MSW Program – Health in Social Work Concentration
PROGRAM OF STUDY

Summer Semester
- General (free) electives or required electives from the concentration approved list.

Health Concentration – 5 hours core, plus a minimum of 3 credit hours in approved electives from the list below for a total of 8 credits.

All students must take one advanced practice class as an elective in any other concentration. These classes can be 1, 2, or 3 credit hours, depending on the concentration.

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<td><strong>SW #</strong></td>
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<td>Diversity, Social Justice and Reflexive Social Work II</td>
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<td>SW 6201</td>
<td>Advanced Practice: Role of Social Workers in Health Settings</td>
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<td>6521</td>
<td>Advanced Field Practicum II</td>
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Total Credit Hours

Approved electives for Concentration:

- Issues in Women’s Health (online) – 3 credit hours
- 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 - 2 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
- 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
- Global Issues in Women’s Health (online) – 3 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 -- 2 credits

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.
### Fall

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<td>SW 6201</td>
<td>Advanced Practice: Role of Social Work in Health Settings</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>SW 6202</td>
<td>Social Change in the Health Sector</td>
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<td>This 2-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.</td>
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### 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.