

SOCIAL WORK (SOWK)

SOWK 500 Generalist Bridge Course 1 Credit Hour(s)

The Generalist Bridge Course prepares the student for graduate work in social work, including basic introduction to competencies, orientation to social work values, writing and technology proficiencies.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 501 Generalist Social Work Concepts 3-4 Credit Hour(s)

Generalist Social Work Concepts is a course that gives an overview of the field of social work practice and corresponding concepts. Topics addressed include, but are not limited to the ecclesiastical beginnings of the profession, cultural humility, social policy, self-care, the integration of faith and practice, as well as social work values and practice settings.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 510 Generalist Social Work Macro Practice 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 501 and SOWK 530

Social Work Macro Practice is the study of practice in community and organizational settings from a generalist social work point of view. Students practice skills associated with engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation with communities and organizations.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 530 Human Behavior and the Social Environment 3 Credit Hour(s)

Human Behavior and the Social Environment is a course that addresses theoretical perspectives as tools for understanding human behavior and its development across the life span. The interrelatedness of the biological, psychological, social, and spiritual aspects within the environment is the main area of focus.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 544 Generalist Field Enrollment I 0 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 500 and SOWK 501 and SOWK 530

Generalist Field Enrollment I provides students with guidance in their efforts to secure a placement for their Generalist Field Experience. Initial documents are completed. Upon successful completion of the course, students are manually registered by the Department and enrolled in Generalist Field Experience II in which the placement is finalized.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 545 Generalist Field Enrollment II 0 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 500 (may be taken concurrently) and SOWK 544

Generalist Field Enrollment II provides students with guidance in their efforts to finalize a placement which was secured in SOWK 544 (Generalist Field Enrollment I) for their Generalist Field Experience. Upon successful completion of the course, students are enrolled in a field experience.

Registration Restrictions: GPA 2.75 or higher; Manual enrollment by Department

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 550 Generalist Practice with Individuals and Families 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 500 (may be taken concurrently) and SOWK 501 and SOWK 530

Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families focuses on generalist social work practice utilizing the interactional approach to helping. Skill development in engagement, assessment, and intervention is the emphasis of the course.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 555 Generalist Social Work Practice with Groups 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 501 and SOWK 530

Generalist Social Work Practice with Groups provides students with the opportunity to develop an understanding of theories, methods, and skills in relation to generalist practice with social work groups. This course also provides the forum for students to gain an understanding of the cultural values of individuals and the influence of those values on the group process.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 570 Generalist Social Work Communication and Ethics 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 500 (may be taken concurrently) and SOWK 501

Generalist Social Work Communication and Ethics is the study of social work communication and the values and principles of ethical decision-making. Topics in the course include social work documentation, APA format, and oral communication skills in the context of ethics. Students are encouraged to view the subject matter in light of a biblical worldview.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 575 Generalist Field Experience and Seminar A 4 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 501 and SOWK 530 and SOWK 545 and SOWK 555 and SOWK 570 and SOWK 588 (may be taken concurrently)

Generalist Field Experience and Seminar A provides students with the opportunity to perform in the role of a social work practitioner under the supervision of an experienced master's level social worker. This is the first in a sequence of 2 courses. Students are engaged in a minimum of 200 field hours in a setting performing the duties of a social worker. Additionally, students meet for two hours weekly to discuss the theoretical and conceptual concepts learned in the classroom with the practical experiences in field placement. The course emphasizes the health and safety of the social work student.

Registration Restrictions: Registration will be completed by the Department

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 577 Generalist Field Experience and Seminar B 4 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 501 and SOWK 530 and SOWK 545 and SOWK 555 and SOWK 570 and SOWK 588 (may be taken concurrently)

Generalist Field Experience and Seminar B provides students with the opportunity to perform in the role of a social work practitioner under the supervision of an experienced master's level social worker. This is the second in a sequence of 2 courses. Students are engaged in a minimum of 200 field hours in a setting performing the duties of a social worker. Additionally, students meet for two hours weekly to discuss the theoretical and conceptual concepts learned in the classroom with the practical experiences in field placement. The course emphasizes the health and safety of the social work student.

Registration Restrictions: Registration will be completed by the Department

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 580 Social Work Research Methods 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 500 (may be taken concurrently) and SOWK 501 and SOWK 530

The course will provide an overview of qualitative, quantitative, mixed method research, and research design. It will provide basic foundational knowledge for social work research and how to evaluate and critique literature. Students will better understand the overall approaches of research, use of literature reviews, development of research proposals, and anticipation of ethical issues while developing writing strategies

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 588 Generalist Comprehensive Exam 0 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: ((SOWK 560 or SOWK 565 or SOWK 575 or SOWK 577 or SOWK 590) and SOWK 501 and SOWK 530 and SOWK 545 and SOWK 550 and SOWK 555 and SOWK 570)

Students are required to pass the comprehensive exam with a 70% or higher.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 590 Generalist Field Experience and Seminar 8 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 501 and SOWK 530 and SOWK 545 and SOWK 555 and SOWK 570 and SOWK 588 (may be taken concurrently)

Generalist Field Experience and Seminar provides students with the opportunity to perform in the role of a social work practitioner under the supervision of an experienced master's level social worker. Students are engaged in a minimum of 400 field hours in a setting performing the duties of a social worker. Additionally, students meet for two hours weekly to discuss the theoretical and conceptual concepts learned in the classroom with the practical experiences in field placement. The course emphasizes the health and safety of the social work student.

Registration Restrictions: Registration will be completed by the Department

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 600 Advanced Generalist Bridge Course 1 Credit Hour(s)

The Advanced Generalist Bridge Course prepares the student for graduate work in social work, including an advanced introduction to competencies, emphasis on social work values and ethics, the biblical underpinnings of the profession, advanced writing skills, and technology proficiencies.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 610 Advanced Social Work Macro Practice 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 510 and SOWK 588 and SOWK 655

Advanced Social Work Macro Practice addresses an in-depth approach to social work practice with communities and organizations. Students engage members of a community or organization and identify strengths, needs, opportunities, and threats. Emphasis is placed on the strengths of the entity and students are encouraged to use an empowerment model to aid the entity in capitalizing on their strengths.

Registration Restrictions: Master of Social Work students

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 612 Program Development and Supervision 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 588 and SOWK 655

Program Development and Supervision provides the opportunity for students to develop competency in the use of and provision of supervision. Additionally, students will gain knowledge in the area of program development through experiential learning.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 625 Social Policy, Justice, and Advocacy 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 588

Social Justice, Policy, and Advocacy addresses social policy and advocacy from a social and environmental justice perspective. Students will have the opportunity to assess policy, recognizing the influence it has on individuals, groups, organizations, and communities. Students will engage in advocacy for socially just policies.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 641 Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 645 and SOWK 655

Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice provides the opportunity for students to develop clinical skills in working with individuals, families, and groups struggling with mental health and/or substance abuse issues.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 643 Child and Family Social Work Clinical Practice 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 645 and SOWK 655

Child and Family Social Work Clinical Practice provides the opportunity for students to develop competency in child and family therapeutic practice. Emphasis is placed on the use of research-informed practice.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 644 Social Development and International Social Work Practice 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 588 and SOWK 655

Social Development and International Social Work Practice provides students with the opportunity to develop skills in working with international populations. Students will gain an understanding of global social work in developing and developed countries.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 645 Psychopathology and Addictions 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 588

Psychopathology and Addictions exposes students to mental health diagnoses and addictive behavior. Students gain an understanding of the use of the DSM-5 and the ICD 10 in social work practice. Students will learn the basics of diagnosis.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 647 Military Social Work Practice 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 588 and SOWK 645 and SOWK 655

Military Social Work Practice provides the opportunity for students to develop competency in assessment, engagement, and intervention with military populations. Emphasis is placed on the use of research-informed practice.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 650 Diversity and Cultural Humility 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 588

Diversity and Cultural Humility provides students with a basic understanding of the multifaceted complex diversities in society. The course emphasizes cultural humility and cultural intelligence.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 655 Advanced Generalist Social Work Practice 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 588

Advanced Generalist Social Work Practice provides an overview to a variety of theoretical approaches to helping individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations. The course emphasizes the necessity of utilizing research-informed practice in a competent manner.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 664 Advanced Field Enrollment I 0 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: ((SOWK 560 and SOWK 565) or (SOWK 575 and SOWK 577) or SOWK 590 or SOWK 600 (may be taken concurrently))

Advanced Field Enrollment I provides students with guidance in their efforts to secure a placement for their advanced field experience. Initial proposal documents are submitted. And upon successful completion of the course, students register for Advanced Field Enrollment II (SOWK 665) in which the placement is finalized. Advanced Field Enrollment I and Advanced Field Enrollment II must be completed during the same semester, the semester immediately before a student intends to complete their advanced field experience & seminar course.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 665 Advanced Field Enrollment II 0 Credit Hour(s)**Prerequisite:** SOWK 664

Advanced Field Enrollment II provides students with guidance in their efforts to finalize a placement which was secured in SOWK 664 (Advanced Field Enrollment I) for their advanced field experience. Upon successful completion of the course, students are enrolled in their advanced field experience.

Registration Restrictions: GPA of 3.0 or higher**Offered:** Resident and Online**SOWK 675 Advanced Field Experience and Seminar A (Comprehensive Focus) 4 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** ((SOWK 635 or SOWK 655) and (SOWK 575 or SOWK 590 or SOWK 600) and SOWK 665)

Advanced Field Experience and Seminar A (Comprehensive Focus) provides students with the opportunity to perform in the role of a social work practitioner under the supervision of an experienced master's level social worker. Students are engaged in a minimum of 300 field hours performing the duties of a social worker over the course of the entire semester, including a minimum number of direct client contact hours for skill development. Additionally, students meet weekly for two hours in a synchronous seminar to receive support and mentoring from peers and faculty and to integrate the theoretical and conceptual concepts learned in the classroom as they develop competency through the practical experiences in field placement. The course emphasizes a comprehensive array of skills for advanced social work practice including direct practice, leadership, advocacy, organizational and community engagement, program development and evaluation, and development of expertise in general, clinical, or specialized settings. It also covers the health and safety of the social worker.

Note: SOWK 675 and SOWK 677 offer students the opportunity to complete 600 hours of placement in the same setting over two consecutive semesters instead of a one semester timeframe in SOWK 690. SOWK 675 must be completed successfully and then followed immediately by SOWK 677 the next semester. Registration is completed by submission of Registration Override Form (ROVR) by the student and approved by the Department after successful completion of SOWK 665.

Offered: Resident and Online**SOWK 677 Advanced Field Experience and Seminar B (Comprehensive Focus) 5 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** ((SOWK 635 or SOWK 655) and SOWK 665 and SOWK 675)

Advanced Field Experience and Seminar B (Comprehensive Focus) provides students with the opportunity to perform in the role of a social work practitioner under the supervision of an experienced master's level social worker. Students are engaged in a minimum of 300 field hours performing the duties of a social worker over the course of the entire semester, including a minimum number of direct client contact hours for skill development. Additionally, students meet weekly for two hours in a synchronous seminar to receive support and mentoring from peers and faculty and to integrate the theoretical and conceptual concepts learned in the classroom as they develop competency through the practical experiences in field placement. The course emphasizes a comprehensive array of skills for advanced social work practice including direct practice, leadership, advocacy, organizational and community engagement, program development and evaluation, and development of expertise in general, clinical, or specialized settings. It also covers the health and safety of the social worker.

Note: SOWK 675 and SOWK 677 offer students the opportunity to complete 600 hours of placement in the same setting over two consecutive semesters instead of a one semester timeframe in SOWK 690. SOWK 677 must be completed the semester immediately following successful completion of SOWK 675. Registration is completed by submission of Registration Override Form (ROVR) by the student and approved by the Department after successful completion of SOWK 665.

Offered: Resident and Online**SOWK 680 Applied Research and Ethics 3 Credit Hour(s)****Prerequisite:** SOWK 580 and SOWK 588

The SOWK 680 Applied Research and Ethics course builds on basic research knowledge, expanding to assessment, evaluation, and ethical program research in social work practice. Developing the necessary skills and cognitive and effective processes to conduct program evaluation, practice evaluation, and the critique of evidence-based practice literature to constantly enhance social work practice and programs is the focus of the course. Students will enhance their skills in research informed practice and practice informed research.

Registration Restrictions: Master of Social Work students**Offered:** Resident and Online

SOWK 685 Advanced Field Experience and Seminar A (Clinical Focus) 4 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: ((SOWK 635 or SOWK 655) and (SOWK 575 or SOWK 590 or SOWK 600) and (SOWK 640 or SOWK 645) and SOWK 665)

Advanced Field Experience and Seminar A (Clinical Focus) provides students with the opportunity to perform in the role of a social work practitioner under the supervision of an experienced master's level social worker. Students are engaged in a minimum of 300 field hours performing the duties of a social worker, over the course of the entire semester including a minimum number of direct client contact hours for skill development. Additionally, students meet weekly for two hours in a synchronous seminar to receive support and mentoring from peers and faculty and to integrate theoretical and conceptual concepts learned in the classroom as they develop competency through the practical experiences in field placement. The course emphasizes clinical practice skills including diagnosis , assessment, prevention, intervention, treatment, and advocacy, and development of expertise in general, clinical, or specialized settings. It also covers the health and safety of the social worker.

Note: SOWK 685 and SOWK 687 offer students the opportunity to complete 600 hours of placement in the same setting over two consecutive semesters instead of a one semester timeframe in SOWK 695. SOWK 685 must be completed successfully and then followed immediately by SOWK 687 the next semester. Registration is completed by submission of Registration Override Form (ROVR) by the student and approved by the Department after successful completion of SOWK 665.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 687 Advanced Field Experience & Seminar B (Clinical Focus) 5 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: ((SOWK 635 or SOWK 655) and SOWK 640 and SOWK 641 and SOWK 665 and SOWK 685)

Advanced Field Experience and Seminar B (Clinical Focus) provides students with the opportunity to perform in the role of a social work practitioner under the supervision of an experienced master's level social worker. Students are engaged in a minimum of 300 field hours performing the duties of a social worker, over the course of the entire semester including a minimum number of direct client contact hours for skill development. Additionally, students meet weekly for two hours in a synchronous seminar to receive support and mentoring from peers and faculty and to integrate theoretical and conceptual concepts learned in the classroom as they develop competency through the practical experiences in field placement. The course emphasizes clinical practice skills including diagnosis , assessment, prevention, intervention, treatment, and advocacy, and development of expertise in general, clinical, or specialized settings. It also covers the health and safety of the social worker.

Note: SOWK 685 and SOWK 687 offer students the opportunity to complete 600 hours of placement in the same setting over two consecutive semesters instead of a one semester timeframe in SOWK 695. SOWK 687 must be completed the semester immediately following successful completion of SOWK 685. Registration is completed by submission of Registration Override Form (ROVR) by the student and approved by the Department after successful completion of SOWK 665.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 688 Advanced Generalist Comprehensive Exam 0 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 588 and SOWK 625 (may be taken concurrently) and SOWK 650 (may be taken concurrently) and SOWK 655 (may be taken concurrently) and SOWK 665 (may be taken concurrently) and SOWK 670 (may be taken concurrently) and SOWK 680 (may be taken concurrently) Students are required to pass the comprehensive exam with a 70% or higher.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 690 Advanced Field Experience and Seminar - Block (Comprehensive Focus) 6-9 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: ((SOWK 635 or SOWK 655) and (SOWK 575 or SOWK 590 or SOWK 600) and SOWK 665)

Advanced Field Experience and Seminar Block (Comprehensive Focus) provides students with the opportunity to perform in the role of a social work practitioner under the supervision of an experienced master's level social worker. Students are engaged in a minimum of 600 field hours performing the duties of a social worker over the course of the entire semester, including a minimum number of direct client contact hours for skill development. Additionally, students meet weekly for two hours in a synchronous seminar to receive support and mentoring from peers and faculty and to integrate the theoretical and conceptual concepts learned in the classroom as they develop competency through the practical experiences in field placement. The course emphasizes a comprehensive array of skills for advanced social work practice including direct practice, leadership, advocacy, organizational and community engagement, program development and evaluation, and development of expertise in general, clinical, or specialized settings. It also covers the health and safety of the social worker.

Note: Registration is completed by submission of Registration Override Form (ROVR) by the student and approved by the Department after successful completion of SOWK 665.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 695 Advanced Field Experience & Seminar -Block (Clinical Focus) 6-9 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: ((SOWK 635 or SOWK 655) and (SOWK 575 or SOWK 590 or SOWK 600) and SOWK 640 and SOWK 665)

Advanced Field Experience and Seminar Block (Clinical Focus) provides students with the opportunity to perform in the role of a social work practitioner under the supervision of an experienced master's level social worker. Students are engaged in a minimum of 600 field hours performing the duties of a social worker, over the course of the entire semester including a minimum number of direct client contact hours for skill development. Additionally, students meet weekly for two hours in a synchronous seminar to receive support and mentoring from peers and faculty and to integrate theoretical and conceptual concepts learned in the classroom as they develop competency through the practical experiences in field placement. The course emphasizes clinical practice skills including diagnosis , assessment, prevention, intervention, treatment, and advocacy, and development of expertise in general, clinical, or specialized settings. It also covers the health and safety of the social worker.

Offered: Resident and Online

SOWK 697 Special Topics in Advanced Generalist Social Work 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: SOWK 501

An in-depth study of a specific aspect of social work practice.

Registration Restrictions: Instructor approval

Offered: Resident and Online