

MSW Program – Health in Social Work Concentration
PROGRAM OF STUDY

Summer Semester	General (free) electives or required electives from the concentration approved list.
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Health Concentration – 9 hours core, plus a minimum of 3 credit hours in electives from the list below for a total of 12 credits.

All students must take one practice class as an elective in any other concentration. This class will be 3 credit hours.

FALL SEMESTER

SPRING SEMESTER

SW #	Section	Course Title	Credit Hours	Taken	Grade	SW #	Section	Course Title	Credit Hours	Taken	Grade
6220		Diversity, Social Justice and Reflexive Social Work II	3.0			SW 6202		Social Change in the Health Sector Recommended Elective	3.0		
SW 6201		<i>Practice I: Role of Social Workers in Health Settings</i>	3.0			SW 6203		<i>Social Work Practice in Integrated Behavioral Health</i> <i>Required</i>	3.0		
6521		Advanced Field Practicum I	4.0			6522		Advanced Field Practicum II	4.0		

Total Credit Hours _____

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Approved electives for Concentration:

- Global Issues in Women’s Health 3 credits online - Spring
- Spirituality in Social Work - 2 credit hours
- Dialectic Behavioral Therapy – 2 credit hours
- Marriage and Family Therapy
- Issues in Reproductive Health (online) -- 3 credit hours
- Practice with Grief & Loss- 3 credit hours
- Advanced Brief Therapy 2 – credit hours
- Animal Assisted Therapy – 2 credit hours
- SW Prac. With Kids & Adolescents – 2 credit hours
- Family Violence across Life – 2 credit hours
- Issues in Women’s Health (online) -- 3 credit hours--Fall
- Motivational Interviewing – 2 credit hours
- Healing Narratives (online) – 3 credit hours
- Health, Illness & Metaphors -- 2 credit hours
- Cognitive Behavior Therapy – 3 credit hours
- Causes and Treatments of Mental Illness – 2 credit hours

- Advocacy & PR Skills for SW’s - 2 credit hours
- Intro to Couples Therapy – 2 credit hours
- Advanced Cognitive Therapy – 2 credit hours
- Mind, Body Bridging – 2 credit hours
- Advanced Group Practice – 2 credit hours
- Play Therapy – 2 credit hours
- Human Sexuality in SW – 2 credit hours
- Crisis Intervention – 2 credit hours
- M.O.R.E. – 2 credit hours
- Working with Trauma – 2 credit hours
- ACT Therapy and Mindfulness – 3 credit hours
- Impact of Child Abuse – 3 credit hours
- End of Life/Palliative Care – 2 credit hours
- Chronic Illness in Older Adults -- 3 credits
- Creative and Expressive Therapy

Students may take up to 16 credit hours in any one semester, without requiring pre-approval from the MSW Program Director.

Students in the Advanced Standing program must complete a minimum of 45 credit hours.

Students in the 2-Year Program must complete a minimum of 60 credit hours.

Students must earn a passing grade of C+ or better in each course in order to count that course towards graduation.

Students must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA in order to be in good academic standing.

SW 6201 Fall	Practice I: Role of Social Work in Health Settings Required Course	3	This 3-credit practice course builds on first year HBSE content, and explores the person in environment from a bio-psycho-social perspective across the life span as one encounters challenges to one's physical health. Knowledge of specific major health/illness issues such as diabetes, cancer, disability, and pain management are presented from acute, chronic, and terminal condition perspectives. The accompanying psycho-social impact of these conditions on individual and family systems is discussed within a framework of cultural and ethnic diversity. The realities of SW practice in interdisciplinary health care settings (hospital, rehab, long-term care, home health/hospice and community-based care) are explored, as well as the impact of public health policy (Medicare, Medicaid, managed care) on social work practice and the role of prevention in health care. Social work values and ethics (e.g., confidentiality, self-determination, locus of responsibility) and their application to practice in health settings are addressed.
SW 6202 Spring	Social Change in the Health Sector Recommended Course	3	This 3-credit course builds on foundation policy content to provide students with understanding of political, economic, and social trends that affect health policy and the health care system, as well as the health of populations (epidemiology). The class includes special emphasis on the economic and political dimensions of the managed care environment, as well as inequities in the delivery of health care in comparative and global contexts. This course addresses the historical development of the "health care industry" and the public health system from a social justice perspective. The course offers advanced training in policy practice skills (advocacy, policy analysis, policy development and evaluation) relevant to health policy and health settings. Ethical content focuses on tensions and dilemmas that arise in health care delivery systems.
SW 6203 Spring	Social Work Practice in Integrated Behavioral Health Required Course	3	During the past 3 decades, the provision of health care services in the U.S. has changed dramatically due to many factors, including changes in patients' health care needs and demographics (e.g., increasingly older patient population with chronic rather than acute illnesses), an increase in the complexity of the psychosocial determinants of health impacting these patients (including disparities), changes in the health care industry as care moves from inpatient to more community-based settings, and the evolution of continuum-based models of payment for health care services. With the bio-psycho-socio-spiritual perspective of the patient and his/her support system, the health care social worker as a member of the medical team is uniquely equipped to address these increasingly complex patient characteristics as the patient moves through an episode of care within the various settings of the health care continuum. This 3-credit practice course will equip 2 nd year MSW students with the knowledge, skills and values needed to practice within the changing health care industry, and will prepare students in the competencies which health care settings increasingly require as they themselves adapt to these changing conditions.
	Electives		Students choose a minimum of 3 credit hours from a list of approved electives found in the Program of Study guide.

Types of Practicum Placements: Hospitals, home health, hospice, clinics and community based prevention and/or intervention programs.