About the Dual Degree in Social Work and Conflict Analysis & Resolution

The Department of Social Work is partnering with George Mason’s nationally recognized School for Conflict Analysis & Resolution (S-CAR) on a 3-year dual degree program. Students can earn both an MSW and a Masters in Conflict Analysis & Resolution while taking advantage of the diversity of the D.C. metropolitan area and the university’s proximity to the nation’s capital.

The degree programs in Social Work and Conflict Analysis & Resolution complement each other. S-CAR’s strong emphasis on theory is an excellent supplement to the grounding in theory provided through the Social Work curriculum. Social work’s strong practice orientation supplement the skill-building provided through S-CAR.

The MSW degree is broad and versatile, and well-recognized in the labor market. It encompasses direct service with many different population groups in a wide range of settings, as well as policy analysis and advocacy, community practice, research, and organizational leadership. The Master’s Degree in Conflict Analysis and Resolution is more focused, demonstrating a highly specialized set of knowledge and skills. The combination would provide students with the best of both worlds.

- Master’s level social workers work in mental health agencies, schools, businesses, and healthcare settings in both the public and private sectors. They often serve as chief administrators or departmental directors in hospitals, homeless shelters, domestic violence programs, group homes, substance abuse programs and adoption agencies. Other settings in which social workers perform include developing community programs and resources; working as analysts, lobbyists, and policy-makers in public, for-profit, and nonprofit human service agencies, advocacy groups, think tanks, and professional membership organizations.

- Graduates of the M.S. program work in a variety of settings where conflict resolution is useful, such as businesses, unions, government agencies, religious groups, court systems, educational institutions, community centers, international relief and development organizations, conflict resolution consulting firms, and in situations where interest groups are in conflict with current and emergent public policy.

This is the only existing dual degree program of its kind!

For more information: http://chhs.gmu.edu/msw/dual-degree.cfm

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