

## **SOCIAL WORK COURSES – MSW**

### **SWK 510 — Social Welfare Policies and Delivery Systems**

Philosophical, historical, analytical framework from which to view the practice of social work and human service programs in the context of the U.S. social welfare system. Scheduled fall and spring semesters. Open to non-matriculated students. 3 credits.

### **SWK 512 — Child Welfare Policies and Practice**

The child's rights, the child and the family, the child and the court, neglect and abuse, advocacy, foster care, and adoption are explored. Prerequisite: SWK 510. Matriculated Social Work students only. Scheduled fall and spring semesters. 3 credits.

### **SWK 516 — Social Welfare Policy: The Aged**

Numerous theoretical frameworks, advanced practice analysis, the impact of cultural, economic, political, and social factors on policy development and service systems for elders are explored. Prerequisite: SWK 510. Matriculated Social Work students only. Scheduled fall semesters. 3 credits.

### **SWK 517 — Health Policy for Social Work Practice**

Critical evaluation of U.S. health policies, issues and programs. Social work roles in formulation, implementation and evaluation of impact on diverse populations. Prerequisite: SWK 510. Matriculated Social Work students only. Scheduled fall semesters. 3 credits.

### **SWK 518 — Social Welfare Policy: Mental Health and Substance Abuse**

Historical overview of mental health and substance abuse policy from colonial times to the present with cross-cultural comparisons to other societies. Current policies are stressed. Prerequisite: SWK 510. Matriculated Social Work students only. Scheduled in spring and fall semesters. 3 credits.

### **SWK 521 — Contemporary Issues in Working with Alcoholic and Chemically Dependent Individuals and Families**

Provides the theoretical knowledge and practice orientation to alcoholism and substance abuse required for students to effectively provide social work interventions to alcoholic and substance abusing individuals and families. Scheduled fall, spring and summer semesters. Open to non-matriculated students. 3 credits.

### **SWK 523 — Clinical Social Work Practice with Children**

This course will provide knowledge, skills, and values for social work practice with children. Emphasis will be given to vulnerable and at-risk children. Matriculated Social Work students only or departmental permission. Prerequisite: SWK 571. Scheduled fall semesters. 3 credits.

### **SWK 530 — Social Work Practice in Educational Settings**

The challenges and opportunities of social work practice in educational settings are examined with particular focus on non-academic barriers to educational achievement with middle to high school age children. Evidence-based, clinical interventions in educational settings form the foundation of the curriculum. Department permission and internship in school or significant work experience in schools. This is a specialized course for students who want to become school social workers. Scheduled fall semesters. 3 credits.

### **SWK 532 — Theory and Practice I - Individuals**

A re-conceptualization of problems, objectives, helping processes, service arrangements, worker and client roles based on the life model of social work practice. Matriculated Social Work students only. Must be taken concurrently with SWK 570. Scheduled fall semesters. 3 credits.

### **SWK 533 — Theory and Practice II - Groups**

Generic method applied to groups as client, action or target systems, and professional teams. Models of intervention, skills, strategies, program and tasks. Prerequisite: SWK 532. Matriculated Social Work students only. Must be taken concurrently with SWK 571. Scheduled spring semesters. 3 credits.

### **SWK 534 — Theory and Practice III - Organizations and Communities**

Analytical and transactional skills necessary for social work intervention with communities and organizations. Scheduled fall and spring semesters. Matriculated Social Work students only. 3 credits.

### **SWK 535 — Mediation for Human Service Professionals**

This course is designed to provide the student a theoretical framework of basic practice skills in conflict resolution. In this course students will be introduced to basic negotiation and mediation techniques. Case studies and participatory exercises will be used to demonstrate these techniques in the context of health and human service organizations.

Issues in family, parent and teen, adoption, divorce, post divorce parenting and victim-offender mediation will be discussed. Gender, race, and cultural dimensions will also be considered. Trends in the application of mediation and conflict resolution approaches to social work practice will be explored. This course has no prerequisites and is open to non-matriculated students. Scheduled spring semesters. 3 credits.

**SWK 536** — Social Welfare Management I (Program Design)

An examination of the nature of social policy, plans for action and the allocation of responsibilities for implementing social policy programs in private and public agencies.

Scheduled fall semesters. 3 credits.

**SWK 537** — Clinical Social Work Supervision

Components of effective social work supervision: administrative, educational, and supportive; skill development, assessing performance, planning in-service programs, accountability technologies, and managing socio-political relationships. Scheduled spring and summer semesters. 3 credits.

**SWK 538** — Social Welfare Planning

Development of a knowledge base and theory to enhance planning skills in the context of the social work profession, with specific focus on socio-political and rational tasks.

Scheduled fall semesters of even numbered years. 3 credits.

**SWK 540** — Advanced Clinical Practice with Elders

Knowledge, skills, and methods needed to demonstrate effective clinical practice with the aged. Prerequisite: SWK 571 or departmental permission. Scheduled fall semesters. 3 credits.

**SWK 542** — Advanced Clinical Practice in Medical and Rehabilitative Care

Knowledge, skills and methods needed for effective clinical practice in medical care systems, and in the context of a managed care environment. Scheduled fall semesters. 3 credits.

**SWK 545** — Advanced Clinical Practice with Children and Adults

Knowledge, skills and methods needed for effective direct practice with children and families. Prerequisite: SWK 571. Scheduled fall semesters. 3 credits.

**SWK 548** — Advanced Clinical Practice with Families

Provides students with social work theories, skills and values essential for practice with families. Emphasis will be given to special needs of vulnerable populations, diverse ethnic groups, prevention and empowerment. Prerequisite: SWK 571. Scheduled spring semesters. 3 credits.

**SWK 549** — Advanced Clinical Practice with Later Life Families

Provides an overview of later life families (60 years or older) using social and psychological perspectives for understanding adaptive and non-adaptive changes to family restructuring to late life developmental changes for the purposes of social work family interventions. Prerequisite: SWK 571. Scheduled spring semesters. 3 credits.

**SWK 550** — Human Behavior in the Social Environment

Development of human behavior throughout the life cycle in various environments will be explored. The ecological, dual, conflict, psychodynamics and developmental perspectives will be emphasized. Open to non-matriculated students. Scheduled fall and summer semesters. 3 credits.

**SWK 551** — Diversity, Oppression, and Social Functioning

This course provides students with a theoretical understanding of culture, ethnicity, oppression, gender and race that informs clinical assessment and intervention. Focus is on the psychosocial dimensions of disempowerment and social work practice building on client strengths. Matriculated graduate students only. Scheduled spring semesters. 3 credits.

**SWK 552** — Human Behavior in the Social Environment — Psychopathology

Identify and understand etiology, symptoms and course of psychiatric disorders. Impact of bio-psychosocial variables, genetic factors, and human diversity on onset and course of psychopathology will be studied. Prerequisites: Matriculated Social Work students only, SWK 550, SWK 521. Scheduled fall, spring and summer semesters. 3 credits.

**SWK 554** — Violence in the Family: Interventive Strategies

Themes of violence in the family; socio-political theories of violence; diverse interventions; violence and oppression; implications for social work, law, and medical professions. Scheduled spring semesters. Cross-listed as WMS 554. Open to non-matriculated students. 3 credits.

**SWK 556** — Advanced Clinical Practice in Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Principles and practices requiring specialized knowledge and skills to work with persons

with severe and prolonged mental illness and/or substance abuse problems and their families in the community are reviewed. An emphasis on cognitive behavioral approaches is stressed. Open to matriculated Social Work students only. Prerequisite: SWK 571. Scheduled fall semesters. 3 credits.

**SWK 559** — Current Issues in Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse

This course will explore innovative community care approaches as well as emerging trends for working with persons with severe and prolonged mental disorders in the field of community health. This course will emphasize social work intervention using psychosocial rehabilitation approaches for individuals and families seeking services from mental health agencies. Open to matriculated Social Work students only. Scheduled fall semesters. 3 credits.

**SWK 561** — Social Work Research Methods

Principles and applications of scientific research methods will be presented. Students will develop a model of a social work practice research study as a final assignment. Scheduled spring and summer semesters. Open to matriculated social work students only. 3 credits.

**SWK 565** — Social Work Practice with Chronic Illness and Conditions

Impact of chronic illness and/or conditions on patient, family, community and health care industry. Social work skills in working with these systems are stressed. Prerequisite: SWK 571. Scheduled spring semesters. 3 credits.

**SWK 566** — Social Work Practice in Brief Treatment Models

Provides the student with an understanding of brief treatment models of therapy and their application to social work practice. There will also be an emphasis on their effectiveness within managed care settings. Prerequisite: SWK 571. Scheduled fall semesters. 3 credits.

**SWK 567** — Social Work Practice in Crisis Situations

Different types of crisis situations experienced by individuals, families and groups. Emphasis on the assessment of developmental and situational crises. Effective social work intervention strategies to use within person-in-environment perspective with at risk groups. 3 credits.

**SWK 568** — Addictive Behaviors: Intervention Strategies for Clinical Practice

Identification of the addictive behaviors of substance use, gambling, sex and over-eating in individuals across the life-span. Emphasis on effective social work strategies with addicted individuals and their families within the person in environment perspective. Prerequisite: SWK 521 or departmental permission. Open to matriculated social work students only. Scheduled fall semesters. 3 credits.

**SWK 570** — Generalist Social Work Field Practicum I

The supervised field practicum provides opportunities for the student to apply conceptual material to practice situations and to develop professional practice competency. Weekly seminar required which focuses on micro-counseling skills and intervention models. Open to matriculated students in Social Work. Co-requisite: Must be taken concurrently with SWK 532. Scheduled fall semesters. 1–3 credits.

**SWK 571** — Generalist Social Work Field Practicum II

Supervised field practicum and weekly seminar is a continuation of SWK 570. The seminar focuses on developing professional assessment skills and procedures employed in various settings. Open only to matriculated students in Social Work. Co-requisite: Must be taken concurrently with SWK 533. Scheduled spring semesters. 1–3 credits.

**SWK 572** — Practicum III and Thesis Proposal

A supervised field practicum in the specialization concurrent with weekly seminar. The field practicum provides opportunity to develop professional practice competency and to produce a research proposal in the specialization. Prerequisite: SWK 571. Scheduled fall semesters. 3-6 credits.

**SWK 573** — Practicum IV and Thesis

A supervised field practicum in the specialization concurrent with weekly seminar. The field practicum provides opportunity to develop professional practice competence and to submit an acceptable research project in the specialization. Prerequisite: SWK 572. Scheduled spring semesters. 3–6 credits.

**SWK 583** — Information Systems for Social Service Management

This course provides knowledge of management information systems design and implementation; evaluative research design and methods; and utilization of both for organizational decision making and policy settings. Open to non-matriculated students. Scheduled spring semesters of odd years. (Offered online.) 3 credits.

**SWK 584** — Non Profit Fiscal Management

Administrative decision-making related to financial planning and resource allocation in government, non-profit, or human service organizations. Knowledge and skills in budgeting, allocating, and expenditure control are studied in detail. Related activities such as fundraising, grant writing, public relations, and evaluation are briefly covered. Scheduled spring semesters. 3 credits.

**SWK 600** — Independent Study and Research

Study of an area of social work practice under the direction of a faculty member and with the consent of the chairperson of the department. Prerequisite: departmental permission. 1-3 credits.

The following courses have been approved but are not scheduled for 2011-2012:

SWK 500 — Concepts and Skills in the Human Services — Introduction to Social Work Practice

SWK 501 — Family Strengthening Training

SWK 511 — Social Welfare Policy Analysis

SWK 513 — Social Work and Law

SWK 514 — Comparative Social Welfare Systems

SWK 515 — Social Welfare Policy: The Family

SWK 520 — The Informal Helping System in Social Welfare

SWK 525 — Faith Perspectives and Human Services

SWK 526 — Geriatric Medicine for Social Work

SWK 531 — Social Work Practice (Generic)

SWK 539 — Social Work with Youth: Applying Theories of Deviance

SWK 541 — Clinical Issues in Long Term Care for the Elderly

SWK 543 — Social Work with the Developmentally Disabled

SWK 544 — Ethical Decision-Making Process for Social Work Practice

SWK 546 — Case Management for Social Work Practice

SWK 547 — Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups

SWK 555 — Sexual Minorities: A Social Work Response

SWK 557 — Issues of Values and Social Work Ethics in Long Term Care

SWK 558 — AIDS: A Social Work Response

SWK 560 — Social Welfare Policy and Evaluation

SWK 580 — Seminar in Social Work Practice

SWK 581 — Seminar in Social Policy

SWK 582 — Seminar in Social Service Development