

The following requirements for the Rutgers **MSW Certificate in Aging and Health** can be completed within the 60 credits required for the MSW degree. No additional coursework or field hours are required.

1. FIELD REQUIREMENT: A field placement in the advanced year of the MSW program in a setting that focuses predominantly on aging and health, including each of the following:

- Co-morbidity of aging-related and health-related vulnerabilities and strengths
- Financing and planning of services at least in part through healthcare policies
- Provision of preventive, wellness, and public health services with a focus on optimizing well-being and meaningful engagement

Students work closely with specialized faculty in field education to secure an appropriate placement.

2. ADVANCED POLICY COURSE REQUIREMENT: **Social Welfare Policy and Services II: Health and Aging (542)**. This course is typically taken in the fall semester of the final year of the MSW program. Students must have completed all Foundation courses to enroll in this course.

3. HUMAN BEHAVIOR DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT: **HBSE: Loss across the Lifespan (547)**. This course satisfies the Human Behavior distribution requirement and is offered in the spring semester (occasionally in summer). Students must have completed Practice I (500) and HBSE (502) to enroll in this course.

4. CHOICE COURSE in AGING: At least **ONE** of the following:

Clinical Social Work: Aging (525) is typically offered in the fall semester. Students in the clinical social work (CSW) specialization may take this course as their MSW Advanced Practice distribution course or as a general elective; students in the management and policy (MAP) specialization may take this course as a general elective. Students must have completed all Foundation courses to enroll in this course.

Aging Services: A Critical Perspective (572) is offered in the spring semester and satisfies a general elective requirement for the MSW degree. There are no prerequisites for this course.

5. CHOICE COURSE in HEALTH: At least **ONE** of the following:

Clinical Social Work: Health (516) is typically offered in the fall and spring semesters. Students in the CSW specialization may take this course as their MSW Advanced Practice distribution course or as a general elective; students in the MAP specialization may take this course as a general elective. Students must have completed all Foundation courses to enroll in this course.

Chronic Illness and Disability (562) is usually offered in the spring semester and can be taken as a general elective toward the MSW degree. There are no prerequisites for this course.

6. ENRICHMENT REQUIREMENT: Students must attend at least **ONE** interprofessional education (IPE) event organized by the School (or preapproved by the School) before graduating. Information about these opportunities will be shared with Certificate students by email as the events are scheduled.

For more information about the **MSW Certificate in Aging and Health**, visit <https://socialwork.rutgers.edu/node/519> or email aging@ssw.rutgers.edu