1. **Are you really accredited? By CSWE? How can I know that for sure?**

2. **How often do I have to come to your campus? Lovely as I’m sure New Mexico is, I live really far from there!**
   You don’t. All your courses can be taken from home/work, and your practicum can be done with an MSW in your area. You would need to recruit that MSW, and our Field Director, Professor Leslie Cook, will take it from there.

3. **Okay, I get it that I don’t have to go to campus. How does that work, then? I mean, I want to be a social worker, and work with people, not computers!**
   Most of you have used Skype, or something similar. Some of our courses are like that, with some of the students in various communities across the US sitting at their own computers. Some students are in New Mexico, and go to one of our branch campuses to take classes, and they use Instructional Television.

4. **How do I do my internship/field experience/practicum from a distance?**
   Once a week, we have class for students in field, just like is outlined in #4 above. Your local MSW would work with Professor Cook to set you up with a learning contract and responsibilities, just as if you were in town with us.

5. **Do MSW students get to do any research?**
   Sometimes!

6. **What are your online classes like?**
   Pretty much like any other online graduate class. They are a lot of work, for sure. We use a Learning Management System called Canvas, and students seem to like it.

7. **This sounds pretty good. How much does it cost?**
   Ballpark for tuition for the entire MSW is $38,600, if you don’t have a BSW (less if you do).
8. **That’s tuition AND fees, right? How much are fees, typically?**
   Typically, fees run about $50 per credit hour. Fees pay for the costs of this program, which requires a lot of outreach on our part and while that’s a lot of fun, it can be expensive. If you live in New Mexico, we’re likely to try to travel to your field placement. If not, we develop an intense relationship with you and your field instructor (MSW), which can take up resources (cost money).

9. **Your website looks like residents of states that border NM get a better deal. Is that really true?**
   Sometimes. For example, if you live in El Paso, Colorado, or Arizona – speak with a WNMU recruiter at 575 538 6000 about these opportunities.

10. **Do I have to take the GRE? Or the Miller Analogy? The horror!**
   No.

11. **What kind of GPA do I have to have to be admitted?**
   WNMU’s Graduate Division requires a 3.0 GPA over a student’s most recent 64 credit hours for final, complete admission.

12. **And is there any way around that, if my GPA isn’t quite 3.0?**
   There is, but you have to pay for it out of pocket one semester, and we have a payment plan.

13. **I don’t have a BSW, though. Can I still do this?**
   Absolutely! With a recent BSW, it’s 45 credit hours; with no BSW, it’s 66 credit hours.

14. **I have a BSW. How do I go about getting Advanced Standing?**
   Speak with Dr. Walker or Professor Cook or Professor West-Okiri (all at 575 538 6421).

15. Where can I see your degree plan?

16. **Do you have electives?**
   We do, and they are continuing to evolve. Current ones include school social work, social work with the military, child welfare, psychopharmacology.

17. **What is the deadline to apply?**
   March 15 is the deadline for summer admission; July 15 is the deadline for fall. You can find the application here: [http://www.wnmu.edu/academic/sw/](http://www.wnmu.edu/academic/sw/).

18. **I live abroad. Can I still take your classes?**
   This is one of our favorite questions. Absolutely. You just may have to get up at a very strange hour, if you have a “Skype-type” class. But almost all are now online.
19. **Do you have summer classes? And are your courses that new 6-8 week schedule everybody’s using, or the regular semester?**

We have summer classes that take four or eight weeks, and fall and spring are the traditional semester and eight weeks – often, your choice. Here’s the schedule: [http://fuse.wnmu.edu:8080/webtm/sched.jsp](http://fuse.wnmu.edu:8080/webtm/sched.jsp).

20. **How long will it take me?**

With a BSW, it can be done in one calendar year. Please be aware that it is an amazing amount of work, but it can be done. Most students with a BSW take two years. Those without a BSW typically take 2.5 – 3 years. It’s 45 credits with a BSW (which includes two field experiences), or 66 credits without a BSW (which includes four field experiences).

21. **I’m in! When can I start?**

Classes start in June.

22. **How do I start?**

Begin by visiting [https://sapphire.wnmu.edu/wnmudad/bwskalog.P_DispLoginNon](https://sapphire.wnmu.edu/wnmudad/bwskalog.P_DispLoginNon). Note that about the middle of the page, it tells you how to create a username and password. After your WNMU application is complete (takes about 10 minutes, max), visit [http://www.wnmu.edu/academic/sw/](http://www.wnmu.edu/academic/sw/) and begin the application process to the MSW Program. It takes a little longer, and as above, if you just found us and need a little extension, call Dr. Walker at 575 590 4583.

23. **How much will this cost me?**

Below are the most common tuition costs per semester. **Please notice the dramatic increase in costs between 6 credit hours and 9 credit hours for Non-New Mexico residents. These are correct figures, which we do not control in any way. It is a university decision, and not a departmental policy.** This chart does not include fees (typically $50 per credit hour), or book costs. Tuition and fees are subject to increases in the future.

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