

DSW Programs: A Brief History
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Edwards, Rittner, & Holmes

- Task Force on Advanced Clinical Practice recommended by GADE and convened by CSWE
- *The Doctorate in Social Work (DSW) Degree: Emergence of a New Practice Doctorate*

1920's



Early Doctorates

- Bryn Mawr & University of Chicago (Ph.D)
- 1940's DSW's
 - Catholic U. of America (converted from Ph.D.)
 - U. of Pennsylvania
 - Smith College

20 New Doctoral Programs 1965-1975



By early 1970

- Over half offered DSW degrees
- 2 offered both
- By 1975, programs were evenly split
- No real difference in course work

Late 1990's

- Most SW doctoral programs were PhD's.
- DSW all but disappears
- Smith, Barry, and NYU offered clinical Ph.D's
 - Eventually NYU and Barry became more research focused.

Resurgence of DSW

- Emergence of practice degrees in allied fields (e.g. psychology, nursing, physical therapy)
- Desire for peer recognition
- MSW students getting clinical doctorates in other fields (PsyD)
- Schools looking for revenue streams

Concerns About Resurgence

- DSW programs not anchored to schools with MSW programs
- Schools not requiring an MSW for admission
 - DSW not grounded in principles of the profession.
- Quick growth in number
- Wide variation in program missions and goals
- 15 programs as of January
 - More in pipeline

Hot Topics!



Currently

- Defining Advanced Practice
 - The majority (8/15) have a clinical focus but not all
- Broad variety of foci and missions
- Distinguishing Ph.D. and DSW
- Distinguishing MSW from DSW
- Accreditation
- “Terminal degree” issue
- How can PhD and DSW programs/graduates work together?

Rutgers (founded in 2013)

- The mission of the Doctorate of Social Work program is to transform experienced clinical social workers into **leaders** who promote individual, family, and community well-being and social justice in an increasingly diverse and global environment by training them **to develop and disseminate clinical knowledge through peer-reviewed journal articles, national and international conference presentations, teaching, supervision, and innovative digital projects.**

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1. Develop an area of expertise in the field of clinical social work.
2. Advance new scholarship in the field of clinical social work through the completion of a case study and qualitative research project.
3. Disseminate scholarship within an area of clinical social work through multiple modalities including the creation of a multi-media project, submission of original manuscripts to peer-reviewed journals, presenting at national and international conferences, supervision and teaching.

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- 45 full-time students
- 9 Weekend Residencies per Year
- Portfolio
 - Publishable Case Study
 - Publishable Small Qualitative Study
 - Multimedia Project
 - Example
- Graduates (71)
 - Some enter academic positions (9)
 - Tenure Track in Teaching Institutions
 - Non Tenure Track in Research Institutions
 - Most stay in current jobs
 - Most are interested in teaching