

**MSW Two-Year Program**  
**Health Area of Focus Course Checklist**  
**Catalog Year 2021-2022**

It is **your responsibility** to ensure that your degree and licensing requirements are met and in order to move into the second year of the program. Your academic advisor is available to help you. Please meet with your MSW advisor at least once per academic year to ensure you are on track.

**Fall Required Courses:**

- SW 6220 Diversity, Social Justice, and Reflexive Social Work II..... 3 credit hours
  - SW 6201 Health Advanced Practice I..... 3 credit hours
  - SW 6521 Advanced Field Practicum I.....4 credit hours
  - Electives and/or Advanced Practice outside Health area of focus\* .....5 credit hours
- 15 credit hours

**Spring Required Courses:**

- SW 6203 Health Practice II (Integrated Behavioral Health).....3 credit hours
  - SW 6522 Advanced Field Practicum II.....4 credit hours
  - Electives and/or Advanced Practice outside Health area of focus\* .....8 credit hours
- 15 credit hours

All second year courses are held on Thursdays and Fridays. Practicum (fieldwork) is completed on other weekdays, for a total of 600 hours.

**Grades:**

- All MSW students must earn a C+ or better in each of the required courses, including Practicum, in order to take the second course in any sequenced courses and in order to move into the second year of the program
- All MSW students must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA in order to be in good academic standing

**Additional Coursework:**

- \*Must take one Advanced Practice course outside of chosen area of focus (fall or spring). School Social Work is not an area of focus and School SW courses are electives, not Practice courses.

**Reminders:**

- Students may take up to 16 credit hours in any one semester, without requiring pre-approval from the MSW Program Director and the Dean of the Graduate School (see request form in the Canvas modules)
- Students in the Two-Year Program must successfully complete a minimum of 60 credit hours in order to graduate. Students in the Advanced Standing Program must successfully complete a minimum of 45 credit hours in order to graduate

**Notes:**

SW 6201 3 credits	Practice I: <i>Role of Social Work in Health Settings</i>	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.
Fall	Required Course	
SW 6203 3 credits	Social Work Practice in Integrated Behavioral Health	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 <sup>nd</sup> 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.
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	Electives	One elective must be a practice class in another area of focus. Remaining elective credits can be general electives that are practice, theory, and skills focused, and that are suited to the student's academic and career interests.

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