

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

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Programs

- ◆ Master of Social Work
- ◆ Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work

Accreditation

The Master of Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

Mission

The mission of the School of Social Work is to provide opportunities for a diverse student population to earn social work degrees at the baccalaureate, master, and doctoral levels. Students are provided a supportive academic environment in which to acquire the knowledge, skill, values and ethics of the social work profession. The School also focuses on the development of leadership and scholarship in social work practice.

The School's goals are to produce graduates who will apply their knowledge and skills toward enhancing the quality of life in the urban and rural environments and to equip graduates to promote empowerment of vulnerable individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities at the local, national, and international levels. Graduates will be prepared to address issues of social responsibility by demonstrating a commitment to economic, political, and social justice and develop as leaders in social work practice, service, and scholarly activities.

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Mission of the Master of Social Work Program

The mission of the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) Program is to provide leadership to clinical social work practice with children, youth, and families in both urban and rural areas. The program seeks to prepare social work practitioners who are responsive to the need for empowering services which promote economic, political, and social justice for all groups, especially those confronting discrimination and oppression. Thus, the program works to increase the pool of graduate social workers by recruiting the most promising students who reflect the diversity of the state, the nation, and the global community to matriculate in a nurturing academic environment. The program prepares students for successful scholarship, leadership and advanced clinical social work practice which exemplifies the values and ethics of the profession.

The goals of the M.S.W. Program are:

1. to prepare students for advanced clinical social work practice with children, youth, and families in local, national, and global settings, with an emphasis on addressing human needs at micro, mezzo, and macro levels;
2. to prepare students for leadership roles in the profession of social work and the social welfare arena;
3. to prepare students to identify patterns, dynamics, and consequences of social, economic, and political discrimination and oppression and promote appropriate change when necessary;
4. to prepare students for advanced clinical social work practice in diverse organizational and social contexts, with an understanding of the ways in which these contexts influence social work practice and with the ability to promote appropriate change when necessary; and
5. to provide students with a challenging

educational experience that develops self-awareness and assures the acquisition of the knowledge, skills, scholarship, and values and ethics necessary for competent advanced clinical social work practice.

The objectives of the M.S.W. Program are to ensure that graduates:

1. demonstrate the knowledge, skills, scholarship, and values and ethics relevant to advanced clinical social work practice in diverse environments;
2. effectively use knowledge of self in social work practice;
3. effectively evaluate their practice in social work settings;
4. effectively evaluate and apply research findings to practice;
5. demonstrate a commitment to competent practice and scholarly contribution to the social work profession;
6. utilize theoretical frameworks supported by empirical evidence in a way that responds to the uniqueness of clients across the lifespan and the interaction with environmental influences;
7. demonstrate the ability to use supervision and consultation appropriate to advanced clinical social work practice;
8. integrate into social work practice a knowledge of the historical development of the profession and the differential impact of social, economic, and political policies;
9. demonstrate the ability to promote social, economic, and political justice;
10. practice without discrimination and with sensitivity when serving diverse populations;
11. demonstrate the ability to promote appropriate change related to the influence of organizational and social contexts on advanced clinical social work practice;
12. utilize effective oral and written communication skills;
13. apply critical thinking skills within the context of advanced clinical social work practice;
14. demonstrate leadership skills and abilities in practice settings;
15. demonstrate the knowledge and skills appropriate to generalist social work practice with systems of all sizes; and
16. demonstrate competent advanced clinical social work practice.

Admissions Criteria

Admission to the full-time and part-time MSW Program is determined on a selective basis according to the following criteria:

- ◆ A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. Students may be admitted with a baccalaureate degree in a field other than social work or social welfare. Transcripts will be evaluated for the presence of courses that meet

program requirements for a liberal arts background, inclusive of courses in human biology and statistics;

- ◆ A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
- ◆ Academic and professional references;
- ◆ Written personal statement;
- ◆ Evidence of volunteer and/or work experience in the field of social work;
- ◆ Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.
- ◆ An interview with the Admissions Committee may be required.

Admission to the Advanced Standing M.S.W. Program is determined on a selective basis according to the following criteria:

- ◆ Applicant must be a graduate of a CSWE accredited baccalaureate program within the past five (5) years.
- ◆ A letter grade of "B" or better in all social work courses.
- ◆ A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for undergraduate coursework.

Applicants must be admitted to both the Graduate School and the MSW Program. To facilitate determination of admission into the MSW Program, applicants must send materials to both the Graduate School and the MSW Program. Admission materials to be submitted to the Graduate School are as follows:

1. Graduate School Admission Application;
2. Out-of-state Application fee of \$25.00 if applicable;
3. Official transcript(s) from all colleges and universities attended;
4. Official copy of GRE score(s) taken within the last five years;
5. Official copy of TOEFL Score(s), for applicants whose native language is not English;
6. Certified Declaration of Financial Support for International Students. Sufficient funds to cover expenses for one academic year should be placed on deposit with the Jackson State University Office of Fiscal Affairs; and
7. Immunization record showing proof of immunization compliance for measles and rubella, if born after December, 1957.

Admission materials to be sent to the MSW Program are as follows:

1. Copy of the Graduate School Admission Application;
2. MSW Program Application for Admission;
3. Official transcript(s) from all colleges and universities attended;
4. Three recommendation forms from instructors, employers, supervisors, or professional colleagues;

5. Copy of the TOEFL Score(s), for applicants whose native language is not English;
6. Personal Statement;
7. Work Experience Form;
8. Signature Form;
9. Official copy of GRE score(s) taken with the last five years;
10. Graduate School Application for Financial Aid;
11. MSW Program Financial Aid Application; and,
12. MSW Program First-Year Field Instruction Application.

Applicants with a social work degree granted outside the United States must request and submit an Application for Evaluation of Foreign Credentials from the Council of Social Work Education, Foreign Equivalency Determination Service. The address is: 1725 Duke Street, Suite 500 Alexandria, VA 22314-3459. Their website is: <http://www.cswe.org>. A copy of the evaluation is to be forwarded to the MSW Program Admissions.

Transfer Credits

The MSW Program will accept a limited number of transfer students each year. Transfer credits, up to 30 semester hours, may be accepted from a master's degree program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, based on a review by the MSW Admissions Committee. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- ◆ Admission requirements of the MSW Program and the Graduate School at Jackson State University;
- ◆ Submit a letter of recommendation from the dean or dean's designee of the previous or current MSW program relative to the student's status during enrollment; and

Within 30 days of notification of acceptance into the Program and prior to enrollment, the student must submit a written statement of intent to transfer credit and the specific credit(s) for which transfer is requested to the MSW Program Coordinator.

The request for transfer of credit(s) must be accompanied by an official copy of the graduate catalog from the institution at which the course(s) were taken that covers the year(s) the course(s) was/were taken. For each course for which transfer credit is requested:

- ◆ The course must have been taken within the past five years,
- ◆ The student must have earned a minimum grade of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; and
- ◆ The name of the course and the course syllabus (including the bibliography) must be provided.

Academic Credit for Life Experience and Work Experience

No academic credit for life and work experience is given.

Duplication of Course Content in the Professional Foundation Curriculum

Students may be exempt from courses in the foundation curriculum that represent duplication of course content previously taken. The courses must have been taken within five years of the date of the request for exemption, with a minimum grade of "B" or 3.0 on a 4.0 point scale.

Each request for exemption must: (1) be made in writing to the MSW Program Coordinator and be submitted **within 30 days of being notified of acceptance into the Program**; (2) specify the course for which the exemption is requested; (3) be accompanied by an official copy of the graduate catalogue from the institution at which the courses were taken that covers the year(s) the course was taken; and (4) be accompanied by a copy of the course syllabus, including bibliography and course assignment(s). Requests received after the deadline stated above and/or do not meet the requirements stated in this section will not be considered.

Following receipt of the request, a proficiency examination will be administered to determine the student's mastery of the content of the specified course. Proficiency will be determined by the student earning a grade of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on the examination administered.

The MSW Program Coordinator will notify students of the proficiency examination results in writing. The results of the examination are final and there is no appeal of the grade received on the examination. Students who do not earn a minimum grade of "B" or 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on the examination must take the course for which exemption was requested.

Sixty semester credit hours are required for completion of the MSW Degree. Therefore, students who achieve a grade of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on the examination administered and are exempted from a specific course or courses are required to take such additional courses as may be required to meet the compulsory sixty credit hours to earn the MSW degree. Courses must be approved by the MSW Program Coordinator.

Academic Performance

Passing Grades

Students must have a cumulative 3.0 grade point average to graduate from the MSW Program. A grade less than "C" or 2.0 is considered failure in a social work course. Students may not receive a grade of "C" in more than two courses.

Probation

If a student's cumulative grade point average falls below 3.0, the student will be placed on academic probation. The student will have until the end of the subsequent semester of enrollment to attain a

cumulative grade point average of 3.0. Failure to attain the required cumulative grade point average by the end of the probationary period will result in dismissal of the student from the MSW Program. The probationary period in the MSW Program is defined as one subsequent semester of enrollment in the program after the cumulative grade point average falls below a 3.00.

Repeating Courses

Students may repeat only one course in the program with the recommendation of the advisor and approval of the program coordinator. Students desirous of this option must submit a written request to the program coordinator during the subsequent semester or term/session in which the student is enrolled. The advisor must indicate support (or non-support) of the request in writing to the program coordinator. When a student is allowed to repeat a course, both grades will show on the transcript and both grades will be used in computing the cumulative grade point average.

Graduate English Competency Examination

Graduate students are required to take this examination during the first semester of graduate study to demonstrate competency in the areas of English grammar and usage and general writing skills. Students with unsatisfactory performance on this examination must enroll in English 500 and attain a letter grade of "B" or 3.0 to pass this course. This requirement must be met before a student can take the comprehensive examination.

Advanced standing students are required to take the Graduate English Competency Examination during the summer session in which they enroll in the MSW Program.

Social Work Licensure Examination

All MSW students must take the Association for Social Work Boards (ASWB) Intermediate-Level Examination for Licensed Master Social Workers (LMSW) status as a prerequisite for graduate clearance.

Degree Requirements

The MSW Program offers a two-year full-time curriculum. Foundation courses are offered in the first year, and the second year focuses on clinical practice with children, youth, and families. Students are required to successfully complete 60 credit hours to earn the MSW degree. The last 30 hours must be taken in residence at Jackson State University. Field instruction placements are required and conducted concurrently (two days per week during the first year), for students enrolled in the full-time curriculum. Part-time students are required to complete a concurrent field placement during the second year of enrollment. All students are required to do a block field placement (i.e., four days a week) in the Spring of the final semester in which they are enrolled in the MSW Program. Part-time students have the option to

complete the final field placement during the Spring and Summer terms/sessions.

If the student plans to enroll full-time, the program strongly advises against simultaneous full-time employment, which generates barriers to the completion of field instruction and class attendance. A three-year part-time curriculum is offered, requiring six semesters and one summer for completion of the 60 credit hour MSW program. If the student plans part-time enrollment and is employed full-time or part-time, the program strongly advises the student to consult with his/her employer regarding arrangements to complete field instruction during the regular work day.

An advanced standing curriculum is offered which requires one summer and two semesters to complete requirements for the MSW Degree. Advanced standing students must be enrolled as full-time students throughout the program, beginning in the Graduate Summer Term. Field instruction begins in the Graduate Summer Term.

To enroll in field practicum, a student must provide documentation of professional liability insurance. Please contact the School of Social Work for the required minimum liability coverage.

The following are the academic requirements for Field Instruction:

1. Students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and a 3.0 or grade of "B" in all practice courses to be eligible for Field Instruction. Students who do not have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average in courses required to meet the compulsory 60 credit hours or approved equivalency to earn the MSW degree, will not be eligible to enroll in a Field Instruction course. Students course must earn a minimum grade of "B" or 3.0 in all of the practice courses.
2. Students are required to earn a 3.0 in all of the Field Instruction courses. Students may repeat one Field Instruction course in which a grade of less than 3.0 is earned. Students who fail to earn a minimum grade of 3.0 may not enroll in subsequent Field Instruction courses and are subject to dismissal from the MSW program.

TWO-YEAR FULL-TIME CURRICULUM

Year One-Fall Semester

SW 581	Social Work Practice I	3
SW 571	Social Welfare Policy I	3
SW 560	Human Behavior and the Social Environment (HBSE I)	3
SW 510	Ethics and Social Work Practice	3
SW 591	Field Instruction I	3
		<u>15</u>

Spring Semester		
SW 582	Social Work Practice II	3
SW 572	Social Welfare Policy II	3
SW 561	Human Diversity (HBSE II)	3
SW 555	Research Methods I	3
SW 592	Field Instruction II	<u>3</u>
		15

Year Two- Fall Semester		
SW 584	Intervention with Children and Youth	3
SW 585	Psychopathology and Clinical Social Work Practice	3
SW 556	Advanced Research Methods	3
SW 586	Family Intervention	3
SW ____	Social Work Elective	<u>3</u>
		15

Spring Semester		
SW 573	Social Welfare Policy Affecting Children, Youth, and Families	3
SW 589	Urban Poverty: Intervention Approaches.	3
SW 594	Field Instruction	6
SW ____	Social Work Elective	<u>3</u>
		15
	<i>Total Hours</i>	60

THREE-YEAR PART-TIME CURRICULUM

Year One-Graduate Summer Session		
SW 510	Ethics and Social Work Practice	3
SW 560	Human Behavior and the Social Environment (HBSE I)	<u>3</u>
		6

Fall Semester		
SW 561	Human Diversity (HBSE II)	3
SW 571	Social Welfare Policy I	<u>3</u>
		6

Spring Semester		
SW 572	Social Welfare Policy II	3
SW 581	Social Work Practice I	3
SW 591	Field Instruction I	<u>3</u>
		9

Year Two-Graduate Summer Session		
SW 582	Social Work Practice II	3
SW 592	Field Instruction II	<u>3</u>
		6

Fall Semester		
SW 555	Research Methods I	3
SW xxx	Social Work Elective	<u>3</u>
		6

Spring Semester		
SW 556	Research Methods II	3
SW 573	Social Welfare Policies Affecting Children, Youth and Families	<u>3</u>
		6

Year Three-Graduate Summer Session		
SW 585	Psychopathology and Clinical Social Work Practice	3
SW xxx	Social Work Elective	<u>3</u>
		6

Fall Semester		
SW 584	Intervention with Children and Youth	3
SW 586	Family Intervention	<u>3</u>
		6

Spring Semester		
SW 589	Urban Poverty: Intervention Approaches	3
SW 594	Field Instruction	<u>6</u>
		9
	<i>Total Hours</i>	60

ADVANCED STANDING CURRICULUM

Graduate Summer Term		
SW 583	Integrated Social Work Practice	3
SW 593	Field Instruction	3
SW 510	Ethics and Social Work Practice, <i>or</i>	
SW ____	Social Work Elective	<u>3</u>
		9

Fall Semester		
SW 584	Intervention with Children and Youth	3
SW 585	Psychopathology and Clinical Social Work Practice	3
SW 556	Advanced Research Methods	3
SW 586	Family Intervention	3
SW ____	Social Work Elective	<u>3</u>
		15

Spring Semester Courses		
SW 573	Social Welfare Policy Affecting Children, Youth and Families	3
SW 589	Urban Poverty: Intervention Approaches	3
SW 594	Field Instruction	6
SW ____	Social Work Elective	<u>3</u>
		15
	<i>Total Hours</i>	39

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

Note: Prerequisites apply primarily to students enrolled for a degree in the MSW Program. Please consult the MSW Program for changes in course prerequisites, course content and course numbers.

Practice
SW 581 Social Work Practice I (3 Hours) This course provides an introduction to social work practice methodology and the professional use of self in combination with the generalists practice approach to social work with individuals, families, and small groups, and within the context of communities and organizations.

SW 582 Social Work Practice II (3 Hours) Prerequisite: SW 581(Social Work Practice I), SW 560 (Human Behavior and the Social Environment), and SW 591 (Field Instruction I). This course must be taken concurrently with SW 592 (Field Instruction II). It continues the theory and skill development that began in SW 581 (Social Work Practice I) by providing more in-depth knowledge and challenging learning situations in order for students to

progressively build their practice capacities, and socialization skills in the profession of social work.

SW 583 Integrated Social Work Practice (Advanced Standing). (3 Hours) Prerequisite: Acceptance into advanced standing. This course is a review and refinement of practice skills and professional knowledge provided in the foundation curriculum content of the MSW program. The course focuses on the application and transformation of generalists knowledge and skills to prepare for entry into the concentration curriculum. This bridging foundation course provides an opportunity for students to develop critical thinking skills and apply empowering practice decisions in professional practice settings with all sizes of client systems. Special emphasis is placed on the reciprocal interactions between individuals and their environments toward the engagement of personal and community strengths.

SW 584 Intervention with Children and Youth (3 Hours) Prerequisites: All foundation courses. This course is designed to provide advanced clinical practice knowledge and skills for intervention with children and youth, primarily in the context of the urban environment. Special needs and vulnerabilities of these populations are addressed. Students are given orientations to the human services agencies primarily concerned with the complex issues and difficulties faced by these populations, and the implications of service delivery arrangements for clinical practice. Attention is directed to skills needed for the provision of services to children and youth in the context of their families and communities and to programmatic and advocacy activities on their behalf.

SW 585 Psychopathology and Clinical Social Work Practice (3 Hours) Prerequisites: All foundation courses. This course focuses on the clinical assessment of children, youth, and families. Students will learn approaches of assessment to evaluate human behavior and functioning throughout life course development, with special attention to vulnerable and diverse populations. Particular attention will be directed to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV) as the major assessment tool utilized in human services.

SW 586 Family Intervention (3 Hours) Prerequisites: All foundation courses. The focus of this course is on intervention with families. Advanced skills are developed in areas of social work practitioner roles, strength-based assessment, and specific models of intervention with families. Special attention is given to comparative approaches to couple and family intervention; relevant recent research findings related to family therapeutic approaches; the influences of environmental, ethnic, and cross-cultural variables; and ethical dilemmas in work with families.

SW 589 Urban Poverty: Intervention Approaches. (3 Hours) Prerequisites: All foundation courses and SW 584-Intervention with Children, Youth, and Families, SW 585- Psychopathology, and SW-587-Family Intervention. This capstone course focuses on developing services and programs especially tailored

to meet the needs of the urban poor, who are disproportionately people of color. It addresses the multiple and negative impacts of urban poverty on children, youth and families and their functioning in the social environment. Community-oriented and family-centered services in schools, churches, public housing projects, and neighborhood service centers are examined in regard to their individual and collective potential to improve the lives of at-risk children and their families. Particular attention is given to continuing and contemporary urban problems of substance abuse, violence, teen pregnancy, school dropouts, unemployment and underemployment, and the impact of welfare reform on families and their functioning in the community.

Policy

SW 571 Social Welfare Policy and Services I (3 Hours) This first required course in the Social Policy area examines the history and development of social welfare policy and services in American society, with a major focus on the evolution and contributions of professional social work to this development. Emphasis is placed on the dynamic relationship between social welfare policy and services and the modern, post-industrial society in the context of social work values and ethics and the pursuit of economic, political, and social justice.

SW 572 Social Welfare Policy and Services II (3 Hours) Prerequisites: SW 571 (Social Welfare Policy and Services I), SW 560 (Human Behavior and the Social Environment I) and SW 510 (Ethics and Social Work Practice). This course builds on the introductory and historical content of SW 571 and focuses on the use of various conceptual frameworks to analyze and study current social welfare issues. Significant contemporary issues in social welfare policy will be examined with particular attention to the promotion of economic, political, and social justice with due consideration to needs and concerns of populations-at-risk and diverse groups. Permeating the course is consideration of content on ethnic groups and oppressed populations which are assessed as the most disadvantaged in American society, and how they are differentially affected by various social policies.

SW 573 Social Welfare Policy Affecting Children, Youth, and Families (3 Hours) Prerequisites: All foundation courses and SW 584 (Intervention with Children and Youth), SW 585 (Psychopathology and Clinical Social Work Practice), SW 556 (Advanced Research Methods), SW 593 (Field Instruction Advanced Standing) and SW 586 (Family Intervention). This course builds on the foundation course SW 572 (Social Welfare Policy and Services II) which provides an analysis of current policy arrangements and what needs to be done to affect policies that promote economic, political, and social justice. In SW 573, students are challenged to think critically and creatively about how to best accomplish policy initiatives in keeping with social work values and ethics. Students will observe hearings and

legislative sessions on state and local levels directed toward the enhancement of living conditions in the urban environment.

Human Behavior and the Social Environment

SW 560 Human Behavior and the Social Environment: HBSE I (3 Hours) Using ecological, systems, and developmental frameworks, this course emphasizes the influence that individual and environmental circumstances have on shaping individual and family dynamics across the life course. This foundation course is designed to provide students with selected theoretical perspectives on the development, dynamics, and growth of individuals and families within their environmental context.

SW 561 Human Diversity: HBSE II (3 Hours) Prerequisites: SW 560 (Human Behavior and the Social Environment), SW 571 (Social Welfare Policy and Services I), and SW 510 (Ethics and Social Work Practice). This course examines various issues of diversity (e.g., ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion) across life course development with emphasis on the impact of oppression and discrimination by society-at-large and individuals. Selected organizational and community theories are examined in relation to institutional impacts on various oppressed groups. In this regard, special attention is given to the plight of African Americans.

Research

SW 555 Research Methods (3 Hours) Prerequisites: SW 581 (Social Work Practice I), SW 571 (Social Welfare Policy and Services I), SW 560 (Human Behavior and the Social Environment I), SW 510 (Ethics and Social Work Practice), and SW 591 (Field Instruction I) The foundation research course provides an introduction to the principles and methods of basic social work research. Students are introduced to concepts of problem formulation, measurement, research design, sampling, data collection, and data analysis as employed in basic research. Particular attention is directed to social work research that addresses the economic, political, and social needs of people of color and populations-at-risk in American society. This course is designed to prepare students to understand and appreciate scientific research as a valuable tool in furthering professional capabilities and in contributing to the development of the growing body of knowledge in social work practice.

SW 556 Advanced Research Methods (3 Hours) Prerequisites: All foundation courses. This course is designed to assist students in understanding and applying scientific research methods in clinical practice settings. It builds on the research knowledge of the foundation research course. Students in this course are expected to become proficient in the methods and basic principles of conducting and evaluating empirical research related to clinical practice. In this course, students participate in guided research projects which require a review of relevant research, data collection and analysis and implications

for social work practice. Emphasis is given to the importance of demographic, biopsychosocial and cultural variables in the conduct of ethically based research.

Field Instruction

SW 591 Field Instruction I (3 Hours) SW 581 (Social Work Practice I) is taken concurrently with SW 591. SW 571 (Social Welfare Policy and Services I), SW 560 (Human Behavior and the Social Environment) and SW 510 (Ethics and Social Work Practice) are taken concurrently or before SW 591. This course involves a supervised instruction setting in a human services delivery setting and includes an integrative seminar. Practice tasks and activities are designed to develop identification with the profession of social work and beginning capacity for generalists social work practice. Students are helped to develop self-awareness and appreciation for the role of research in evaluation and direction for practice.

SW 592 Field Instruction II (3 Hours) Prerequisites: SW 510 (Ethics and Social Work Practice), SW 560 (Human Behavior and the Social Environment), SW 571 (Social Welfare Policy and Services I), SW 581 (Social Work Practice I), and SW 591 (Field Instruction I). This course is taken concurrently with SW 582 (Social Work Practice II). The course includes an integrative seminar and places emphasis on a continuous progressive development and integration of knowledge and skills for generalists practice in working with individuals, families and small groups, communities, human services settings and organizations. Students continue to develop self-awareness and an appreciation for the role of research in the evaluation of practice.

SW 593 Field Instruction (Advanced Standing) (3 Hours) Prerequisites: Acceptance into the Advanced Standing Program. The advanced standing field instruction course is taken concurrently with SW 583-Integrated Social Work Practice, the advanced standing bridging course. This course focuses on the application and transformation of generalists practice knowledge and skills to clinical practice knowledge and skills with children, youth and families.

SW 594 Field Instruction (6 Hours) Prerequisites: All foundation courses. This course is designed as a block placement and is taken in the Spring of the final semester in which the student is enrolled in the MSW Program. This course is taken concurrently with SW 589 (Urban Poverty: Intervention Approaches). This field instruction course is focused on clinical practice with children, youth, and families and designed to facilitate development of clinical practice competency and includes an integrated seminar.

Special Course

SW 510 Ethics and Social Work Practice (3 Hours) This course is designed to orient students to values and ethics of the profession and to promote their internalization of the profession's values and ethics. Ethical issues and dilemmas in social work practice have become much more numerous and challenging in

recent years, due in large measure to technological advancements, especially biomedical technology; the trend toward an increasing proprietary emphasis in human services delivery; and specifically, social work practice; and conservative ideology that undergirds much of the current American social policy. Particular attention is directed toward ethical issues and dilemmas as they relate to social work malpractice and liability.

Independent Study

SW 596 Independent Study (3 Hours) This is an individually directed intensive study in an area of social work practice which is selected by the student. The independent study selection is made in accordance with the curriculum plan of the MSW Program and is approved by the student's faculty advisor and the Master of Social Work Program Coordinator.

Electives

SW 515 Child Abuse and Neglect: Protective Services (3 Hours) This course focuses on assessment and intervention skill development for social work practice with children and families who have experienced abuse and neglect or are at-risk of abuse and neglect. Clinical intervention strategies and dilemmas in role expectations of social work practitioners are analyzed. Attention is given to evaluation and use of research content in prevention and intervention services and programs.

SW 520 Forensic Social Work (3 Hours) This course focuses on issues common to the discipline of social work and the law. The course will include and introductory review of the law, the American justice system, and basic constitutional principles. Family-related issues-such as, the protection of children, education, adoption, custody and support, marriage, divorce, domestic violence, juvenile law, competency and guardianship-will be explored. Experiential components of the course are designed to prepare social work professionals for effective practice vis-a-vis the intersections of social work and the law.

SW 521 Crisis Intervention (3 Hours) The theory and methods of crisis intervention and subsequent consultation are examined in this course. Particular attention is given to the various contemporary techniques of intervention, consultation, referral, and resolution. Assessment techniques used in the intervention process are explored and skills practiced.

SW 545 Administration in Social Welfare (3 Hours) This course is designed to enhance the student's awareness and understanding of the basic knowledge and principles which guide the administrative process of social welfare agencies. Administrative skills are taught in relation to the clinical practitioner as well as to other administrative roles.

SW 546 Adult Development: Young Adulthood, Middle Years and Aging (3 Hours) This course will focus on contemporary theories of adult development. It will highlight the stages of development for young adults, middle-age and older persons. The processes

of adult development will be explored from a psychological perspective within the content of societal change. A critical indepth analysis of adult development and its challenges and opportunities is required for successful completion of the course.

SW 547 Clinical Intervention with the Elderly (3 Hours) The most important goal for social service professionals is to improve the quality of life for older people through effective intervention on their behalf. This course will focus on skill development and knowledge and understanding of older persons' behavior through the public health model of preventive intervention at the primary, secondary, and tertiary levels. Interventive strategies and case studies will be utilized in the course to develop skills for working with the elderly in institutions and in the community. Models of clinical social work practice with the elderly are critically analyzed.

SW 548 Public Policy Issues in Aging (3 Hours) This course provides an analysis of legislative policy and organized social welfare services and resources for the elderly as a social group in society. The political, economic, and social realities of aging that identify the elderly as requiring public policy solutions will be examined. Social policy analytical frameworks are employed to assess the legitimacy of aging as a social issue/problem and its impact on social institutions (family, social, political, economic, cultural).

SW 549 Independent Study: Special Topics in Aging (3 Hours) A primary focus of this course is its emphasis on the study special topics in aging in the behavioral, biological, and social sciences. In this regard, with faculty direction, students will explore, build upon and contribute to the knowledge base in aging and individual well-being. Students will engage in research through the independent study process in specific areas of interest in gerontology to increase knowledge and skills for policy and/or practice with the aged.

SW 550 Introduction to Social Gerontology (3 Hours) This course is designed to give students a general overview of social gerontology as a branch of knowledge in the field of gerontology. Social gerontology concerns itself with psychosocial and economic aspects of the aged individual and the social problems encountered from living in both formal and informal societal groupings. The interaction of these aspects and groupings and the services established and considered for the aged through public and social policy will be discussed.

SW 557 Applied Research Methods (3 Hours) This course is designed for the implementation and analysis of the research project. The project is to be conducted, when feasible, in the student's field setting. Students will have the opportunity to explore approaches to data collection and analysis and apply descriptive and inferential statistical measures to data sets. Students will be responsible for the computer processing of data using appropriate statistical software packages.

SW 587 Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups (3 Hours) Prerequisites: All foundation courses. The advanced social work practitioner is required to demonstrate group skills in a wide range of social situations. The foundation practice courses provide the basic skills for this course while the advanced practice with groups course expands, elaborates, and adds to the student's knowledge and skills. The focus of this course is on the development of knowledge and skills in the delivery of preventive, developmental, and remedial group services for at-risk populations of varying ages and social situations.

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Mission

The mission of the program is to prepare students for leadership roles as scholars in social work education and research who will advance knowledge about social work and social welfare to assist in resolving urban and rural issues facing families, communities, and the global society. The program focuses on theory building and assessment, research methods, social work education, and critical analysis and assessment of social problems, social welfare policy and social work practice models/perspectives. In addition, students are guided in developing a sound knowledge base regarding a substantive area of interest.

Objectives

The objectives of the program are consistent with the mission. They focus on ensuring that students acquire:

- an analytical understanding of the history, philosophy, education, and ethical underpinnings of the social work profession and social welfare;
- advanced knowledge and skills necessary to conceptualize, synthesize, analyze, and evaluate social issues and social welfare policies;
- knowledge of behavioral and social science theories and skills to analyze and assess their application to social problems and social work inquiry;
- a firm grounding in advanced social science and social work research;
- an understanding of how political and social issues (e.g., oppression and discrimination) influence social work and their impact on families, communities, and society in general;
- a sound knowledge base regarding a substantive research area of interest.