DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

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Mission Statement
The mission of the California State University, Bakersfield, Department of Social Work, is to prepare students for social work practice and leadership at the advanced generalist level. Graduates possess the knowledge, values, and skills required to competently and ethically work with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities using best practices. The Department is committed to improving social conditions in the Central Valley by promoting culturally responsive practice, social justice, and life-long learning.

Courses

**SW 6000 Professional Social Work Identity (3)**
This course focuses on social work values and ethics as well as California and federal laws related to the practice of social work. It also prepares students to begin work in the field by exploring issues related to professional standards of conduct, personal and professional values, and communication skills. Prerequisite: Program Admission.
Requisite(s): Prerequisite: Program Admission

**SW 6100 Foundation Policy in Social Work (3)**
This course provides students with an overview of the history, philosophy, and the evolving development of social welfare policy in the US. This knowledge is used as a foundation for developing skills in policy practice and analysis that are grounded in social justice and human rights perspectives. Prerequisite: Program Admission.
Requisite(s): Prerequisite: Program Admission
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

**SW 6160 Advanced Policy in Social Work (3)**
This course continues the focus on policy analysis developed in the previous course and emphasizes skills necessary to influence organizational policy and social policy to deliver effective social work services and to advance social and economic well-being. Prerequisite: SW 6100.
Requisite(s): Prerequisites: SW 6100
Typically Offered: Spring

**SW 6200 Foundation Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)**
This foundation course introduces students to the evaluation and application of theories, models, and frameworks that guide social work practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. The course explores the social construction of both explanatory and interventions theories and the role of theory in case formulation. It is the first course in a two-course sequence. Prerequisite: Program Admission.
Requisite(s): Prerequisite: Program Admission

**SW 6260 Advanced Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)**
This course continues the focus on policy analysis developed in the previous course and emphasizes skills necessary to influence organizational policy and social policy to deliver effective social work services and to advance social and economic well-being. Prerequisite: SW 6100.
Requisite(s): Prerequisite: Program Admission

**SW 6300 Foundation Research in Social Work (3)**
This course introduces social work research methods, including quantitative and qualitative designs, as they relate to social work practice and evaluation. Students develop skills to use research evidence to inform and to evaluate practice. Students learn to analyze and interpret descriptive statistics, as well as how to design and implement ethical research. Prerequisite: Program Admission.
Requisite(s): Prerequisite: Program Admission
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

**SW 6360 Advanced Research in Social Work (3)**
This advanced course focuses on developing skills in evaluating social service programs within the community. It emphasizes the skills necessary to design and implement program evaluation including quantitative and qualitative data analyses and the role of context and ethics. Prerequisite: Completion of SW 6300.
Requisite(s): Prerequisite: SW 6300
Typically Offered: Fall, Summer

**SW 6400 Generalist Social Work Practice (3)**
This course is an introduction to social work practice and explores the common elements of the micro, mezzo, and macro spectrum of social work practice. Students will investigate the process of planned change and the common elements of effective social work practice. Specific skills learned include how to establish rapport, gather and analyze information, formulate an assessment, and create a plan of intervention with the client. The student will explore foundation level social work practice skills and their use across the spectrum of social work practice. Prerequisite: Program Admission.
Requisite(s): Prerequisite: Program Admission

**SW 6410 Diagnostic Process in Social Work (3)**
The primary focus of this course is on the development of diagnostic skills using a competency-based assessment model. The DSM 5 and ICD 10 are used as an organizing framework to provide a context and a backdrop to explore mental disorders. Strengths and limitations of this framework are examined. The importance of context including the impact of culture, poverty, race/ethnicity, and other factors is emphasized. Ethical issues related to assessment and diagnoses are integrated throughout the course. Prerequisite: Program Admission
Requisite(s): Prerequisite: Program Admission
Typically Offered: Spring, Summer
**SW 6500 Foundation Social Work Field Practicum** (3)
This is the Foundation Practicum course and includes 20 hours a week with a semester total of 320 hours of supervised practice experience in a community social agency (an internship) and a 2-hour integrative seminar. It also includes a face-to-face liaison visit with the student, the seminar instructor, and the field instructor each term. The course focuses on the application of foundation knowledge, skills, values, and ethics to practice with diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities across the life span. Students develop skills in self-evaluation and effective use of self across multiple roles and in accord with professional values and ethics and with applicable laws and regulations; culturally responsive interviewing, assessment, intervention, and evaluation; written and oral professional communication; effective use of supervision; and critical assessment of agency policy and practice. Prerequisite: SW 6000 and SW 6400.

**Requisite(s):** Prereqs: SW 6000 and SW 6400

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring

**SW 6560 Advanced Social Work Field Practicum I** (3)
This is the first advanced supervised practicum course, which includes a 2-hour field seminar and 20 hours of supervised field experience for 16 weeks each term (for a total of 320 hours per semester). It also includes a face-to-face liaison visit with the student, the seminar instructor, and the field instructor each term. The seminar and field experience are designed to engage students in supervised application of the knowledge and skills acquired in other courses. The goal is to produce a professionally reflective, self-evaluating, knowledgeable, and developing social worker who can flexibly apply a variety of knowledge and skills with diverse populations that interrelate with multiple systems across the life span in accord with professional values and ethics and applicable laws and regulations. The supervised field experience may extend beyond the limits of a typical semester. Prerequisites: SW 6500, successful advancement to candidacy; and prerequisite or corequisite SW 6460.

**Requisite(s):** Prerequisites: SW 6500 and advanced to candidacy; and prerequisite or corequisite: SW 6460.

**Typically Offered:** Fall

**SW 6570 Advanced Social Work Field Practicum II** (3)
This is the second advanced supervised practicum course, which includes a 2-hour field seminar and 20 hours of supervised field experience for 16 weeks each term (for a total of 320 hours per semester). It also includes a face-to-face liaison visit with the student, the seminar instructor, and the field instructor each term. The seminar and field experience are designed to engage students in supervised application of the knowledge and skills acquired in other courses. The goal is to produce a professionally reflective, self-evaluating, knowledgeable, and developing social worker who can flexibly apply a variety of knowledge and skills with diverse populations that interrelate with multiple systems across the life span in accord with professional values and ethics and applicable laws and regulations. The supervised field experience may extend beyond the limits of a typical semester. Prerequisites: SW 6500 and SW 6560, successful advancement to candidacy and prerequisite or corequisite SW 6470.

**Requisite(s):** Prerequisites: SW 6500 and SW 6560, successful advancement to candidacy and prerequisite or corequisite: SW 6470.

**Typically Offered:** Spring

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**SW 6420 Foundation Micro Social Work Practice** (3)
This is the foundation course in generalist micro social work practice. The course will examine the assumptions, concepts, principles, and values of micro generalist social work practice in terms of professional relationships, social work roles, treatment processes, and service delivery models with individuals. The course will also explore special issues relating to diverse populations. Values and ethics will underlie the materials and analysis of social work problems and decision-making. Prerequisite: SW 6400.

**Requisite(s):** Prerequisite: SW 6400

**Typically Offered:** Spring

**SW 6430 Foundation Mezzo Social Work Practice** (3)
This foundation mezzo practice course introduces students to the legal, ethical, and practical challenges of social work practice with client systems consisting of two or more individuals. The course focuses primarily on the processes and practices common to social work with all groups and to different kinds of groups. Prerequisite: SW 6400.

**Requisite(s):** Prerequisite: SW 6400

**Typically Offered:** Spring

**SW 6440 Foundation Macro Social Work Practice** (3)
This is a macro foundation course in generalist social work practice and focuses on communities and organizations as social systems. It examines generalist community and administrative practice roles, and the perspectives of strengths, empowerment, and evidence-based practice, along with the values of social and economic justice, diversity, and empowerment. Students will analyze the community as a social system and explore evidence-based strategies for bringing about change at the macro level. Specific attention is given to assessing community assets and needs. Prerequisite: SW 6400.

**Requisite(s):** Prerequisite: SW 6400

**Typically Offered:** Spring

**SW 6460 Advanced Social Work Practice I** (3)
This is the first practice course within the advanced generalist practice concentration, and it builds on the knowledge and skills gained in foundation courses. The focus of this course is on the integration of theories, concepts, and principles in direct service at the micro level. Students are expected to demonstrate increased competency in assessing and strategically intervening with clients. Students will also demonstrate a deeper understanding of the various social work roles, functions, and processes across levels and types of social work practice. Prerequisite: Advancement to candidacy.

**Requisite(s):** Prerequisite: Advancement to candidacy.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring

**SW 6470 Advanced Social Work Practice II** (3)
This is the second course in the advanced generalist practice sequence. It focuses on the knowledge and skill base necessary for effective social work practice with families. The course equips students with advanced skills in engagement, assessment, and intervention with families. There is an emphasis on integrating various theoretical perspectives and evidence-based practice approaches. Throughout the course, students actively engage in skill-building exercises to strengthen practice competencies in work with diverse family systems. Prerequisite: Advancement to candidacy.

**Requisite(s):** Prerequisite: Advancement to candidacy.

**Typically Offered:** Spring
SW 6650  Social Work Practice in Health Care (3)
This course prepares students for advanced practice within an evolving health care system. There is a focus on knowledge, practice theory, and skills related to physical and behavioral health, health care delivery systems, and the roles and responsibilities of social workers in those settings. Values and ethics and cultural and linguistic competency are also infused throughout the course. Prerequisites: SW 6410 and SW 6420.

Requisite(s): Prereqs: SW 6410, 6420

SW 6660  Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice in Integrated Healthcare (3)
This course provides information and skills necessary for the practice of social work with people who have problems of functioning that are commonly treated in mental health settings. The course is designed to provide a better understanding of the service delivery system and ideas for how to work effectively in it. Issues related to ethics, diversity, and social justice are incorporated in the course. The course also examines values that community mental health professionals must consider: cultural competence, empowerment, and the ethical concerns unique to helping agency-affiliated individuals in the community. Prerequisites: SW 6410 and SW 6420.

Requisite(s): Prerequisite: SW 6410 and SW 6420.

SW 6670  School Social Work (3)
School Social Work is an elective course designed to help student's gain a greater understanding of the role of a school social worker, and its implications for social work practice. The focus of this course is on the application of theories, concepts, and principles in the direct/indirect practice of children and their families. This course will utilize an ecological perspective with emphasis placed on the ethical dimensions faced in a public school setting. This course will be delivered as a hybrid format and it will have a weekly face-to-face lecture. The course is offered only to MSW students.

Requisite(s): The course is offered only to MSW students.

SW 6710  Special Topics in Social Work (1-3)
Offered periodically as announced. May be repeated with different course content. Prerequisite: admission to the program or instructor permission. Repeatable for Credit: Yes, up to 15 units

SW 6910  Individual Study (1-3)
This course allows a student to work independently with a professor on a collaboratively designed plan of study. Prerequisite: instructor permission. Repeatable for Credit: Yes, up to 15 units

SW 7000  Continuous Enrollment (0)
Graduate students who have completed the majority of their coursework but have not completed their culminating experience or thesis may enroll in this 0-unit course for the purpose of maintaining continuous enrollment. Prerequisite: approval of the Program Coordinator. Repeatable for Credit: Yes, up to 0 units

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