The Penn State World Campus Master of Social Work program involves online coursework and in-person supervised fieldwork. Students concentrate in clinical social work and specialize in one of two areas: 1) children and families across the lifespan; or 2) mental health and substance use.

The MSW program prepares students for advanced clinical social work practice in a range of settings. The master's program is designed to address the wide range of skills and functions required of a professional social worker. Upon successful program completion, students can sit for licensure to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in Pennsylvania and other states.