

New MSW Focused Degree:

Military and Veteran Affairs

The Military and Veteran Affairs focused degree is the newest specialization for the Master of Social Work degree at Hawai'i Pacific University. Beginning Fall 2018, this will focus on strategies for helping military personnel and veterans, many of whom face multiple challenges that require special knowledge and skills.

Why Social Work?

The profession of social work promotes human and community well-being. Social workers focus on social and economic justice at the local, national, and global level. They are often pioneers – challenging the status quo and working tirelessly to help others help themselves. Social workers have many options for specialization. Choose what impasses you in areas such as: child or adult protective services, health care, mental health, individual and family counseling, criminal justice, community organizing, or social agency administration. Social work is one of the fastest growing professions with demand for social workers projected to grow 15% from 2016 to 2026. **This is a perfect time to get an MSW degree.**

Why HPU?

For years, HPU has specialized in helping military service members, their families, and veterans achieve their education goals. In 2015, HPU was recognized by the *Military Times* rankings as one of the *Best for Vets* universities; and was the only Hawai'i university on the list HPU is located within easy access to most active-duty bases on O'ahu and offers classes taught by professors who can provide real-world expertise from their own social work practices treating veterans. Students in this focus will receive specialized course instruction on the needs of active military personnel, veterans and their families.

THE MILITARY SOCIAL WORK COURSES INCLUDE:

SWRK 6801: Military and
Veteran Social Work Practice

SWRK 7301: Research
Methods in Military Social
Work and Veteran Affairs

SWRK 7902: Military and
Veteran's Affairs Practicum III

SWRK 7903: Military and
Veteran's Affairs Practicum IV

SWRK 7351: Integrative
Seminar in Military Social
Work and Veteran Affairs

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