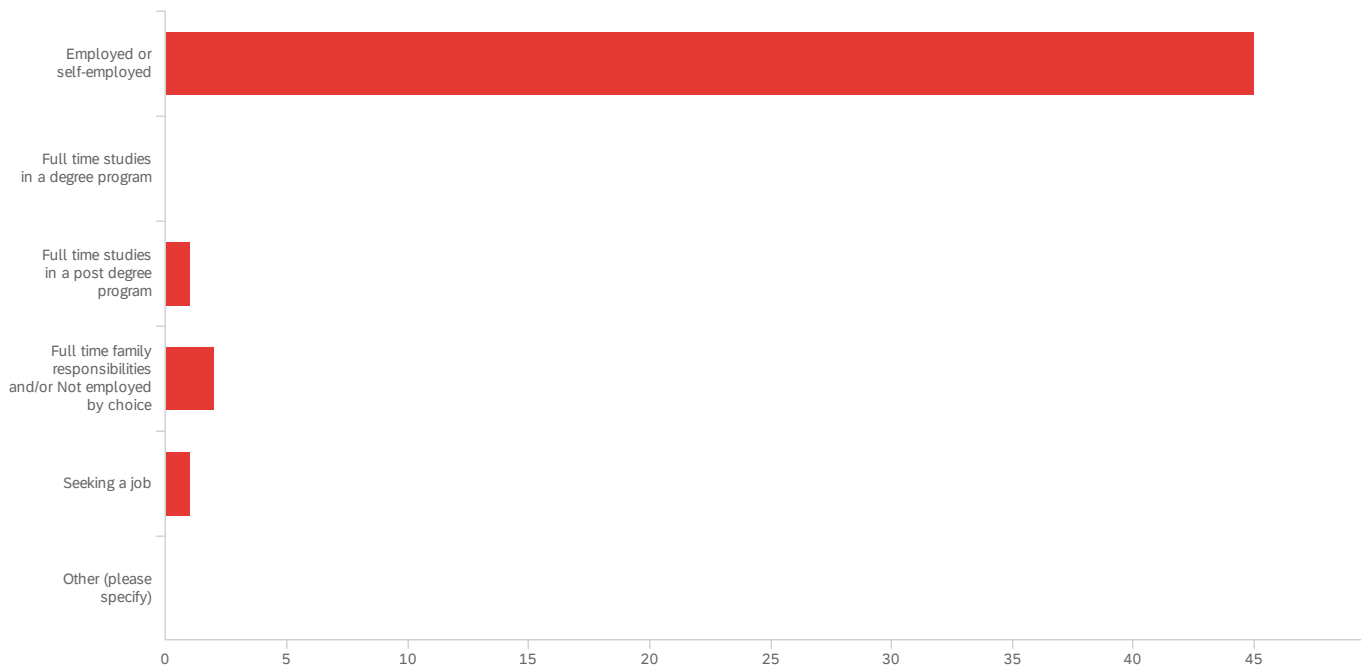


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Alumni Survey 2024

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Q1 - Please choose the answer indicating your current occupational status.



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Employed or self-employed	91.84% 45
2	Full time studies in a degree program	0.00% 0
3	Full time studies in a post degree program	2.04% 1
4	Full time family responsibilities and/or Not employed by choice	4.08% 2
5	Seeking a job	2.04% 1
6	Other (please specify)	0.00% 0

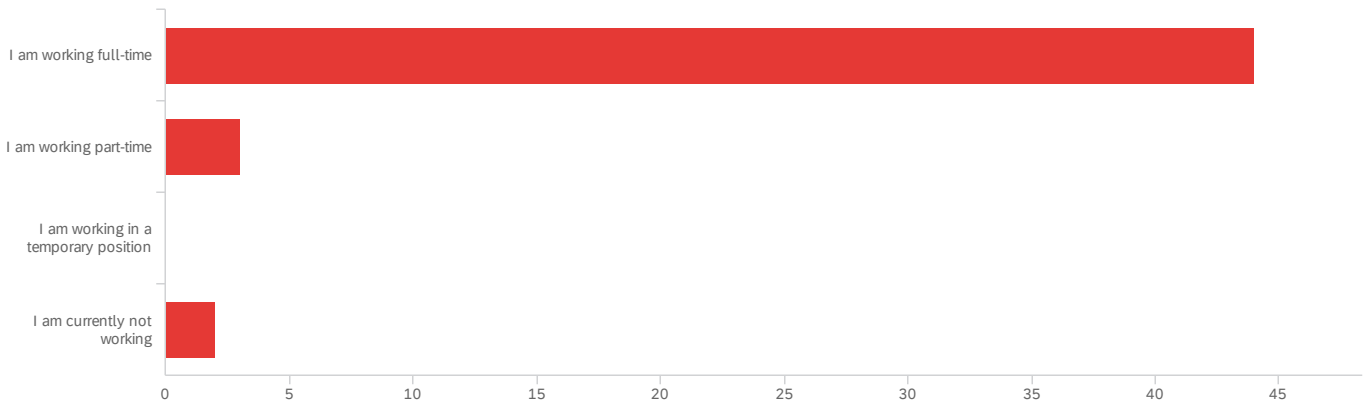
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Other (please specify)

Other (please specify)

Q2 - Are you working?



#	Field	Choice Count
1	I am working full-time	89.80% 44
2	I am working part-time	6.12% 3
3	I am working in a temporary position	0.00% 0
4	I am currently not working	4.08% 2

Q3 - Please choose the answer indicating the field of practice for your PRIMARY job.



Field

Choice
Count

1 Aging/Gerontological Social Work

2.78% 1

#	Field	Choice Count
2	Alcohol, Drug, or Substance Abuse	0.00% 0
3	Child Welfare or Children's Services (including residential)	5.56% 2
4	Community Planning/Development (including housing, employment)	2.78% 1
5	Corrections/Criminal Justice	0.00% 0
6	Family Services	2.78% 1
7	Group Services (YMCA, YWCA, JCCA)	0.00% 0
8	Health	8.33% 3
9	Occupational/Industrial Work	0.00% 0
10	Mental Health or Community Health	41.67% 15
11	Developmental Disabilities	5.56% 2
12	Public Assistance/Public Welfare	0.00% 0
13	Rehabilitation	0.00% 0
14	School-based Social Work	11.11% 4
15	Other (please specify)	19.44% 7
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Other (please specify)

Other (please specify)

Medical social worker

therapy

Freelance Consulting/Non-profit Development

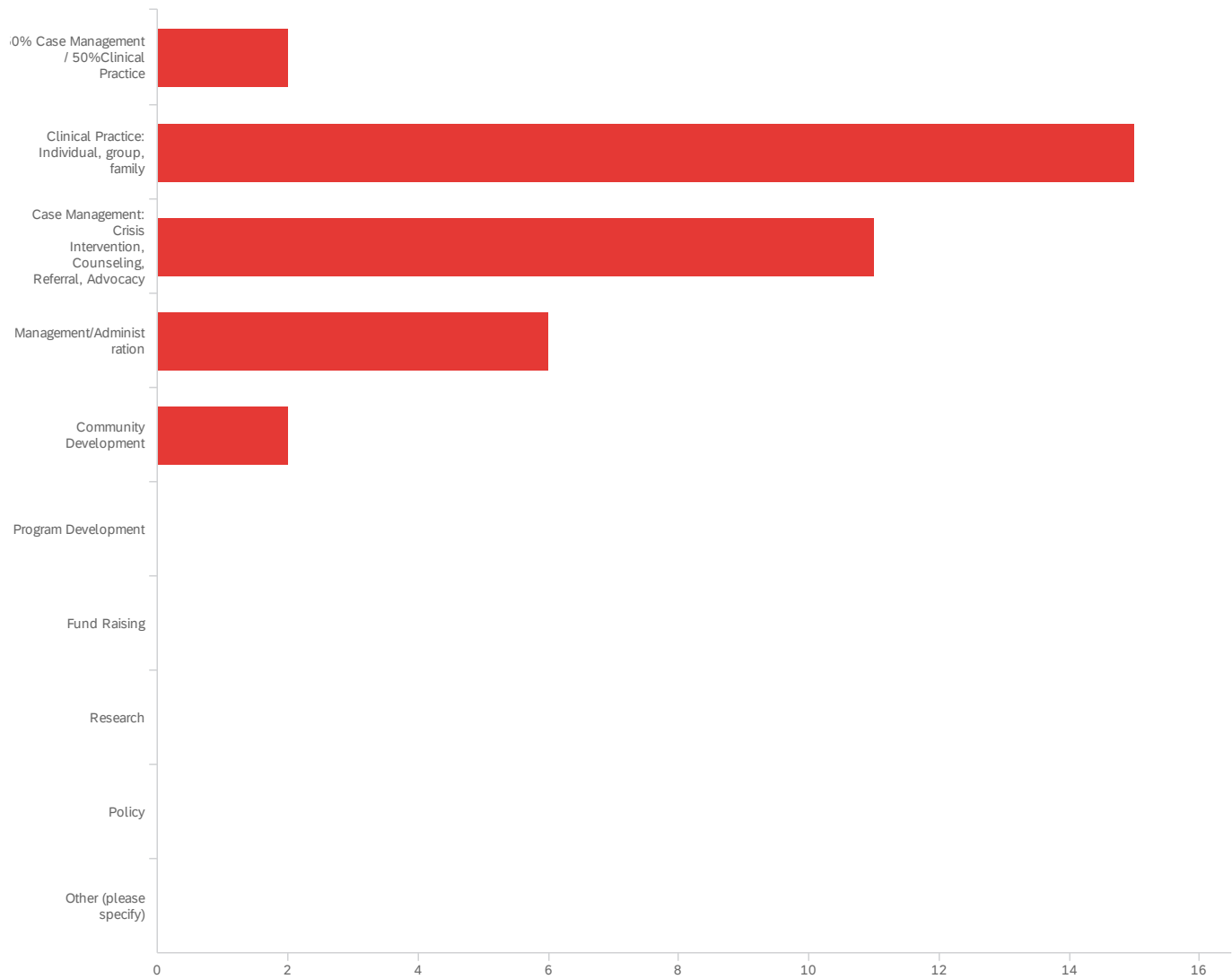
NonProfit Religious Organization

Adult Probation Cool County-Mental Health Unit Supervisor

Blind and Visually Impaired

Sexual Assault Counselor

Q4 - Please choose the answer indicating the PRINCIPLE job function for your primary job.



#	Field	Choice Count
1	50% Case Management / 50% Clinical Practice	5.56% 2
2	Clinical Practice: Individual, group, family	41.67% 15
3	Case Management: Crisis Intervention, Counseling, Referral, Advocacy	30.56% 11
4	Management/Administration	16.67% 6
5	Community Development	5.56% 2
6	Program Development	0.00% 0

#	Field	Choice Count
7	Fund Raising	0.00% 0
8	Research	0.00% 0
9	Policy	0.00% 0
10	Other (please specify)	0.00% 0

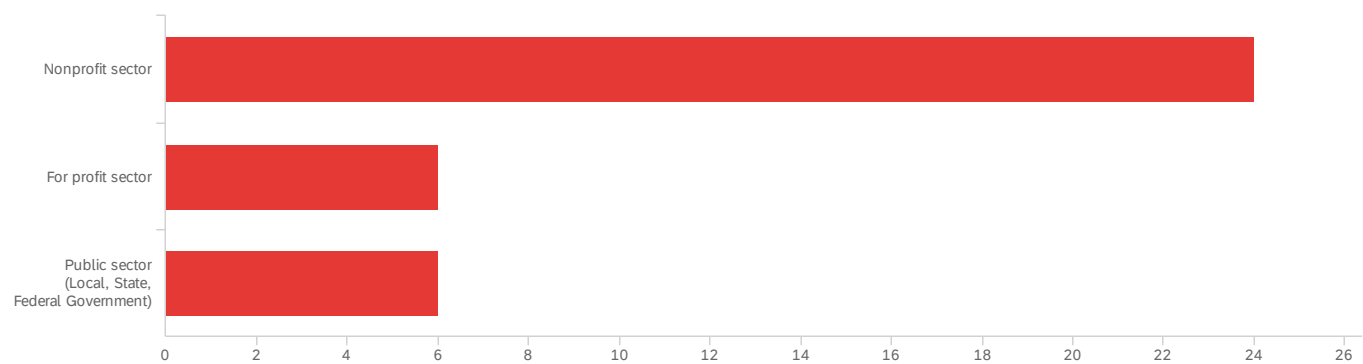
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Q4_10_TEXT - Other (please specify)

Other (please specify)

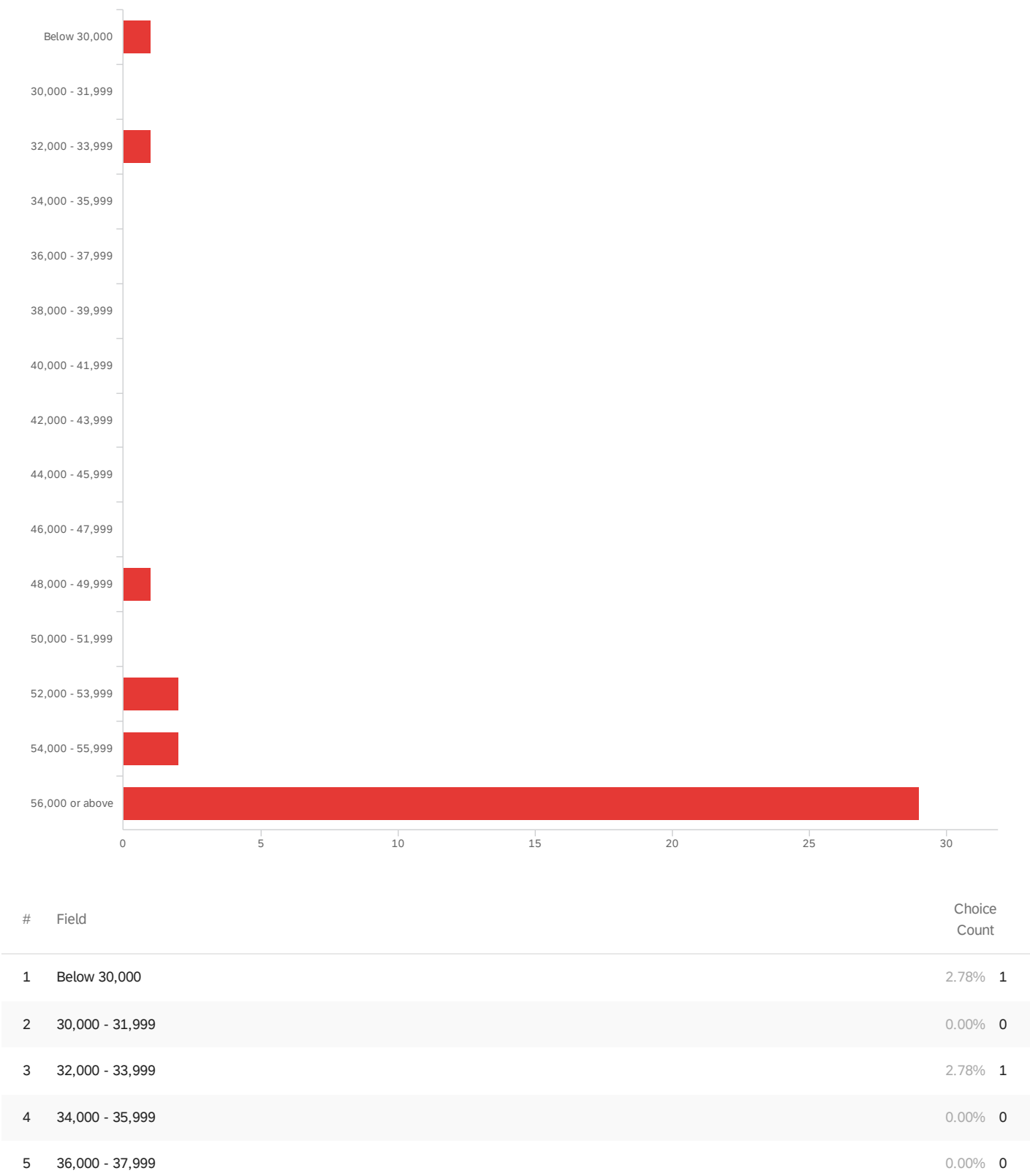
Q5 - Please choose the answer indicating the work setting of your PRIMARY job.



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Nonprofit sector	66.67% 24
2	For profit sector	16.67% 6
3	Public sector (Local, State, Federal Government)	16.67% 6
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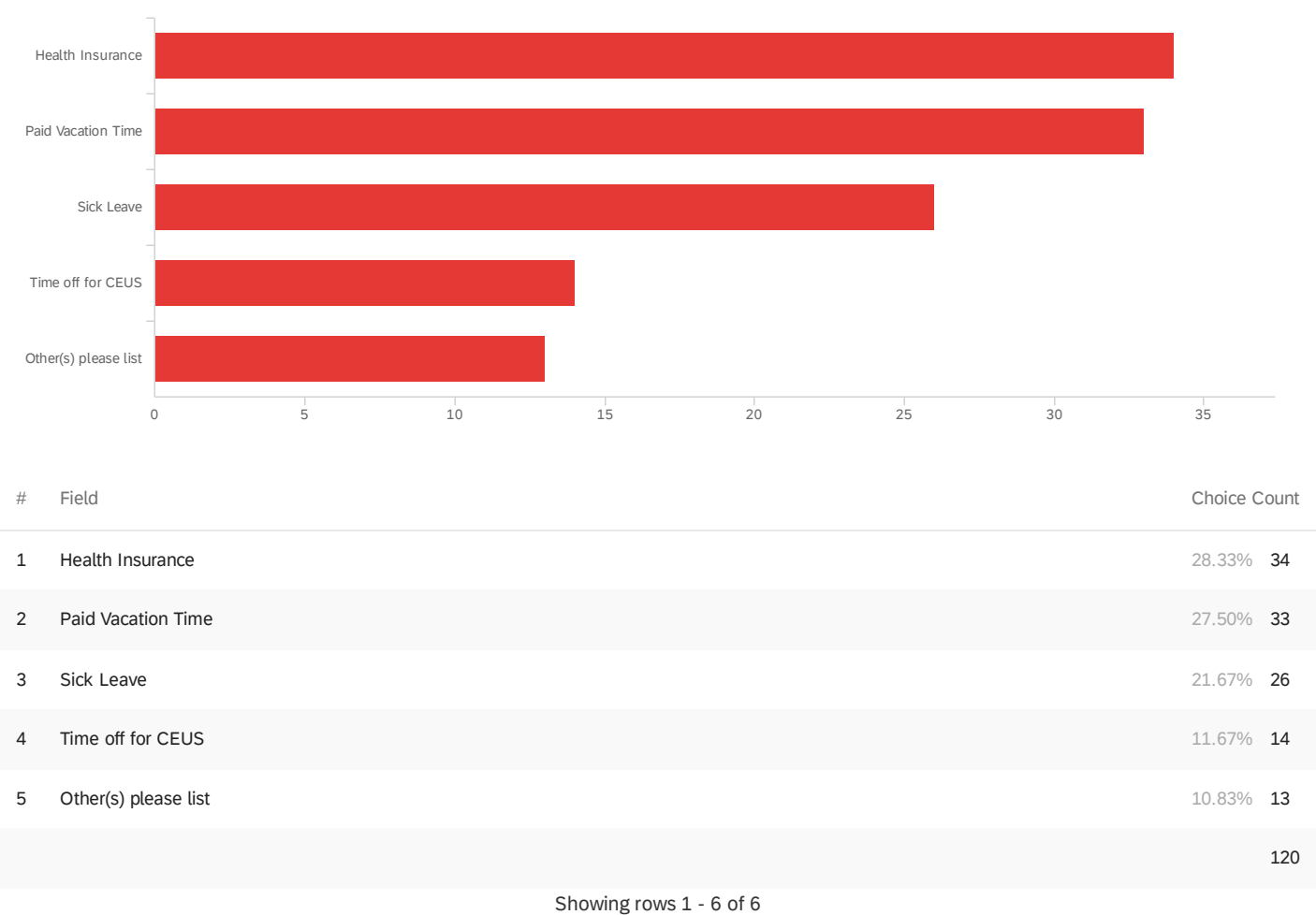
Q6 - Please check the salary category for your primary job. (This is critical information for advising students who are deciding on offers.)



#	Field	Choice Count
6	38,000 - 39,999	0.00% 0
7	40,000 - 41,999	0.00% 0
8	42,000 - 43,999	0.00% 0
9	44,000 - 45,999	0.00% 0
10	46,000 - 47,999	0.00% 0
11	48,000 - 49,999	2.78% 1
12	50,000 - 51,999	0.00% 0
13	52,000 - 53,999	5.56% 2
14	54,000 - 55,999	5.56% 2
15	56,000 or above	80.56% 29
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Q7 - Which benefits does your job include? (Check all that apply)



Other(s) please list

Other(s) please list
Wellness
Tuition reimbursement
-Parental leave 4 weeks (outside of FMLA)
Life insurance
Pension
403b match up to 3%, 3 personal days
Housing stipend, paid continuing education
Life insurance

Other(s) please list

\$500 to spend on CEU's (not all districts I've worked in offer this)

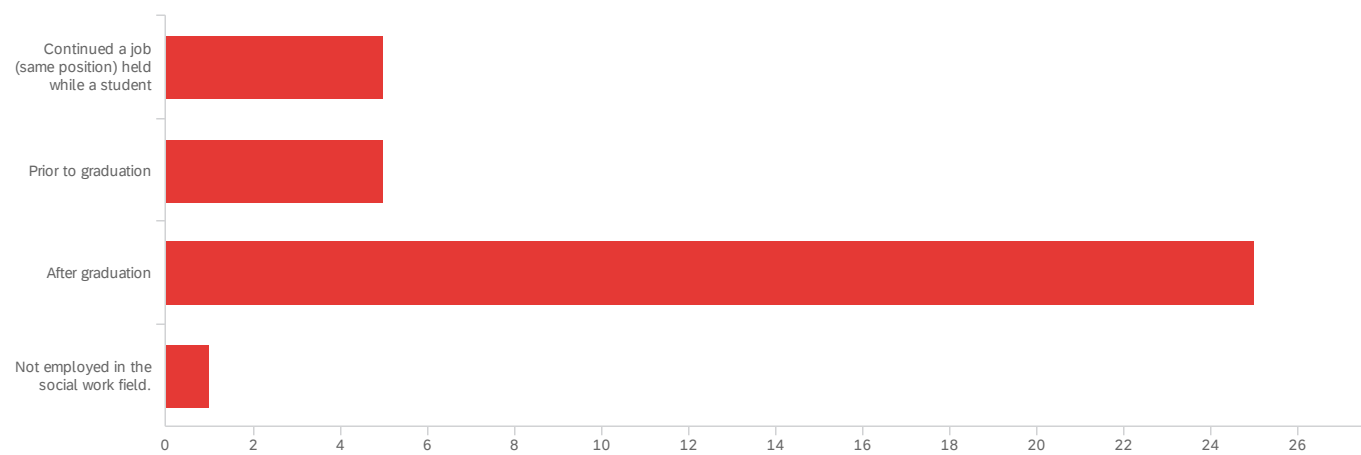
free CEU's

Retirement Plan

Licensure reimbursement

401k match

Q8 - Please choose the answer indicating when you obtained your first job as an MSW.



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Continued a job (same position) held while a student	13.89% 5
2	Prior to graduation	13.89% 5
3	After graduation	69.44% 25
4	Not employed in the social work field.	2.78% 1

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Q9 - If your first job started after graduation, how long did it take to find your first job?

If your first job started after graduation, how long did it take to find yo...

3.5 months

2.5 months

1 year (graduation was mid covid shutdown)

About a month

9 months

18 months back in 2010!

3 months

2 days

Immediately after graduation

2 months

1 year & 2 months. I had to get my 73 through UIC which took 1 extra year. Typical school social worker hiring is March-July. I got a job in July- a little tough at first as most schools like 1-2 years experience. After that, it was very easy for me to get a job.

5 months

4 months

about 3 months

Almost 1 year

went to uic to get school social work certification

I secured employment at Sinai while still a student about to graduate in June.

1 month

8 months

7 months

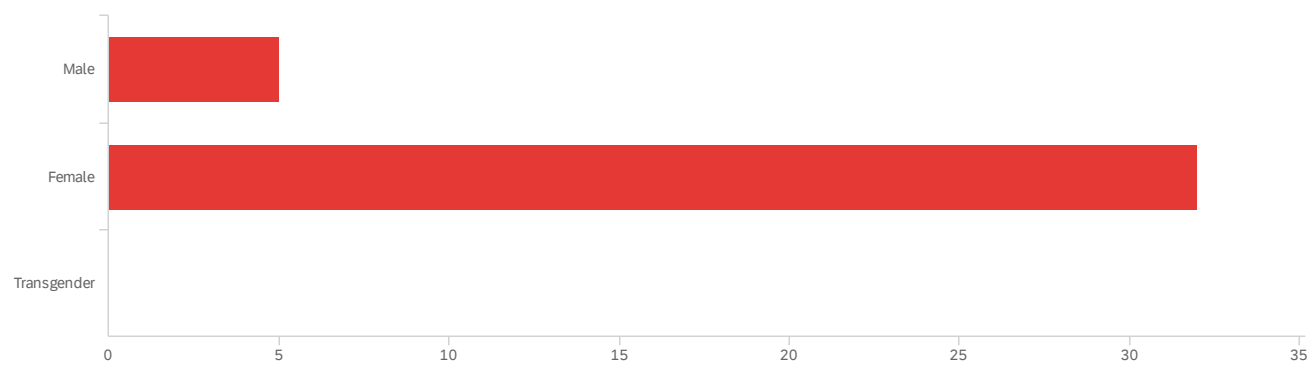
2 months

a few months

If your first job started after graduation, how long did it take to find yo...

1 month

Q10 - What is your gender?



#	Field	Choice	Count
1	Male	13.51%	5
2	Female	86.49%	32
3	Transgender	0.00%	0
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Q11 - What is your age?

What is your age?

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63

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What is your age?

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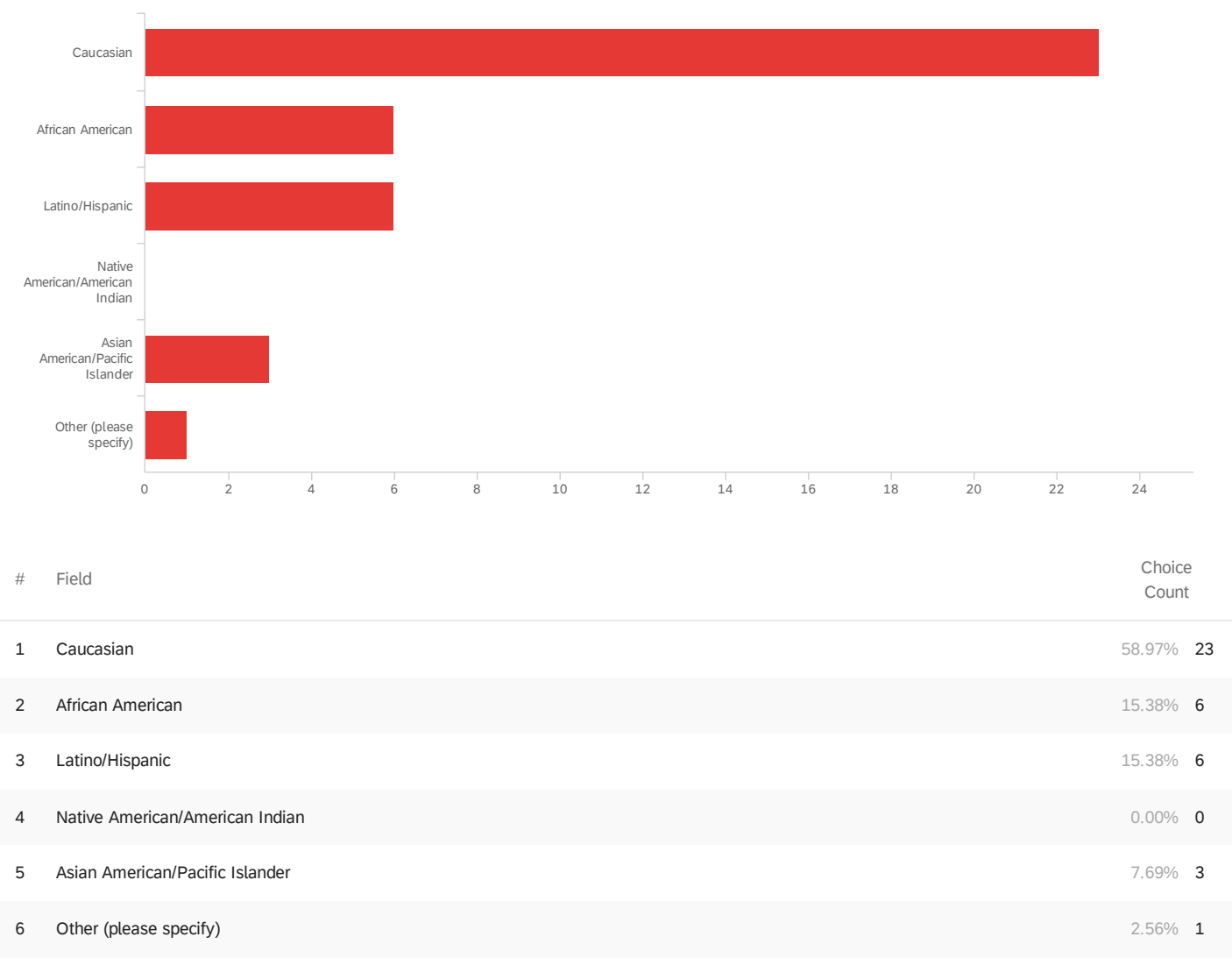
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Q12 - What is your ethnicity? (more than one box may be checked)



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Other (please specify)

Other (please specify)

Pakistani/ South Asian

Q13 - What year did you graduate from the DePaul MSW Program?

What year did you graduate from the DePaul MSW Program?

2023

2009

2020

2021

2020

2021

2006

2009

2010

2024

2019

2019

2010

2010

2023

2017

2020

2010

2016

2024

2011

2010

What year did you graduate from the DePaul MSW Program?

2021

2013

2010

2012

2022

2021

2021

2014

2018

2019

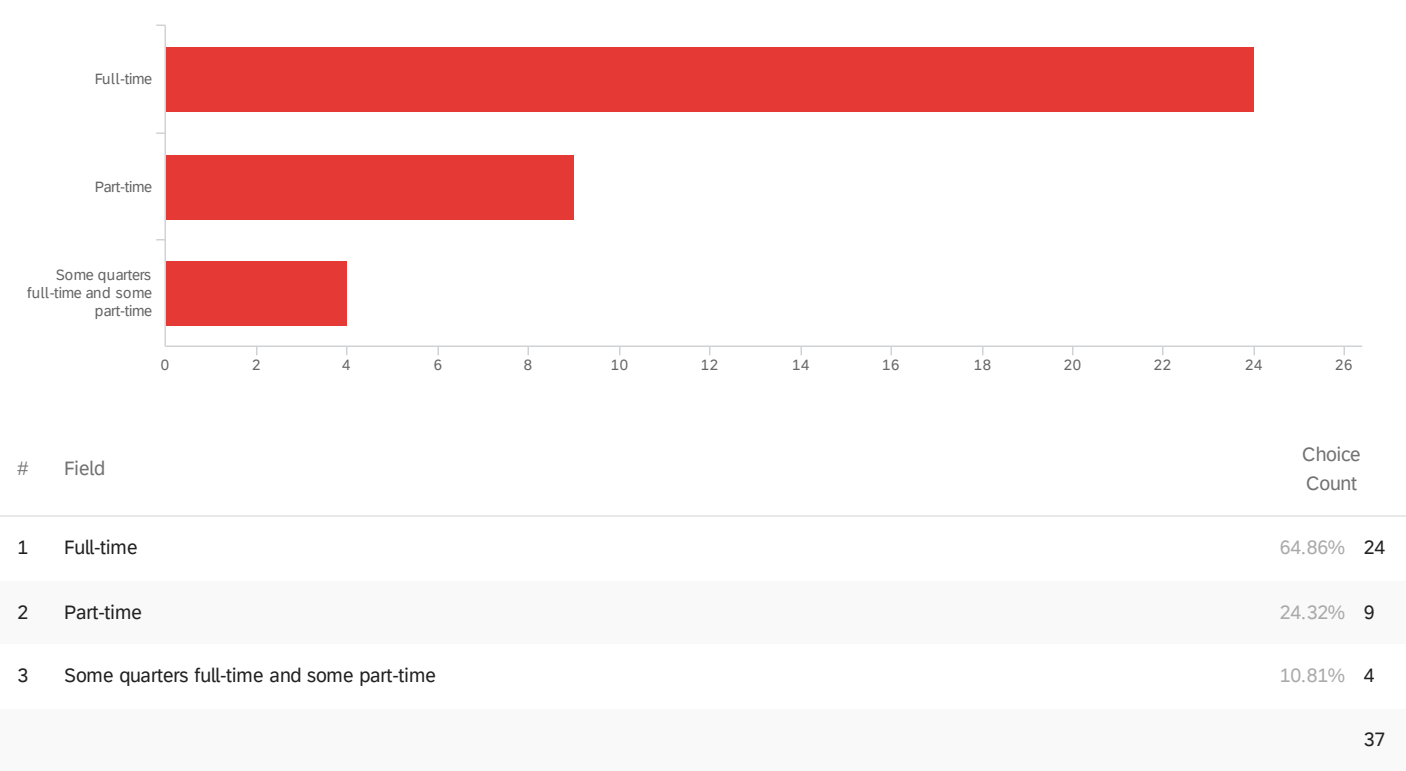
2016

2019

2022

2022

Q14 - What was your student status when you attended this program?



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Q15 - Is there a specific class or area of instruction you wish had been available to you while in the DePaul MSW Program? Please explain.

Is there a specific class or area of instruction you wish had been availabl...

More clinical skills in the practicum

II have ended up working as a LCSW/psychotherapist. The program didn't focus on this area of practice, but I have gained skills through practice and CEU's. I found my time in the program to be a valuable experience.

More clinical classes for mental health

More practice with clinical documentation

Focus a little bit more mental health and medications

More clinical coursework

One area of instruction I would have appreciated in an MSW program would be a specialized course focused on trauma-informed care for specific populations, like oncology patients or those dealing with chronic illness. While general trauma-informed care is typically covered, a class diving into how chronic health conditions intersect with mental health and trauma would be invaluable.

School based work and more about working in the non profit sector. More about macro practice

The school social work concentration, glad to hear the program will be offering it!

DSM and differential diagnoses.

I would have benefited from more DEI instruction

So excited that you have school social work now! However, my background in community social work is extremely helpful now and really valued by schools hiring.

School social work

N/A

Clinical social work/counseling/mental health therapy classes, consulting/entrepreneurship- I discovered after a few years that I would rather work for myself and I would have liked some foundational knowledge to start- outside of private practice/therapy.

N/A

I wished we had more classes on diagnosing/clinical work and crisis interventions as well as understanding medication

Would've appreciated more concentration options.

School Social Work, glad that it's been implemented now, sad it took 20yrs

Is there a specific class or area of instruction you wish had been availabl...

school concetration

Maybe Medical Social Work or a workshop on doing social work in a healthcare setting?

Clinical training

More variety of classes with a clinical focus!

School based

I feel overall it was a well rounded program that gave me a lot of experience to prepare me for the most part. I would say maybe a little more clinical work could have benefited me, but that comes with starting a new field there's growing pains.

Perhaps some clinical practices and foundations would have been helpful.

Mental Health counseling/ DSM Overview

A course regarding health care or case management

Q16 - Since graduation. have you experienced a problem/issue/task at work that you think should have been addressed (or covered more extensively) by the DePaul MSW curriculum? Please explain.

Since graduation. have you experienced a problem/issue/task at work that yo...

Crisis management

Nothing comes to mind.

More advocacy classes.

More rules about clinical supervision at work and hours, some supervisors were given false or misleading information regarding how many employees can be in a supervision group and how hours are counted. For example, we couldn't count hours from a work week if we took PTO that week or if the office was closed for a holiday. So we needed to work the full 40 hours for the hours to count towards our licensure.

N/a

No

No

Better preparing students for licensure exams

since graduating is navigating systemic barriers that clients face, such as access to affordable housing, healthcare, and employment opportunities. While the MSW program touched on these issues, a more in-depth focus on practical advocacy strategies and navigating complex systems would have been beneficial

No

No

n/a

No

N/A

Non-profit/government agency cultural toxicity, burnout when organizations lack resources or care to prioritize the safety and wellness of their employees...

N/A

Yes,I work with a lot of families whom struggling with the same issues so understand family roles and attachment issues have been beneficial.

No

Since graduation. have you experienced a problem/issue/task at work that yo...

no

I feel like you covered everything I needed during class and provide enough additional readings to prepare for this role.

Clinical training

Substance use disorders, stages of change.

No

No, I think overall I have had a great career so far, and I take a lot of great experience from DePaul that has helped me.

No.

Applying for LSW/LCSW certification, Boundaries with clients.

Q17 - What were some positive aspects of the MSW program at DePaul?

What were some positive aspects of the MSW program at DePaul?

Teachers, the option to be online & in person

I liked the fact that classes tended to be small at the time and that I was able to work full time while working towards my MSW.

The knowledgeable professors, diverse classrooms, flexible schedule for working adults

The professors.

The care professors placed. First time I felt like I was not just a number and the professors were aware if I had an off day

Engaging in internship program and being able to connect to other peers

Loved how small the program was. Loved that it focused on macro level and policy work

A major positive aspect of DePaul's MSW program was its community-centered approach, which aligned closely with real-world needs in community case management. The program's emphasis on social justice and advocacy prepared students to work in diverse urban environments and address systemic inequalities affecting marginalized populations. Professors often brought in insights from their own community work, which made learning more relevant and grounded in practical application.

Small classes, professors with extensive field experience, faculty dedicated to supporting students

The faculty, diverse experience of the cohort

The professors were amazing. They made the whole experience very enjoyable.

The faculty and being located in Chicago.

Flexible for working students, strong program evaluation and research classes, small and personable

I felt extremely supported and cared about, which modeled for me how to show this to others at work. I also mentioned above how great learning more than just school social work was.

Field placements, professors, peer network

Most of the professors were awesome. I've been gone for a long time.

Very comprehensive

My co-hort. We are still in contact today and provide support to each other.

I really appreciated the smaller cohorts.

N/A

cohort

What were some positive aspects of the MSW program at DePaul?

Mentorship—professors were accessible when I needed advice and guidance with coursework & have remained in touch since graduation.

Small setting, professors were very supportive and truly wanted students to succeed

Amazing professors, encouraging community building, needs assessments, the emphasis in community practice.

The small cohort, a lot of time with my professors, and the clinical experience are my favorites.

Community based, collaborative, supportive.

Very comprehensive and inclusive. Help shape thinking to be more analytical.

Q18 - What would you change about the MSW program at DePaul?

What would you change about the MSW program at DePaul?

More time with clinical skills as even if someone doesn't want to be a therapist, it's still important for case management & other aspects of social work

No changes come to mind.

How we found our internships, try to find paid internships, and add more clinical classes.

N/A

N/A

More selections of program

One area I would improve in DePaul's MSW program is providing more structured guidance and backup support during field placements. Back in 2010 I had a difficult field placement and felt I did not receive the appropriate support. My recommendation is that I would like to suggest that the program provide more assurance and support when navigating challenges with site supervisors, especially when those relationships become difficult. Field placements can be stressful, and having a supervisor who may not align with the student's learning needs or approach can complicate the experience

More internship opportunities in macro practice

It would be nice to see more concentrations being offered.

Job placement assistant Community Behavioral Health track

Nothing. I loved my experience.

Less argumentative conversations / debating during class hours - more real life scenarios and actually things that are on lsw / lcsw exams

Have a virtual option for employed students

N/A

I can't think of anything.

I wish I had focused more in education and also obtained a LCSW. Having a MSW doesn't get you very far.

More morning classes for those doing full time classes (not sure if this has changed this I graduated)

Cost, program tuition cost should reflect potential earnings, not be based on what DePaul charges generally.

n/a

Nothing!

What would you change about the MSW program at DePaul?

The difficulty of coordinating internships

I would suggest having a more diverse course selection!

I think it would be cool to have more formal support with exploring the career options available for MSWs, collaborative post-graduate work to address needs in Chicago community.

Maybe just a bit more clinical information, but nothing other than that.

I would have liked more clinical opportunities and internship options but I thoroughly enjoyed the MSW program the way it was!

Q19 - What else would you like to tell the faculty in the DePaul MSW Program?

What else would you like to tell the faculty in the DePaul MSW Program?

I had a great time with the program.

Thanks for creating a great program. A lot of doors opened up for me after graduation.

Thank you! We need social work educators now more than ever.

That they taught us all a lot and were a great support.

Thank you for everything

It was a great opportunity for me to learn and explored different fields even with one concentration

Thank you for supporting me though the program

I would like to express my gratitude for the dedication and expertise the faculty brings to the DePaul MSW Program. Their commitment to a community-centered, justice-focused approach has had a lasting impact

I appreciate you all and always recommend the program!

n/a

Thank you for being so essential to my learning!! I still remember things that each of you have said that stuck with me. A lot of my coworkers cannot say the same about their schools.

Keep doing amazing research and work!

N/A

You did a great job! I miss DePaul. Because of my positive experience there, I have influenced two of my nieces to study social work!

Thank you for all that you are and all that you do. I was truly blessed for my opportunity.

Glad you all are still around supporting social work professionals

n/a

Thanks for the support and guidance, especially during the pandemic. It wasn't easy for any of us dealing with the adjustment to zoom from in-person lectures, but you really tried your best. And for that, I appreciate you.

I love DePaul and I love the MSW program and I hope to collaborate with you all more in the future. Thank you for everything!

Thanks for your time working with me, and hope your all doing well.

I appreciate them and am grateful for them :)