

The Council on Social Work Education, CSWE,  
 accredits the **University of Pittsburgh**, MSW program.

The School of Social Work **Home & School Visitor/School Social Worker, HSV/SSW, certificate**  
 prepares you to work in a Pennsylvania k-12 school.

Since the 1930's, the School of Social Work has offered a DP Home and School Visitor certificate. The program  
 was started by pioneering social work practitioner and educator Marion Hathway.

The DP H&SV/SSW is an inter-professional Educational Specialist certificate, operated jointly with University  
 of Pittsburgh School of Education and by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, intended for students  
 who plan to deliver social work services in elementary or secondary schools. The DP H&SV/SSW certificate  
 program is designed to enhance professional competency in the development  
 and delivery of high quality social work services to diverse student populations in both public  
 and private elementary and secondary schools.

The certificate program is organized around the Direct Practice specialization and offers students the  
 opportunity to gain advanced knowledge and skills via courses taken in the Schools of Social Work and  
 Education and a field placement in an educational setting.

**Here is the process to obtain the certificate(s).**

HSV Requirements	SSW Requirements
<p><b>There are three entry points for this certification:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Certification earned while earning the MSW</li> <li>2. Certification earned post-MSW</li> <li>3. Certification earned <b>without</b> an MSW</li> </ol>	<p><b>There are two entry points for this certification:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Certification earned while earning the MSW</li> <li>2. Certification earned post-MSW</li> </ol>
<p><b>Complete Pitt coursework</b>  <a href="#">Class Schedules, Curriculum Guides, and Forms   School of Social Work   University of Pittsburgh</a></p>	<p><b>Complete Pitt coursework</b>  <a href="#">Class Schedules, Curriculum Guides, and Forms   School of Social Work   University of Pittsburgh</a></p>
<p><b>You have met Pitt requirements for Pitt's HSV/SSW certificate</b></p>	
<p><b>To earn the Pennsylvania HSV state certificate</b>  <b>NO TESTS are required for the Pennsylvania Home &amp; School Visitor PK-12</b>  <a href="#">Search   Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</a></p>	<p><b>To earn the Pennsylvania state recognized SSW Certificate</b>  <b>Next step is to take &amp; pass The PA Licensed Social Worker, LSW, exam</b>  <a href="#">Search   Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</a></p>
<p>After the coursework &amp; LSW/LCSW for SSW applicants are successfully completed, the PDE checklist with supporting documents is submitted to the HSV Director to earn the PA state credential,  <a href="#">View the School of Social Work/Pennsylvania Department of Education Certification Checklist</a></p>	
<p><b>PA State certificate Home &amp; School Visitor, HSV, Certificate Job description:</b> <a href="#">CSPG 77 - Home and School Visitor (PK-12) (pa.gov)</a></p>	<p><b>PA State certificate School Social Worker, SSW, Certificate Job description:</b> <a href="#">CSPG 87 - School Social Worker, Educational Specialist Certificate PK-12 (pa.gov)</a></p>

<p><i>The Home and School Visitor involves the science or art of the knowledge and competence required in addressing the provision of home and school visitor services for all students in grades PK-12.</i></p>	<p><i>The School Social Worker provides schools with the knowledge and competence required to provide school social work services for all students in grades PK-12 with a focus on preventative and/or problem-solving tools.</i></p>
<p>Available to MSW students, &amp; non social workers in a <u>related graduate field</u> (determined by the Pitt HSV/SSW Faculty Coordinator)</p>	<p>Maintain LSW or LCSW and Maintain Act 48</p> <p><b>Available only to MSW students</b></p>
<p>Post grads can apply including non social workers in a related graduate field (determined by the HSV/SSW Faculty Coordinator)</p>	<p>Post MSW grads can apply</p>
<p>Complete the PDE Certification: Checklist provides direction.</p> <p><b>TIMS</b> Educational Specialist I (31) - Home and School Visitor k-12th (1850) <a href="#">View the School of Social Work/Pennsylvania Department of Education Certification Checklist.</a></p>	<p>Complete the PDF: Step by Step Guide. Educational Specialist I – School Social Worker PK-12 (1851) Sign on to your <b>TIMS</b> account at <a href="https://www.mypdeapps.pa.gov/wfTIMS.aspx">https://www.mypdeapps.pa.gov/wfTIMS.aspx</a></p> <p>If you do not know your password for TIMS contact TIMS Login Helpline at 1-877-328-0995</p>
<p><b>At a quick glance HSV provide (but not limited to) the following services</b></p>	<p><b>At a quick glance SSW provide (but not limited to) the following services</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Engage in social case work;</i></li> <li>• <i>Investigate family problems;</i></li> <li>• <i>Assist staff in collaborating with community resource providers and social work agencies;</i></li> <li>• <i>May serve as attendance officer,</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide for students’ needs through appropriate referral</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Conduct formal and informal assessments of student</i></li> <li>• <i>Develop intervention plans</i></li> <li>• <i>Assist in the planning of therapeutic, remedial, and behavioral modification activities</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide crisis and emergency assistance</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide direct interventions to students, including individual and group therapy, counseling, and educational and informational programs.</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide supportive casework to children and their families, including parent/caregiver education and self-advocacy.</i></li> <li>• <i>Work with individuals, groups, and organizations to develop programs and systems that promote student welfare and achievement.</i></li> </ul>