

# MSW/Master of Arts in Education (MAEd)

Students admitted to this program earn a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from the Brown School and a Master of Arts in Education (MAEd) degree from the Department of Education in Arts & Sciences. The program of study requires 84 to 96 credit units, depending on the chosen track, and these are typically completed over the course of three years.

The MSW/MAEd program prepares graduates for careers in education, whether acting as master teachers in the classroom or working at the systems level in school districts. The social work training addresses the psychosocial issues facing children and youth as well as the systems that affect children's readiness to learn.

The joint degree program offers three options for earning a master's degree in education:

- **Elementary Teacher Certification (48 credit units)**

The teacher certification track, which culminates in Missouri certification for teaching in grades 1 through 6, focuses on classroom-level/teaching excellence through course work in general education pedagogy and professional elementary education.

- **Educational Studies (36 credit units)**

The educational studies track provides the larger historical, social, and political context for K-12 education to prepare students for positions in policy, advocacy, teaching, advising, and research at the classroom, school, district, state, and federal levels.

- **Higher Education (36 credit units)**

Finally, the higher education track is designed to provide an overview of historical and contemporary issues in higher education for social work students who wish to gain a greater understanding of higher education research, policy, assessment, and/or administrative practices.

MSW/MAEd graduates will fill a significant local and national need for professionals who can address students' social and emotional needs as well as their academic achievement. Please visit the Brown School website to learn more about the MSW/MAEd joint degree program (<https://brownschool.wustl.edu/academics/joint-and-dual-degrees/pages/MSW-master-of-arts-in-education.aspx>).