

MSW COURSE REQUIREMENTS ONE YEAR - Full Time ADVANCED STANDING PATHWAY

SUMMER 1

SOCW 6008 Introduction to Clinical-Community Practice from a Relational Perspective – Online: Synchronous (Webex or Zoom)

This course introduces BSW level students to the foundational methods, processes, and ethics of clinical-community social work practice from an interactive relational perspective. Students will apply the necessary relationship building and introductory knowledge needed for all levels of social work practice.

SOCW 6711 Critical Thinking in Social Work Research – Online: Asynchronous
Introduces scientific, analytic approach to building knowledge for social work practice with specific reference to principles and methods of evaluative research as applied to critical examination of evaluative research studies.

SUMMER 2

SOCW 6701 Biopsychosocial: Social Work Perspective on Mental Health and Substance Abuse – In-Person

In this course the students will examine patterns of human behavior and psychosocial functioning conceptualized in mental health as psychopathology. The content addresses such questions as what is normal psychological functioning; what do the concepts mental health and mental illness mean; and what are the implications of using these terms? Prevalent categories of psychiatric disorders are considered as to their relevance for social work practice. There will be special emphasis on the relational nature of psychological/emotional well-being and problems in living (“psychopathology”).

Elective – 100% Online or In-Person

Students should complete a graduate level (5000 level or higher) elective relevant to the area of social work in which you wish to practice upon graduation.

FALL

SOCW 6140 Advanced Practice: Individual and Families/In-Person

This course presents advanced concepts, theories, and methods essential to clinical-community social work. The emphasis is on individuals and families within the context of their bio-psychosocial development and functioning; however, students explore the importance of social networks and communities that connect people. They consider the influence of social and cultural factors. Students gain skills that bridge theoretical orientations, including the capacity to create a therapeutic relationship and the use of self in the service of others. They learn to assess, establish goals, develop a treatment plan, intervene, and evaluate progress from several different theoretical orientation including psychodynamic, cognitive-behavioral, attachment, and family theories.

SOCW 6141 Advanced Practice: Community Partnerships/ In-Person

Advanced concepts, theories and methods of clinical-community social work practice with an emphasis on partnerships between people experiencing social problems, and between these groups and social workers for the purpose of pursuing social justice. Students will work in small groups to engage with community partners conducting needs assessments and filling gaps in services.

SOCW 6950 Field Instruction II

*Students can register for this class but will be placed in a specific section by the Field Office. Field Instruction II will assist students in the application of social work knowledge and values to advanced social work practice. Guided by the principals of clinical-community practice, the students will present case material experiences for critical examination and reflection. Students will be exposed to a wide variety of issues and concrete situations in which to develop their expertise and personal professional identity. Emphasis will be placed upon the mutual influences of the individual and the social.

Elective: On-line or In-Person

Students should complete a graduate level (5000 level or higher) elective relevant to the area of social work in which you wish to practice upon graduation.

SPRING

SOCW 6112 Trauma Informed Practice with a Clinical- Community Relational Perspective/ In-Person

This course focuses on the various causes, effects, and treatment strategies for traumatic events and experiences, as well as Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Acute Stress Disorder, and Secondary Trauma. Within a Clinical-Community Social Work from a Relational Perspective (CCRP) lens, students will explore the relationship between attachment and trauma, interpersonal trauma of children and adults including childhood sexual abuse, assault, and domestic violence. The impact of combat on veterans and their families will be highlighted as well as trauma that affects the community including natural disasters, school violence, and cultural trauma. The relationship between trauma and substance use disorders will also be explored.

SOCW 6114 Group Practice with a Clinical-Community Relational Perspective/ In-Person

The study of processes, theories and practice of group work in task groups, psychoeducational groups, support groups, and therapeutic groups, all from a clinical-community relational perspective context.

SOCW 6960 Field Instruction III

*Students will continue with the same instructor assigned in the Fall semester. Continuing 6950 this course will assist students in the integration of social work knowledge and values to advanced social work practice. Guided by the principals of clinical-community practice, the students will present case material experiences for critical examination and reflection. Students will be exposed to a wide variety of issues and concrete situations in which to develop their expertise and personal professional identity. Emphasis will be placed upon ethics, practice evaluation and formulating alternative approaches.

Elective/On-line or In-Person

Students should complete a graduate level (5000 level or higher) elective relevant to the area of social work in which you wish to practice upon graduation.