

MSW Curriculum at a Glance

Full Time – Two Year Online Plan in Clinical Social Work (Spring Start)

YEAR 1		
SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
Generalist curriculum		
[502] Human Behavior and the Social Environment	[507] Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis	[501] Social Work Practice II (with Organizations and Communities)
[506] Diversity and Oppression	General Elective* (Generalist Level)	[504] Social Welfare Policy and Services I
[500] Social Work Practice I (with Individuals, Families and Groups)	Field Education Practicum 2 (2 credits) 11.25 hrs/wk	[505] Methods of Social Work Research I
Field Education Practicum 1 (2 credits) 11.25 hrs/wk		Field Education Practicum 3 (2 credits) 11.25 hrs/wk
Field Orientation/Seminar (required, no credit)		

YEAR 2		
SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
Specialized Curriculum begins		
[511] Clinical Social Work I	[585] Advanced Contemporary Policy Requirement	[512] Clinical Social Work II
Elective*	Elective*	Elective*
Advanced Practice* Distribution Requirement	Field Education Practicum 5 (2 credits) 16.75 hrs/wk	[595] Methods of Social Work Research II
Field Education Practicum 4 (2 credits) 16.75 hrs/wk		Field Education Practicum 6 (2 credits) 16.75 hrs/wk

*Course offerings may differ based on availability and demand.

All courses are three credits, with the exception of the field practicums which differ by semester.

Field Education Curricular Requirements

Students in the online MSW program complete 1,125 hours of field work during the program, 450 in the first three semesters of placement (generalist field education practicum 1, 2 and 3) and 675 in the following four semesters of placement (specialized field education practicum 4, 5, and 6.) The schedules are as follows:

	Hours per Week	# of Weeks	Term	Total Hours
Generalist	11.25	15	Spring	168.75
	11.25	10	Summer	112.5
	11.25	15	Fall	168.75
	Total – Generalist			450
Specialized	16.75	15	Spring	251.25
	16.75	10	Summer	167.5
	16.75	15	Fall	251.25
	Total – Specialized			675

*Courses must be taken in the above sequence and field hours must be completed in the above sequence. Only after successful completion of the generalist courses, generalist field hours and the statistics requirement, can students begin the specialized curriculum. **Field placements cannot be provided for evening and weekends only. It is the responsibility of the student to have the hours available to do the field practicum, Monday –Friday during the business day (9-5).*** There may be placements that offer some weekend and evening hours, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Generalist Curriculum

All students, except those with baccalaureate degrees from programs accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, are required to take all of the generalist courses. These courses contain a body of knowledge, values, and skills essential for social work practice. This common base is transferable among settings, population groups, and problem areas. The generalist curriculum consists of courses in generalist social work practice with corresponding field instruction, human behavior and the social environment, clinical assessment & diagnosis, introductory social work research methods, social welfare policy and services, and a course focused on diversity and oppression.

Successful completion of the generalist program is required before beginning the specialized curriculum.

The required generalist courses are:

- 19:910:500 Social Work Practice I with Individuals, Families, and Groups (3)
- 19:910:501 Social Work Practice II with Organizations and Communities (3)
- 19:910:502 Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)
- 19:910:504 Social Welfare Policy and Services I (3)
- 19:910:505 Methods of Social Work Research I (3)
- 19:910:506 Diversity and Oppression (3)
- 19:910:507 Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis (3)
- 19:910:___Field Education Practicum I, II, III (2, 2, 2)
- 19:910:___Elective (3) *Course offering may differ based on availability and demand.*

Specialized Curriculum

The specialized curriculum consists of a specialization in a method of advanced clinical practice, an advanced research course, advanced field instruction, and electives. Only after successful completion of the generalist courses and the statistics requirement can students begin the specialized curriculum. Our current online specialized curriculum offers a specialization in clinical social work.

Specialization in Clinical Social Work

The specialization in Clinical Social Work prepares students to conceptualize, provide, and supervise the delivery of social work services to individuals, couples, families, and small groups. Emphasis is on developing competence in those helping processes used to prevent problems and to enhance, develop, and restore social functioning. Courses required for the specialization and which must be taken concurrently with a clinical social work field education practicum are:

19:910:511 Clinical Social Work I (3)

19:910:512 Clinical Social Work II (3)

Additional required advanced courses are:

19:910:585 Advanced Contemporary Policy Requirement (3)
(formerly Social Welfare Policy and Services II)

19:910:595 Methods of Social Work Research II (3)

19:910: Field Education Practicum IV, V, VI (2, 2, 2)

19:910:___Advanced Practice Distribution Requirement (3) *Course offerings may be limited based on availability and demand.*

19:910:___Elective (3). *Course offerings may be limited based on availability.*

19:910:___Elective (3) *Course offering may be limited based on availability.*

19:910:___Elective (3) *Course offering may differ based on availability and demand.*

In the specialized curriculum, students may choose a second Advanced Practice Distribution Requirement and/or Advanced Contemporary Policy Requirement to satisfy the elective requirement in the second year specialized curriculum. Course offerings may be limited based on availability.

For full course descriptions, please visit our website at <http://socialwork.rutgers.edu/Current/MSWCourses.aspx>

State social work boards determine the requirements for social work licensure. Prospective students should contact their state licensing board to determine if this online program meets licensure requirements.