

Clinical Social Work Specialization

Clinical Social Work develops in-depth, comprehensive skills in engagement, assessment, intervention and evaluation to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and groups. The student learns to use these skills in different ways to meet the clients "where they are."

Clinical social work is defined broadly and encompasses more than traditional, office-based, private practice psychotherapy. The ethic of social justice is fully integrated in CSW coursework.

Clinical students can be placed in varied settings providing varied services. Examples of placement settings include, but are not limited to, hospice programs, schools, in-patient psychiatric hospitals, general hospitals, correctional facilities, community agencies, etc.

Clinical social work focuses on helping social work clients change behaviors or resolve emotional problems that are a function of the interface between person and environment.

Clinical skills are essential to all aspects of social work that involve direct client contact.

Students specializing in Clinical Social Work must complete the following practice courses:

- Clinical Social Work I
- Clinical Social Work II

At the same time, students will be working in a field education placement which has a specific focus on clinical social work. Students choose from the following advanced practice distribution requirements:

- Clinical Social Work: Adolescents
- Clinical Social Work: Health
- Clinical Social Work: Mental Health
- Clinical Social Work: Children
- Clinical Social Work: Families
- Clinical Social Work: School
- Clinical Social Work: Addictive Behaviors
- Clinical Social Work: Survivors of Abuse & Trauma
- Clinical Social Work: Aging