

MSW Curriculum at a Glance

Three Year Blended MSW Program

YEAR 1		
FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
Generalist curriculum		
[502] Human Behavior and the Social Environment	[507] Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis	[500] Social Work Practice I (with Individuals, Families and Groups)
[506] Diversity and Oppression	[504] Social Welfare Policy and Services I	Field Education Practicum 1 (1 credit) 11.25 hrs/wk
		Field Skills Seminar (1 credit), meets synchronously 4x/semester
		Field Orientation/Seminar (required, no credit)

YEAR 2		
FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
Specialized Curriculum begins		
[501] Social Work Practice II (with Organizations and Communities)	General Elective* (Generalist Level)	[585] Advanced Contemporary Policy Requirement (formerly Social Welfare Policy and Services II)
[505] Methods of Social Work Research I	General Elective* (Generalist Level)	[595] Methods of Social Work Research II
Field Education Practicum 2 (2 credits) 11.25 hrs/wk	Field Education Practicum 3 (2 credits) 11.25 hrs/wk	Field Education Practicum 4 (1.5 credits) 13.5 hrs/wk

*Electives offerings may differ based on availability and demand

YEAR 3		
FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
[511] Clinical Social Work 1 or [535] Management Practice and Theory (On Campus)	[512] Clinical Social Work II (On Campus) or [536] Strategic Planning (On Campus)	Elective*
Advanced Practice Distribution Requirement	Elective*	Field Education Practicum 7 (1.5 credits) 13.5 hrs/wk
Field Education Practicum 5 (1.5 credits) 13.5 hrs/wk	Field Education Practicum 6 (1.5 credits) 13.5 hrs/wk	

*Course offerings may differ based on availability and demand. Students may choose additional Advanced Practice Distribution Requirements and/or Advanced Contemporary Policy Requirements to satisfy the elective requirements in the third year specialized curriculum.

Field Education Curricular Requirements

Students in the blended 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, 6, and 7) The schedules are as follows:

	Hours per Week	# of Weeks	Term	Total Hours
Generalist	11.25	10	Summer	112.5
	11.25	15	Fall	168.75
	11.25	15	Spring	168.75
	Total – Generalist			450
Specialized	13.5	10	Summer	135
	13.5	15	Fall	202.5
	13.5	15	Spring	202.5
	13.5	10	Summer	135
	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.

Specialized Curriculum

The specialized curriculum consists of a specialization in a method of either advanced clinical practice or management and policy, 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.

On-campus/Online course requirements

Students in the Blended program complete both online and on-campus course work during their time in the program.

On-campus course requirements: In the third semester, students are required to take the Field Skills Seminar on-campus – this seminar will meet 4 times via video conferencing during the Summer semester and counts toward field hours. Field seminar sections will be offered at different times/days (evening/weekend options will be

available; students will select one section) and will require 4 live sessions, each class will meet for approximately 3 hours. The advanced practice courses in Year 3 (Clinical SW I/II or Management Practice Theory/Strategic Planning) are required to be taken on-campus. Students may choose to take other courses in the curriculum on-campus but will be guaranteed a spot in online course sections for required courses. Course options for online electives, distribution requirements and policy courses may vary based on availability and demand.

For students pursuing certificate programs, course requirements may necessitate on-campus course options instead of the online electives that are offered.