

# MSW COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## SOCIAL WORK COURSES

**SWK 602 Rural Health-899** (online) (3 credits). Prerequisites: permission of the instructor. This course offers a study of health care delivery in rural communities. It includes theoretical foundations, cultural considerations, and specific characteristics of rural environments and people.

**SWK 697 Special Topics.** (3 credits). Prerequisites: permission of the instructor. Selected topic of advanced content in social work, relevant to fields of practice or practice methodologies. May be repeated to a total of 6 hours as topics change.

**SWK 705 Human Behavior and Social Environment.** (3 credits). Prerequisites: see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. Content on life-span development and the influence of various systems on the individual from a generalist perspective in family health.

**SWK 710 Social Work Practice I.** (3 credits). Prerequisites: see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. Framework for generalist social work practice including the problem-solving process and various social work roles with different size systems.

**SWK 715 Social Welfare Policy and Services.** (3 credits). Prerequisites: see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. Covers the historical development, philosophical orientation, and analysis of social welfare policy and services in the United States. Examines social welfare policy in multiple areas.

**SWK 720 Introduction to Social Work Research.** (3 credits). Prerequisites: see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. Understanding of social research methods and application of research to social work practice. Incorporates content on evaluation of practice and program evaluation.

**SWK 725 Social Work Practice II.** (3 credits). Prerequisites: see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. Framework for generalist practice including the problem-solving process and various social work roles with groups and families.

**SWK 726 Social Work Practice III.** (3 credits). Prerequisites: see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. Uses social work methods to focus on the dynamics associated with organizational and community generalist practice. This course provides a knowledge base (i.e., theory, research, and practice wisdom), values, and practice skills for the generalist social work profession. Concentration will be on social work practice occurring with organizations and communities.

**SWK 730 Human Diversity and Societal Systems.** (3 credits). Prerequisites: see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. Theoretical perspectives and research findings

on various populations-at-risk and the role of societal institutions in perpetuating social and economic injustice.

**SWK 735 Field Instruction I.** (9 credits). Prerequisites: see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. Supervised social work experience in a social agency in the community. Students must complete 450 hours. Student must be concurrently enrolled in SWK 740. A practicum liability insurance fee is required.

**SWK 740 Practicum Seminar I.** (1 credit). Prerequisites: concurrent enrollment in SWK 735; see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. Examines student experiences and problems in Field Instruction I. Designed to enhance the student's integration of theory, knowledge, and skills from previous courses.

**SWK 741 Family Health and Domestic Violence.** (3 credits). Prerequisites: graduate standing. Enhances students' understanding of the theories, policies, practices and interventions related to family violence.

**SWK 742 Family Health and Substance Abuse.** (3 credits). Prerequisites: graduate standing. This course provides an opportunity for the students to understand the problems of alcohol and drug use and dependence and their impacts on family health.

**SWK 743-899 Management and Program Development in Human Service.** (online) (3 credits). Prerequisites: graduate standing. Develop knowledge and skills for effective supervisors and administrators in human service organizations. Students will also learn grant proposal writing and develop an understanding of their management style and philosophy.

**SWK 746 Foundations of Family Health Research.** (3 credits). Prerequisites: see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. This course builds on the knowledge base acquired in the BSW research course by reviewing social work research methods, as necessary, for the purpose of developing a research proposal from a family health perspective. The course includes research concepts and tools most frequently encountered by the family health social work practitioner.

**SWK 750 Human Behavior and Family Systems.** (3 credits). Prerequisites: see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. Provides a framework for understanding family systems and family health. The family is examined within an ecosystem context.

**SWK 754 Perspectives on Individual and Family Health Assessment.** (3 credits). Prerequisites: see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. Advanced overview to help the student transition from individually-focused assessment (e.g., DSM-IV) to family focused assessment (e.g., FAD).

**SWK 755 Family Health Social Work Practice I.** (3 credits). Prerequisites: see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. Knowledge and skills for advanced practice. Social work roles within different settings will be covered as they relate to family health.

**SWK 756 Family Health and social Work Practice II.** (3 credits). Prerequisites: see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. Advanced assessment and family centered practice interventions that are related to the family health perspective.

**SWK 760 Family Health Policy.** (3 credits). Prerequisites: see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. Assists students in understanding how policies affecting family health are designed. Provides an analysis of the family health care delivery systems in the United States and other countries.

**SWK 780 Field Instruction II.** (9 credits). Prerequisites: permission and see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. Practicum experience in a social agency focused on family health. Student must complete 525 hours. Student must be concurrently enrolled in SWK 785. A practicum liability insurance fee is required.

**SWK 785 Practicum Seminar II.** (1 credit). Prerequisites: concurrent enrollment with SWK 780; see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. Examines student's experiences and problems in Field Instruction II. Enhances the student's integration of theory, knowledge, and skills from previous courses.

**SWK 797 Research Project in Family Health Services.** (3 credits). Prerequisites: see sequence schedules under Degree Requirements. Advanced research project focused on student's area of family health interest. Student will be responsible for completing a publishable quality research document. This course meets the Graduate College research requirement.