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MANDEL SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES



## Dual Disorders Fellows Program

A graduate degree program for employed mental health and substance abuse professionals.

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER WITH A  
LEADING SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

Investing in the professional development of your staff is not only good for your staff, it's also good for the clients your agencies serve.

## MANDEL SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES DUAL DISORDERS FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences (MSASS) at Case Western Reserve University offers a program of study designed with the needs of mental health and alcohol and drug agencies and boards in mind. Our format, the Intensive Weekend Program, accommodates the schedules of employed mental health and substance abuse professionals to allow them to maintain their current employment while obtaining a Master of Social Science Administration degree.

As students earn their degrees, the agencies where they are employed benefit in real time from the students' growing depth of understanding of the social work field. Students apply the lessons learned during an Intensive Weekend in the workweek that follows. In addition to learning from the prestigious MSASS faculty, students also benefit from the experience and expertise of peers in the field, while they build networks and bonds that last a lifetime.

## A PARTNERSHIP THAT WORKS

Mental health and alcohol and drug agencies and boards in Ohio and surrounding states are finding that collaborating with the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences reaps almost immediate rewards for their staff and clients. By working directly with the Mandel School to construct a partnership that makes the most sense for such agencies, they can realize a large return with a small investment.

## PROGRAM OF STUDY

The Intensive Weekend Program is an integral part of the Mandel School and functions under the guidance of the school's administration and faculty. This three-year degree program has a marked emphasis on an adult learning model in which the student is an important classroom resource. Experiential learning is melded with the most current literature, research, and evidence-based practice.

The Mandel School represents the ideal learning environment for this program. It is home to the Center on Substance Abuse and Mental Illness as well as the Ohio Substance Abuse and Mental Illness Coordinating Center of Excellence funded by the Ohio Departments of Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services which together provide education, research, training, and consultation in the fields of substance abuse and mental health. These two centers provide the core faculty and professional staff who teach and instruct the Dual Disorders Fellows in this unique and innovative educational setting.

Over the three-year period of study, specialized courses and professional seminars, led by select faculty and agency-based leaders, allow the fellows to better understand the current issues and challenges confronting the mental health and substance abuse systems within their counties. This program empowers the employee/student with the knowledge, skills, and desire for lifelong learning that will enhance both service delivery and evidence-based practice.



## GOAL AND RATIONALE FOR THE INTENSIVE PROGRAM

The primary goal of this program is to serve as an innovative and meaningful alternative for employed mental health and substance abuse social workers to pursue their graduate educational objectives. Emphasis will be placed on implementing services to assist individuals with co-occurring problems and their families using evidence-based best practices that focus on integrated treatment. This weekend program makes it possible for employed individuals throughout Ohio to overcome the barriers of geography, time, and finances to pursue a degree in social work. Over the past twenty years, this program format has been a vital part of the Mandel School. Graduates assert that an advanced degree in social work would not have been possible without this option.

## ABOUT THE MANDEL SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES

Since its founding in 1915 as the nation's first university-affiliated professional graduate school of social work, the Mandel School has been an innovator in professional education. At the Mandel School, educators, researchers, and practitioners work side-by-side to investigate, study, and disseminate knowledge to bridge the gap between the classroom and the communities in which social workers practice.

The mission of the Mandel School is to provide and integrate professional social work education, research, and service to promote social justice and empowerment in communities through social work practice locally, nationally, and internationally.

The Mandel School has consistently attracted students of the highest caliber from around the world who are currently providing leadership in many venues. Our graduates include accomplished practitioners, researchers, and chief executives in a variety of private and public organizations, including universities, public policy institutes, charitable foundations, human service agencies, and corporations.

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