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SOCIAL WORK & WOMEN'S STUDIES, M.S.W./M.A.

Application Deadline

Applications to the Master of Social Work program must be submitted by no later than December 15 for admission in the following year.

- See more at: http://catalog.southernct.edu/graduate/programs-and-degrees/social-work-msw.html#sthash.SQlAEKlN.dpuf
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SUMMARY

This dual degree program option will prepare students for a licensed social work practitioner career with a specialized knowledge of the population of women. The MSW/WMS program will offer students tools and training in feminist epistemologies, sensitizing students to the unique challenges and obstacles women face.

The dual degree program will offer Women's Studies students the ability to use their specialized knowledge coupled with clinical skills developed in the MSW program to address a range of concerns specific to women from political action to individualized treatment. MSW students will become grounded in theoretical and practical concerns that affect women from a broad perspective, sensitizing them to the unique challenges as well as structural limitations (within family, community, and society) that circumvent women's ability to fully participate in society.

Both programs, while focusing on human interaction and human needs, together will strengthen students' abilities to perceive the problems women face and be sanctioned by society to intervene on an individual, community, or societal level. Candidates in this special program will be prepared to enter the social work profession with a MSW and understanding/knowledge of feminist theories and practices that complement and enhance social work practice. Further, the courses can enhance master-of-arts candidates who wish to pursue other feminist-oriented professional careers, by developing a set of unique (social work) theories and skills to bring to the fields of women's studies, human behavior, and service.

CURRICULUM
There will be no modifications to the curriculum, admissions, or graduation requirements/mode of delivery. The MSW curriculum consists of 60 credits, and the MA in Women's Studies curriculum consists of 33-36 credits (depending on whether a thesis, special project, or comprehensive capstone option is chosen). Students will be able to obtain the Masters of Social Work Degree and Masters of Arts in Women's Studies for 75 credits instead of 93 credits by taking dual listed courses that are already available in each program.

PROGRAM SEQUENCE-75 CREDITS

SWK 510 - Social Welfare Policies and Delivery Systems - 3 credits
SWK 521 - Contemporary Issues in Working with Alcoholic and Chemistry Dependent Individuals and Families - 3 credits
SWK 532 - Theory and Practice I - Individuals - 3 credits
SWK 533 - Theory and Practice II - Groups - 3 credits
SWK 534 - Theory and Practice III - Organizations and Communities - 3 credits
SWK 548 - Advanced Clinical Practice with Families - 3 credits
Or
SWK 549 - Advanced Clinical Practice with Later Life Families - 3 credits
SWK 550 - Human Behavior and Social Environment - 3 credits
SWK 551 - Diversity, Oppression, and Social Functioning - 3 credits
SWK 552 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment - Psychopathology - 3 credits
SWK 561 - Social Work Research Methods - 3 credits
SWK 570 - Generalist Social Work Field Practicum I - 3 credits
SWK 571 - Generalist Social Work Field Practicum II - 3 credits

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SWK 533 - Theory and Practice II - Groups - 3 credits
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Dual Courses
SWK 551 - Diversity, Oppression and Social Functioning/WMS529 - Race, Class, Gender - 3 credits
SWK 561 - Social Work Research Methods/WMS510 - Research Methods in Women's Studies - 3 credits
SWK 570 - Generalist Social Work Field Practicum I & 571 - Generalist Social Work Field Practicum II - 3 credits
WMS 601 - Field Experience I & 602 Field Experience II - 3 credits
SWK 572 - Practicum III & 573 - Practicum III and Thesis Proposal - 3 credits
WMS 592 - Special Project Seminar I & 593 - Special Project Seminar II - 3 credits

Concentration (Women’s Studies)
WMS 500 - Feminist Theories and Practices - 3 credits
WMS 520 - History of Feminist Thought - 3 credits
WMS 530 - Global Women's Issues - 3 credits

**Concentration (Women's Studies: choose three from below)**
SWK/WMS 554 - Violence in the Family; Interventive Strategies - 3 credits
SWK/WMS 555 - Sexual Minorities: A Social Work Response - 3 credits
WMS 560 - Seminar in the Psychology of Women - 3 credits
WMS 504 - Gender in the Law - 3 credits
WMS 505 - Women, Heal Thyself: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Women's Health Issues - 3 credits
WMS 515 - Sociology of Gender - 3 credits

**Concentration (Social Work: choose two from below)**
SWK 523 - Theory and Practice I - Individuals - 3 credits
SWK 545 - Advanced Clinical Practice with Families - 3 credits
SWK 556 - Advanced Clinical Practice in Mental Health and Substance - 3 credits
SWK 568 - Addictive Behaviors: Intervention Strategies for Clinical Practice - 3 credits
SWK 540 - Advanced Clinical Practice with Elders - 3 credits
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, M.F.T.

For further information: MarriageAndFamilyTherapyGrad@southernct.edu

Application Deadline
Rolling admission for fall semester.

About the Program

The Master's of Marriage and Family Therapy Program is a unique learning environment where students study to elicit change within the individual, relationship and community. Using a comprehensive overview of systemic theory, clinical techniques and evidence based practices, we offer a program that is professionally rewarding and personally transformative. Graduates are state license eligible and go on to become therapists for individuals, couples and family agencies, private practice settings and schools.

Admission Information

Students are admitted to the program from various undergraduate academic backgrounds. Prospective students with diverse backgrounds, work experiences and knowledge of the therapy process a preferred.

Entrance requirements include applications, references, group and individual interviews, and transcripts of all previous academic work. The program offers the choice of 2 or 3-year cohort tracks. Application materials may be downloaded from the departmental website: http://www.southernct.edu/academics/schools/health/academic-programs/marriagefamilytherapy/.

Master of Marriage and Family Therapy Degree

The Marriage and Family Therapy Training Program at Southern Connecticut State University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). This program offers a comprehensive training experience directed toward meeting theoretical and clinical standards expected of prospective licensed marriage and family therapists and meets the educations requirements necessary to proceed toward licensing as a Marital and Family Therapist by the State of Connecticut. Students interested in licensure outside Connecticut are encouraged to look into individual state requirements.

Within the program, the student will progress in three major areas:

1) General professional requirements include theoretical courses consistent with COAMFTE requirements, the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Board (AMFTRB), and the regulations for licensure for the State of Connecticut. These core courses are centered on learning the theory and practice of family therapy along with other major theories of systemic practice. In addition, the program has a strong focus on personal and professional attributes and dispositions.
2) Five hundred (500) hours of clinical experience are accrued in outside clinical internship settings and in the department's Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic. In addition to clinical practice, students are required to have group and individual supervision. A minimum of 50 hours of the required 100 hours of supervision includes raw data, either videotapes, audiotapes, or live supervision. The Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic has been in operation since 1979 and treats individuals, couples and families.

3) A required two semester concentration in Person-of-the Therapist training provides experimental, theoretical, and practical knowledge in working with individuals, couples, families, and groups from a present-centered perspective.

Graduates are eligible for associate membership in AAMFT and secure employment in various settings which include schools and private practice. The student population often contains individuals from outside the state with a majority of Connecticut residents.

Program Sequence - 60 Credits

As sequencing changes, it is highly recommended that students meet with their program advisor to finalize a list of requirements for graduation.

Students progress through the cohort (track) model choosing between courses spread in two or three-year timeframe:

**Full Time (2-year track)**

Year One Fall:

- MFT 597 - Family of Origin - 3 credits
- MFT 598 - Family Systems Theory I - 3 credits
- MFT 505 - Gestalt Therapy Training - Introduction - 3 credits
- MFT 620 - Professional, Legal, and Ethical Issues in MFT - 3 credits

Year One Spring:

- MFT 668 - Family Systems Theory II - 3 credits
- MFT 609 - Diversity and Multicultural Practice in MFT Practice - 3 credits
- MFT 506 - Gestalt Therapy Training - Intermediate - 3 credits
- MFT 562 - MFT Practicum I in Beginning Case Management and Clinical Skill Development - 3 credits
- MFT 548 - Introduction to Family Clinic Policies and Procedures - 1.5 credits

Year One Summer:

- MFT 669 - Family Systems Theory III: Current Trends in Family Interventions: Evidence Based Practice Models - 3 credits
- MFT 563 - MFT Practicum II in Beginning Case Management and Clinical Skill Development - 3 credits
- MFT 672 - Understanding the Treatment of Substance Addictions in Couples and Families - 3 credits
Year Two Fall:
MFT 610 - Couples Therapy - 3 credits
MFT 586 - Family and Individual Development Over the Life Cycle - 3 credits
MFT 662 - MFT Internship in Intermediate Case Management and Clinical Skill Development - 3 credits
MFT 605 - Advanced Gestalt Theory and Training I (optional) - 3 credits

Year Two Spring:
MFT 607 - Systemic Perspectives on Mental Health and Psychopathology - 3 credits
MFT 663 - MFT Internship in Advanced Case Management and Clinical Skill Development I - 3 credits
MFT 587 - Family Therapy Outcome Research - 3 credits
MFT 606 - Advanced Gestalt Theory and Training II (optional) - 3 credits

Year Two Summer:
MFT 658 - Topics in Family Studies - 3 credits
MFT 664 - MFT Internship in Advance Case Management and Clinical Skill Development - 3 credits
MFT 673 - Treatment Issues in MFT: Integrating Spiritually and Religion in Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy - 1.5 credits

**Part Time (3-year track)**

Year One Fall:
MFT 597 - Family of Origin - 3 credits
MFT 598 - Family Systems Theory I - 3 credits

Year One Spring:
MFT 668 - Family Systems Theory II - 3 credits
MFT 609 - Diversity and Multicultural Practice in MFT Practice - 3 credits

Year One Summer:
MFT 669 - Systems Theory III: Current Trends in Family Interventions: Evidence Based Practice Models - 3 credits
MFT 672 - Treatment of Substance Addictions in Couples and Families - 3 credits

Year Two Fall:
MFT 505 - Gestalt Therapy Training - Introduction - 3 credits
MFT 620 - Professional, Legal and Ethical Issues in MFT - 3 credits
MFT 610 - Couples Therapy - 3 credits

Year Two Spring:
MFT 506 - Gestalt Therapy Training - Intermediate - 3 credits
MFT 562 - MFT Practicum I in Beginning Case Management and Clinical Skill Development - 3 credits
MFT 548 - Intro to Clinic Policies, Procedures, Practices - 1.5 credits
Year Two Summer:

MFT 563 - MFT Practicum II Beginning Case Management and Clinical Skill Development - 3 credits
MFT 673 - Treatment Issues in MFT: Integrating Spiritually and Religion in Marriage, Couples, and Family Therapy - 1.5 credits

Year Three Fall:

MFT 586 - Family and Individual Development Over the Life Cycle - 3 credits
MFT 662 - MFT Internship in Intermediate Case Management and Clinical Skill Development - 3 credits
MFT 605 - Gestalt Therapy Training Internship I (optional) - 3 credits

Year Three Spring:

MFT 663 - MFT Internship in Advanced Case Management and Clinical Skill Development I - 3 credits
MFT 607 - Systemic Perspectives on Mental Health and Psychopathology - 3 credits
MFT 587 - Family Therapy Outcome Research - 3 credits
MFT 606 - Gestalt Therapy Training Internship II (optional) - 3 credits

Year Three Summer:

MFT 664 - MFT Internship in Advanced Case Management and Clinical Skill Development II - 3 credits
MFT 658 - Topics in Family Studies - 3 credits
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Master of Social Work

The Master of Social Work program, which is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), provides students with specific knowledge and skill for advanced clinical practice of social work. The graduate will be prepared for leadership roles in clinical social work practice. Graduates will be qualified for employment by both public and private agencies on local, state and national levels. The curriculum is designed to encourage innovative responses to human and social need.

The Master of Social Work curriculum is a sixty-credit program, with a concentration in Clinical Practice. The first year is structured to provide the student with a generalist base of practice. The student is required to demonstrate beginning skills and competence in the foundations of social work practice with individuals, families, small groups, communities, and organizations.

The second year is structured around a specialization in one of the following fields of practice: Children and Families (C&F); Elders and Families (ELD); Mental Health and Substance Use; Co-Occurring Disorders (MHSU-COD); and Social Work in School Settings (EDU). Two and three year plans of study are available, but students must complete the program within a maximum of four years.

Applications

Applicants for the MSW program complete all admissions materials required by both the Office of Graduate Admissions and the Social Work Department. All application materials must be received by the Office of Graduate Admissions by December 15 for admission in the following year.

Plan of Study

The program is designed to be completed in two years or three years of full-time study. Students who work full time must enroll in the three year program in which three courses are completed each semester (9 –12 credits) instead of five courses (15 credits). All students follow the same curriculum structure and course sequence, but three year students take fewer courses per semester. Students are required to be enrolled as full-time students (9 credits per semester) for at least one academic year during their period of study.
Class Schedules

The Social Work department offers courses during the weekdays, and on weeknights. We also offer some weekend classes. Many classes are in hybrid format which meet in the classroom "on the ground" for a limited number of times during the semester with up to half of the work completed online through SCSU's course management system.

COD Cohort Program

The Social Work Department offers a three year cohort program with a focus on the co-occurring disorders (COD) of mental illness and substance use. This program is designed for persons working in the mental health and addictions field. The goal of the cohort program is to allow bachelor's level professionals the opportunity to complete their MSW degree while maintaining their employment. The format involves classes at least three days per month (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and field placement throughout the calendar year. This COD cohort program emphasizes an adult learning paradigm, in which courses are taken sequentially, a supportive learning community is created, and self-discipline and self-directed learning are key skills for success.

The admissions criteria for the COD Cohort Program are as follows:

1. Applicants must meet all SCSU Graduate School and MSW Program admissions requirements.
2. Applicants must have an interest in working with clients who have the co-occurring disorders of mental health and substance use. Interest in working with COD clients may be demonstrated by having worked in the field of mental health and substance abuse/addictions.
3. Qualified applicants from the Department of Mental Health and Addictions Services (DMHAS) or its contract agencies are highly encouraged to apply.
4. The application process for the COD cohort program is the same as the process for all MSW applicants.

Advanced Standing Policy

An applicant is eligible for admission with advanced standing who has graduated from a CSWE accredited Bachelor's of Social Work (BSW) program within the past six (6) years. The department may, upon evaluation, waive the following courses for a student who has been admitted with advanced standing: SWK 510, 532, 533, 534, 550, 570, and 571. Courses may be considered for waiver if the student earned a minimum grade of "A-" in the comparable BSW course or a minimum grade of "A" in the BSW field practicum. The minimum number of credits required of an advanced standing MSW student is 39.

Non-Matriculated and Post-Graduate Students

Courses open to non-matriculated Social Work students are SWK 510, 550, and 551. Social workers who hold an MSW degree are welcome to enroll in any social work course except field practicum on a space-available basis with permission of the instructor.
Program Sequence-60 Credits

*It is highly recommended that students meet with their program advisor to review their plan of student and their progress toward completing requirements for graduation.*

Student continuance in the social work program is contingent upon positive ongoing faculty evaluation of academic performance in classes and/or simulated professional training situations, and on the appropriateness of responses, attitudes and behaviors consistent with the NASW Code of Ethics and the standards of acceptable social work practice.

The first year of the program prepares students for generalist social work practice. Social work ethics, values, foundation knowledge, professional roles, skills and tasks are emphasized. The second year prepares students for advanced clinical practice in an area of specialization. Client growth, development, rehabilitation and coping will be addressed.

Students select one of the following specializations.

**Program Requirements (Social Work in School Settings Specialization)**

- SWK 510 - Social Welfare Policies and Delivery Systems - 3 credits
- SWK 521 - Contemporary Issues in Working with Alcoholic and Chemistry Dependent Individuals and Families - 3 credits
- SWK 532 - Theory and Practice I - Individuals - 3 credits
- SWK 533 - Theory and Practice II - Groups - 3 credits
- SWK 534 - Theory and Practice III - Organizations and Communities - 3 credits
- SWK 548 - Advanced Clinical Practice with Families - 3 credits
  - Or
- SWK 549 - Advanced Clinical Practice with Later Life Families - 3 credits
- SWK 550 - Human Behavior and Social Environment - 3 credits
- SWK 551 - Diversity, Oppression, and Social Functioning - 3 credits
- SWK 552 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment - Psychopathology - 3 credits
- SWK 561 - Social Work Research Methods - 3 credits
- SWK 570 - Generalist Social Work Field Practicum I - 3 credits
- SWK 571 - Generalist Social Work Field Practicum II - 3 credits

**Advanced Requirements**

- SWK 530 - Social Work Policies in Educational Settings - 3 credits

**Advanced Requirements: Choose Two**

- SWK 523 - Clinical Social Work Practice for Children - 3 credits
  - Or
- SWK 539 - Advanced Clinical Practice with Adolescents - 3 credits
  - Or
- SWK 545 - Advanced Clinical Practice with Children and Adults - 3 credits
  - Or
- SWK 568 - Addictive Behaviors: Intervention Strategies for Clinical Practice - 3 credits
Additional Requirements

SWK 572 - Practicum III and Capstone Proposal - 6 credits (must earn a grade of "B-" or higher)
SWK 573 - Practicum IV and Capstone - 6 credits (must earn a grade of "B-" or higher)
SED 481 - Teaching Exceptional Students in Elementary Education Classrooms - 3 credits
or
SED 482 - Teaching Exceptional Students in Secondary Education Classrooms - 3 credits

Program Requirements: (Children and Families Specialization)

SWK 510 - Social Welfare Policies and Delivery Systems - 3 credits
SWK 521 - Contemporary Issues in Working with Alcoholic and Chemistry Dependent Individuals and Families - 3 credits
SWK 532 - Theory and Practice I - Individuals - 3 credits
SWK 533 - Theory and Practice II - Groups - 3 credits
SWK 534 - Theory and Practice III - Organizations and Communities - 3 credits
SWK 548 - Advanced Clinical Practice with Families - 3 credits
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SWK 549 - Advanced Clinical Practice with Later Life Families - 3 credits
SWK 550 - Human Behavior and Social Environment - 3 credits
SWK 551 - Diversity, Oppression, and Social Functioning - 3 credits
SWK 552 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment - Psychopathology - 3 credits
SWK 561 - Social Work Research Methods - 3 credits
SWK 570 - Generalist Social Work Field Practicum I - 3 credits
SWK 571 - Generalist Social Work Field Practicum II - 3 credits

Advanced Requirements

SWK 512 - Child Welfare Policies and Practice - 3 credits

Advanced Requirements: Choose Two

SWK 523 - Clinical Social Work Practice for Children - 3 credits
or
SWK 539 - Advanced Clinical Practice with Adolescents - 3 credits
or
SWK 545 - Advanced Clinical Practice with Children and Adults - 3 credits

Additional Requirements

SWK 572 - Practicum III and Capstone Proposal - 6 credits (must earn a grade of "B-" or higher)
SWK 573 - Practicum IV and Capstone - 6 credits (must earn a grade of "B-" or higher)
One 3 credit elective in any subject. This course must be at the graduate level.

Program Requirements: (Mental Health and Substance Use Co-occurring Disorders Specialization)
SWK 510 - Social Welfare Policies and Delivery Systems - 3 credits
SWK 521 - Contemporary Issues in Working with Alcoholic and Chemistry Dependent Individuals and Families - 3 credits
SWK 532 - Theory and Practice I - Individuals - 3 credits
SWK 533 - Theory and Practice II - Groups - 3 credits
SWK 534 - Theory and Practice III - Organizations and Communities - 3 credits
SWK 549 - Advanced Clinical Practice with Later Life Families - 3 credits
SWK 550 - Human Behavior and Social Environment - 3 credits
SWK 551 - Diversity, Oppression, and Social Functioning - 3 credits
SWK 552 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment - Psychopathology - 3 credits
SWK 561 - Social Work Research Methods - 3 credits
SWK 570 - Generalist Social Work Field Practicum I - 3 credits
SWK 571 - Generalist Social Work Field Practicum II - 3 credits

Advanced Requirements

SWK 518 - Social Welfare Policy: Mental Health and Substance Abuse - 3 credits
SWK 556 - Advanced Clinical Practice in Mental Health and Substance Abuse - 3 credits
SWK 568 - Addictive Behaviors: Intervention Strategies for Clinical Practice - 3 credits
SWK 572 - Practicum III and Capstone Proposal - 6 credits (must earn a grade of "B-") or higher)
SWK 573 - Practicum IV and Capstone - 6 credits (must earn a grade of "B-") or higher)
One 3 credit elective in any subject. This course must be at the graduate level.

Program Requirements: (Elders and Families Specialization)

SWK 510 - Social Welfare Policies and Delivery Systems - 3 credits
SWK 521 - Contemporary Issues in Working with Alcoholic and Chemistry Dependent Individuals and Families - 3 credits
SWK 532 - Theory and Practice I - Individuals - 3 credits
SWK 533 - Theory and Practice II - Groups - 3 credits
SWK 534 - Theory and Practice III - Organizations and Communities - 3 credits
SWK 549 - Advanced Clinical Practice with Later Life Families - 3 credits
SWK 550 - Human Behavior and Social Environment - 3 credits
SWK 551 - Diversity, Oppression, and Social Functioning - 3 credits
SWK 552 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment - Psychopathology - 3 credits
SWK 561 - Social Work Research Methods - 3 credits
SWK 570 - Generalist Social Work Field Practicum I - 3 credits
SWK 571 - Generalist Social Work Field Practicum II - 3 credits

Advanced Requirements

SWK 516 - Social Welfare Policy: The Aged - 3 credits
SWK 540 - Advanced Clinical Practice with Elders - 3 credits
SWK 556 - Advanced Clinical Practice in Mental Health and Substance Abuse - 3 credits
SWK 572 - Practicum III and Capstone Proposal - 6 credits (must earn a grade of "B-") or higher)
SWK 573 - Practicum IV and Capstone - 6 credits (must earn a grade of "B-") or higher)
One 3 credit elective in any subject. Must be at the graduate level
COURSES

MFT 505 - Therapeutic Use of Self Introduction
Participants are introduced to Self of Therapist methodology and techniques, identification of significant Self of Therapist themes and awareness practice. Scheduled fall semesters.
Prerequisite(s): Open to Matriculated MFT Students. Non-matriculated students require department permission.
Last Offered: Fall 2017
3 credits

MFT 506 - Therapeutic Use of Self Intermediate
A continuation of the Self of Therapist training from MFT 505. Theory, tracking relational processes, awareness of social context and therapist's use of self as an instrument of change will be developed. Scheduled spring semesters.
Prerequisite(s): MFT 505. Open to Matriculated MFT students. Non-matriculated students require department permission.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits

MFT 548 - Introduction to Family Clinic Policies and Procedures
This course will focus on the policies and procedures of the SCSU Family Clinic, including working with courts, ancillary professionals and agencies, report writing and introductions to the therapeutic programs the Family Clinic offers clients.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
1.5 credits

MFT 562 - MFT Practicum in Case Management and Clinical Skill Development
The student is expected to see individuals in therapy, conduct supervised visits, lead anger management groups, and act as a co-therapist in couples and family therapy at the department's Marital and Family Therapy Clinic. In addition, the student may begin an outside placement for a limited number of hours. A supervision group at the university affords the student the opportunity to watch live therapy from behind the viewing mirror and to be a part of the group supervision of these cases. Scheduled spring and summer semesters.
Prerequisite(s): MFT 597 and departmental permission. Open to Matriculated MFT students. Non-matriculated students require department permission.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits

MFT 563 - Marriage & Family Therapy Practicum II
The student is expected to see individuals in therapy, conduct supervised visits, lead anger management groups, and act as a co-therapist in couples and family therapy at the department's Marital and Family Therapy Clinic. In addition, the student may begin an outside placement for a limited number of hours. A supervision group at the university affords the student the opportunity to watch live therapy from behind the viewing mirror and to be a part of the group supervision of these cases. Scheduled spring and summer semesters.
Prerequisite(s): MFT 597. Open to Matriculated MFT students. Non-matriculated students require department permission.
Last Offered: Summer 2015
3 credits
MFT 586 - Family and Individual Development
Over the Life Cycle
An in-depth study of the family life cycle including adult development, the impact of specific factors such as adoption, homosexuality, and bi-raciality at different junctures of the family life cycle; and the multifaceted, interactive nature of systemic, psychological and biological stressors associated with the transitions from stage to stage in family development.
Prerequisite(s): Open to Matriculated MFT students. Non-matriculated students require department permission.
Last Offered: Fall 2017
3 credits

MFT 587 - Family Therapy Outcome Research
Survey of research methods particular to family therapy. Highlights findings from family therapy outcome research. Students are expected to participate in a class research project and to complete a single case experiment. Scheduled spring semesters.
Prerequisite(s): Open to Matriculated MFT students. Non-matriculated students require department permission.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits

MFT 588 - Family Assessment
An extensive study of the assessment of family systems from a systemic perspective with introductions to other models of assessment.
Prerequisite(s): MFT 597, MFT 598 and departmental permission.
Last Offered: Summer 2014
3 credits

MFT 597 - Family of Origin
An intensive study of each student’s trans-generational family of origin. Patterns and themes are studied as systemic links between past and present interactional processes. Scheduled fall semester.
Prerequisite(s): Open to Matriculated MFT students. Non-matriculated students require department permission.
Last Offered: Fall 2017
3 credits

MFT 598 - Family Systems Theory I
History and overview of general systems theory, followed by an exploration of various systematic approaches to family therapy. Scheduled fall semester.
Prerequisite(s): Open to Matriculated MFT students. Non-matriculated students require department permission.
Last Offered: Fall 2017
3 credits

MFT 600 - Independent Study in Marriage and Family Therapy
Identification and investigation of a problem relevant to the field of marriage and family therapy; preparation and presentation of a scholarly document summarizing the study or research. Scheduled irregularly.
Prerequisite(s): departmental permission.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
1 to 3 credits

MFT 605 - Therapeutic Use of Self in Groups I
Experiential techniques, methodology and theory for working with groups, couples and families. Didactic small group work as therapist, client and observer.
Prerequisite(s): MFT 506. Open to Matriculated MFT Students. Non-matriculated students require department permission.
Last Offered: Fall 2017
3 credits
MFT 606 - Therapeutic Use of Self in Groups II
Experiential techniques, methodology and theory for working with groups, couples and families. Didactic small group work as therapist, client and observer.
Prerequisite(s): MFT 605. Open to Matriculated MFT students. Non-matriculated students require department permission.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits

MFT 607 - Systemic Perspectives on Mental Health and Psychopathology
Students apply systemically based diagnostic skills to mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders within the delivery of family therapy services. Students incorporate the DSM and elementary knowledge of psychopharmacology into case management and clinical practice.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits

MFT 610 - Couples Therapy
Designed to present couples therapy from a multi-systemic view with particular emphasis on practical application and skill acquisition. Current research including client perceptions of ‘what works’, study and demonstrations of therapy, and case study will make up the matrix of study.
Prerequisite(s): MFT 597, MFT 598. Open to Matriculated MFT students. Non-matriculated students require department permission.
Last Offered: Fall 2017
3 credits

MFT 620 - Professional, Legal and Ethical Issues in Marriage and Family Therapy
Explores ideas and experiences and is designed to prepare the student to function as a professional therapist. Knowledge of and the ability to deal with major issues of the profession is one aspect of this. Legal and ethical knowledge and conduct are other hallmarks of a true professional. We will consider these topics in general and in the context of Connecticut state law. Scheduled fall semesters.
Prerequisite(s): Open to Matriculated MFT students. Non-matriculated students require department permission.
Last Offered: Fall 2017
3 credits

MFT 658 - Topics in Family Studies
An overview of major current topics such as eating disorders, violence, incest, and grief and loss, including treatment interventions in each instance. Scheduled spring semesters.
Prerequisite(s): Open to Matriculated MFT students. Non-matriculated students require department permission.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits

MFT 662 - MFT Internship in Case Management and Clinical Skill Development
Students work with couples and families both in an agency setting and at the Family Therapy Clinic while attending weekly supervision seminars. A total of 500 hours must be completed with a minimum of 300 of these hours being with couples and families present in the treatment room. Fifty of these hours must be accrued at the Family Therapy Clinic under direct, live supervision. Students receive individual and group supervision with a minimum of 50 hours of direct, live supervision. Scheduled fall, spring, and summer semesters.
Prerequisite(s): MFT 562. Open to Matriculated MFT students. Non-matriculated students require department permission.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits
MFT 663 - Marriage and Family Therapy Internship and Seminar II

Students work with couples and families both in an agency setting and at the Family Therapy Clinic while attending weekly supervision seminars. A total of 500 hours must be completed with a minimum of 300 of these hours being with couples and families present in the treatment room. Fifty of these hours must be accrued at the Family Therapy Clinic under direct, live supervision. Students receive individual and group supervision with a minimum of 50 hours of direct, live supervision. Scheduled fall, spring, and summer semesters. Prerequisite(s): MFT 562, MFT 563. Open to Matriculated MFT students. Non-matriculated students require department permission.
Last Offered: Spring 2015
3 credits

MFT 664 - Marriage and Family Therapy Internship and Seminar III

Students work with couples and families both in an agency setting and at the Family Therapy Clinic while attending weekly supervision seminars. A total of 500 hours must be completed with a minimum of 300 of these hours being with couples and families present in the treatment room. Fifty of these hours must be accrued at the Family Therapy Clinic under direct, live supervision. Students receive individual and group supervision with a minimum of 50 hours of direct, live supervision. Scheduled fall, spring, and summer semesters. Prerequisite(s): MFT 562, MFT 563. Open to Matriculated MFT students. Non-matriculated students require department permission.
Last Offered: Fall 2015
3 credits

MFT 665 - Field Work Internship Seminar

The seminar provides an opportunity for full or part time supervised MFT internship students working in off-site field settings to meet together weekly to integrate field experiences, participate in case consultation and discuss topics of professional interest while striving to complete the 500 hours of clinical work required for graduation.
Last Offered: Fall 2017
3 credits

MFT 668 - Family Systems Theory II

An advanced course focusing on an investigation of specific brief evidence based and post-modern theories and methods. Content and practice includes brief therapies, the reflecting team, the use of strategic assignments, solution focused therapy and in-home therapy. Scheduled spring semester. Prerequisite(s): Open to Matriculated MFT students. Non-matriculated students require department permission.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits

MFT 669 - Family Systems Theory-III: Evidence Based In-Home Treatment

An overview of the history, theoretical foundations, and implementation of several evidence-based in-home family treatment models. Didactic presentations and discussions in class will be supplemented by case presentations from practitioners, and by testimonials from families who have received in-home services.
Last Offered: Summer 2017
3 credits

MFT 672 - Understanding the Treatment of Substance Addictions in Couples and Families.

Family Systems view of the development and maintenance of substance abusing patterns and addiction. This course will focus on theories and treatment practices for the systemic, postmodern and evidence-based approaches to couples and family therapy.
Last Offered: Summer 2017
3 credits
MFT 673 - Treatment Issues in MFT: Integrating Spirituality and Religion

Applications of systems approach to treatment of families in crisis and transition. Consideration of the role of spirituality and religion in understanding family dynamics. Developing solutions to problems, and building on strengths and resilience.

Last Offered: Summer 2017
1.5 credits

SWK 510 - Social Welfare Policies and Delivery Systems

Philosophical, historical, analytical framework from which to view the practice of social work and human service programs in the context of the U.S. social welfare system. Scheduled fall and spring semesters. Open to non-matriculated students.

Last Offered: Fall 2017
3 credits

SWK 512 - Child Welfare Policies and Practice

The child’s rights, the child and the family, the child and the court, neglect and abuse, advocacy, foster care, and adoption are explored. Scheduled fall and spring semesters.

Prerequisite(s): SWK 510. Matriculated Social Work students only.

Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits

SWK 516 - Social Welfare Policy: The Aged

Numerous theoretical frameworks, advanced practice analysis, the impact of cultural, economic, political, and social factors on policy development and service systems for elders are explored. Scheduled fall semesters.

Prerequisite(s): SWK 510. Matriculated Social Work students only.

Last Offered: Spring 2017
3 credits

SWK 518 - Social Welfare Policy: Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Historical overview of mental health and substance abuse policy from colonial times to the present with cross-cultural comparisons to other societies. Current policies are stressed. Scheduled in spring and fall semesters.

Prerequisite(s): SWK 510. Matriculated Social Work students only.

Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits

SWK 521 - Contemporary Issues in Working with Alcoholic and Chemically Dependent Individuals and Families

Provides the theoretical knowledge and practice orientation to alcoholism and substance abuse required for students to effectively provide social work interventions to alcoholic and substance abusing individuals and families. Scheduled fall semester.

Last Offered: Fall 2017
3 credits

SWK 523 - Clinical Social Work Practice with Children

Provides knowledge, skills, and values for social work practice with children. Emphasis will be given to vulnerable and at-risk children. Scheduled fall semester.

Prerequisite(s): SWK 571. Matriculated Social Work students only.

Last Offered: Fall 2017
3 credits

SWK 525 - Faith Perspectives and Human Services

Impact of faith perspectives on human services; issues and dilemmas of workers who perceive helping as a lay ministry; understanding of diverse ethnic and cultural faith perspectives, cults and religious movements; and ecological and dual perspectives. Non-denominational and non-sectarian.

Last Offered: Spring 2013
3 credits
SWK 530 - Social Work Policies in Educational Settings
The challenges and opportunities of social work practice in educational settings are examined with particular focus on non-academic barriers to educational achievement with middle to high school age children. School internship or work experience in schools required. Scheduled fall and spring semesters.
Prerequisite(s): SWK 510.
Last Offered: Fall 2017
3 credits

SWK 532 - Theory and Practice I - Individuals
A re-conceptualization of problems, objectives, helping processes, service arrangements, worker and client roles based on the common factors model of social work practice. Matriculated Social Work students only. Scheduled fall semesters.
Last Offered: Fall 2017
3 credits

SWK 533 - Theory and Practice II - Groups
Generic method applied to groups as client, action or target systems, and professional teams. Models of intervention, skills, strategies, program and tasks. Scheduled spring semesters.
Prerequisite(s): Matriculated Social Work student.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits

SWK 534 - Theory and Practice III - Organizations and Communities
Analytical and transactional skills necessary for social work intervention with communities and organizations. Scheduled fall and spring semesters.
Prerequisite(s): Matriculated Social Work students only.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits

SWK 537 - Clinical Social Work Supervision
Components of effective social work supervision: administrative, educational, and supportive; skill development, assessing performance, planning in-service programs, accountability technologies, and managing socio-political relationships. Scheduled fall semester.
Last Offered: Fall 2017
3 credits

SWK 539 - Advanced Clinical Practice with Adolescents
Social science knowledge in social work assessment and intervention with children and teenagers who have been identified as "deviant." Scheduled spring semesters of even numbered years.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits

SWK 540 - Advanced Clinical Practice With Elders
Knowledge, skills, and methods needed to demonstrate effective clinical practice with the aged. Scheduled fall semesters.
Prerequisite(s): SWK 571 or departmental permission.
Last Offered: Fall 2017
3 credits

SWK 545 - Advanced Clinical Practice with Children and Adults
Knowledge, skills and methods needed for effective direct practice with children and families. Scheduled fall and spring semesters.
Prerequisite(s): SWK 571.
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<td>Provides students with social work theories, skills and values essential for practice with families. Emphasis will be given to special needs of vulnerable populations, diverse ethnic groups, prevention and empowerment. Scheduled fall and spring semesters. Prerequisite(s): SWK 571. Last Offered: Spring 2018</td>
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<td>SWK 549</td>
<td>Advanced Clinical Practice with Later Life Families</td>
<td>Provides an overview of later life families (60 years or older) using social and psychological perspectives for understanding adaptive and non-adaptive changes to family restructuring to late life developmental changes for the purposes of social work family interventions. Scheduled fall semesters. Prerequisite(s): SWK 571. Last Offered: Fall 2017</td>
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<td>SWK 550</td>
<td>Human Behavior in the Social Environment</td>
<td>Development of human behavior throughout the life cycle in various environments will be explored. The ecological, dual, conflict, psychodynamics and developmental perspectives will be emphasized. Open to non-matriculated students. Scheduled fall and summer semesters. Last Offered: Fall 2017</td>
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<td>SWK 551</td>
<td>Diversity, Oppression, and Social Functioning</td>
<td>Provides students with a theoretical understanding of culture, ethnicity, oppression, gender and race that informs clinical assessment and intervention. Focus is on the psychosocial dimensions of disempowerment and social work practice building on client strengths. Scheduled spring semesters. Open to non matriculated graduate students. Last Offered: Spring 2018</td>
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<td>SWK 552</td>
<td>Human Behavior in the Social Environment — Psychopathology</td>
<td>Identify and understand etiology, symptoms and course of psychiatric disorders. Impact of biopsychosocial variables, genetic factors, and human diversity on onset and course of psychopathology will be studied. Matriculated Social Work students only. Scheduled fall and spring semesters. Prerequisite(s): SWK 550. Last Offered: Spring 2018</td>
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<td>SWK 554</td>
<td>Violence in the Family: Interventive Strategies</td>
<td>Themes of violence in the family; socio-political theories of violence; diverse interventions; violence and oppression; implications for social work, law, and medical professions. Scheduled spring semesters. Cross-listed as WMS 554. Open to non-matriculated students. Last Offered: Spring 2014</td>
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<td>SWK 556</td>
<td>Advanced Clinical Practice in Mental Health and Substance Use</td>
<td>Principles and practices requiring specialized knowledge and skills to work with persons and families with severe and prolonged mental illness and/or substance abuse problems. An emphasis on cognitive behavioral approaches is stressed. Open to matriculated Social Work students only. Scheduled fall semesters. Prerequisite(s): SWK 571. Last Offered: Spring 2018</td>
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SWK 559 - Special Issues in Mental Health and Substance Abuse
Explores innovative community care approaches as well as emerging trends for working with persons with severe and prolonged mental disorder and substance abuse/addictions in the field of community mental health. Emphasizes social work intervention using psychosocial rehabilitation approaches for individuals and families seeking services from public mental health agencies, emphasizing evidence-based best practices, and client-centered, recovery-oriented approaches. Scheduled fall semesters. (Required for Cohort students, can be used as an elective for non-cohort students).
Prerequisite(s): Open to matriculated Social Work students only.
Last Offered: Summer 2016
3 credits

SWK 561 - Social Work Research Methods
Principles and applications of scientific research methods will be presented. Students develop a model of a social work practice research study as a final assignment. Scheduled spring semesters. Prerequisite(s): Open to matriculated social work students only.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits

SWK 568 - Addictive Behaviors: Intervention Strategies for Clinical Practice
Identification of the addictive behaviors of substance use, gambling, sex and over-eating in individuals across the life-span. Emphasis on effective social work strategies with addicted individuals and their families within the person in environment perspective. Open to matriculated social work students only. Scheduled spring semesters.
Prerequisite(s): SWK 571
Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits

SWK 569 - Clinical Sexuality and Social Work Practice
Knowledge of male/female sexual development, patterns of sexual response and the psychobiological tenets of love and skill acquisition for working with clients who experience sexual disorders, problems, worries and forcible sexual behavior.
Last Offered: Spring 2017
3 credits

SWK 570 - Generalist Social Work Field Practicum I
The supervised field practicum provides opportunities for the student to apply conceptual material to practice situations and to develop professional practice competency. Weekly seminar required which focuses on micro-counseling skills and intervention models. Open to matriculated students in Social Work. Scheduled fall semesters.
Last Offered: Fall 2017
3 credits
SWK 571 - Generalist Social Work Field Practicum II

Supervised field practicum and weekly seminar is a continuation of SWK 570. The seminar focuses on developing professional assessment skills and procedures employed in various settings. Open only to matriculated students in Social Work. Scheduled spring semesters.
Prerequisite(s): Matriculated Social Work student.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits

SWK 572 - Practicum III and Capstone Proposal

A supervised field practicum in the specialization concurrent with weekly seminar. The field practicum provides opportunity to develop professional practice competency and to produce a research proposal in the specialization. Scheduled fall semesters.
Prerequisite(s): SWK 571.
Last Offered: Fall 2017
1 to 6 credits

SWK 573 - Practicum IV and Capstone

A supervised field practicum in the specialization concurrent with weekly seminar. The field practicum provides opportunity to develop professional practice competence and to submit an acceptable research project in the specialization. Scheduled spring semesters.
Prerequisite(s): SWK 572.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
6 credits

SWK 580 - Seminar in Social Work Practice

Seminar in Social Work Practice
Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits

SWK 583 - Information Systems for Social Service Management

This course provides knowledge of management information systems design and implementation; evaluative research design and methods; and utilization of both for organizational decision making and policy settings.
Last Offered: Spring 2013
3 credits

SWK 584 - Non Profit Fiscal Management

Administrative decision-making related to financial planning and resource allocation in government, non-profit, or human service organizations. Knowledge and skills in budgeting, allocating, and expenditure control are studied in detail. Related activities such as fundraising, grant writing, public relations, and evaluation are briefly covered.
Last Offered: Spring 2014
3 credits

SWK 599 - Special Topics

Special Topics in Social Work (Topics vary.)
Last Offered: Spring 2016
1 to 3 credits

SWK 600 - Independent Study and Research

Study of an area of social work practice under the direction of a faculty member and with the consent of the chairperson of the department.
Prerequisite(s): departmental permission.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
1 to 3 credits