, paying NC taxes, buying NC real estate, vacationing/spending some holidays in NC, etc. Residency forms are usually due between mid-March and late-August.

THIRD YEAR & FOURTH YEAR, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Q. How do I learn more details as I prepare to enter the School of Social Work?

A. During the summer prior to entering at UNC-CH, students receive an email from the School of Social Work that contains important information regarding registering for classes, financial aid, field education, fields of study, concentrations, school activities, and Chapel Hill. The folks on staff at the School of Social Work are very helpful if you have questions. The School of Social Work also has open houses throughout the year. Though these are intended for prospective students, much of the information would be useful to entering dual degree students as well. The dates are posted on the School of Social Work website (<http://ssw.unc.edu/>).

Q. What is this about a capstone project?

A. During the final year of the dual degree program, students must take an integrative capstone seminar. In addition to regular course work, this course involves an opportunity for students to formally apply their training from both perspectives through a final project. While the final project does not need to be designed and declared until your final term, you are encouraged to be thinking about what you might do for this project throughout your time in the program. Please talk with the dual degree advisors for more information.

Q. Can I participate in Graduate School Campout for Duke basketball tickets when I am a third and fourth year student primarily at UNC-CH?

A. Yes. You will receive an email asking you to have the Duke Divinity Registrar provide proof of special status as a full-time student to the GSPC Basketball Campout Committee. The Duke Divinity Registrar will certainly help you do this, since you will need to add the graduate student fee to your bursar account to be eligible. The sooner in the semester you do this, the less hassle you have with the Basketball Campout Co-Chairs. You are actually eligible for tickets to BOTH Duke and UNC sporting events – following ticket procedures for each sport.

Q. When do I need to transfer classes to fulfill hours for graduation?

A. At Duke Divinity School, you will complete a grad check with the Registrar in the fall of your 4th year. Around the time of the grad check, you should send the Duke Divinity Registrar a UNC transcript to complete the graduation requirements. At UNC, it happens in spring of your final year. You need to work with the Registrar Beth Sauer to fill out a form at <http://gradschool.unc.edu/pdf/wtrnform.pdf> and turn it into Sarah Naylor at UNC-CH SSW. It does not matter which classes you choose to transfer.

For Additional Information, Contact:



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