

# STOCKTON COLLEGE

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



## **Stockton Welcomes New Master's of Social Work Program to School of Graduate and Continuing Studies**

MSW Program Will Be Stockton's 11<sup>th</sup> Graduate Degree

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** Stockton College has an undergraduate program in social work that has been continuously accredited since 1975. Beginning in the fall of this year, a new MSW program will be added, providing an opportunity for individuals who are interested in a career in social work to obtain a graduate degree.

The 21st Century has brought new challenges to social work. Globally, inequality, discrimination, and oppression continue unremitted, despite the efforts of people of good will to eliminate them. Social workers worldwide seek ways to confront such problems, create life-enhancing societies and communities, and provide support and empowerment to vulnerable people. The new MSW program will concentrate on deepening students' understanding of social justice and human rights in their own communities, while preparing them to be advanced, culturally competent social work practitioners with diverse individuals, families, and communities. The new program will also offer an elective specialization in Leadership and Management, which will prepare students for supervisory and management positions.

In addition to academic work, students will complete 900 hours of field work in a human services organization. Students will be placed in family services agencies, behavioral health facilities, schools, hospitals, child welfare agencies, nursing homes and other agencies serving older adults, domestic violence shelters, addictions programs, hospice, veteran's facilities, agencies and institutions serving the developmentally disabled, and juvenile justice and corrections agencies and institutions.

Stockton's new MSW program will be taught at the Carnegie Center in Atlantic City. Its faculty includes educators with diverse backgrounds and perspectives. All have master's and doctoral degrees in social work and experience as social work practitioners.

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Dr. Diane Falk, who is leading the effort to launch the MSW program, states, "We are all very excited that our long-awaited dream of offering an MSW program in southern New Jersey is finally happening. Local agencies have been encouraging us to do this for many years, and many are working with us to create field work opportunities for MSW students."

Admission requirements and application materials are listed on Stockton's Graduate Studies website. The deadline for applications is April 1. For further information on the new program, contact Dr. Diane Falk at [Diane.Falk@Stockton.edu](mailto:Diane.Falk@Stockton.edu) or the Graduate Studies Office at 609-652-4298.

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