# Florida Atlantic University

## Graduate Programs—New Course Proposal

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**Recommended Course Identification** (to obtain a course number, contact prudden@fau.edu)

**Prefix-SOW**

**Course Number**

**COMPLETE COURSE TITLE:** Advanced Clinical Social Work Practicum

**Effective Date**

(first term course will be offered)

**Credits**


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**Course Description**, no more than three lines:

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**Prerequisites**

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**Corequisites**

**Registration Controls (Major, College, Level)**

**Minimum Qualifications needed to Teach this Course:** PhD, DSW or Other Clinical Doctorate

**Member of the Graduate Faculty of FAU and has a terminal degree in the subject area (or a closely related field).**

**Faculty contact, email and complete phone number:**

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**Please consult and list departments that might be affected by the new course and attach comments.**

Education, Nursing, Arts & Letters

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**Approved by:**

**Date:**

1. Syllabus must be attached; see guidelines for requirements:

2. Review Provost Memorandum:
   - [Definition of a Credit Hour](http://www.fau.edu/provost/files/Definition_Credit_Hour_Memo_2012.pdf)

3. Consent from affected departments (attach if necessary)

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Email this form and syllabus to UGPC@fau.edu one week before the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting.

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DSW Program Mission

The DSW program provides doctoral-level practitioners with educational experiences that will allow them to engage in advanced clinical social work practice, conduct advanced clinical research, teach evidence-based practice courses, and assume leadership roles in the social work profession. Upon completion, DSW graduates will be able to:

- Integrate social work, social, and behavioral sciences with other disciplines as the basis for the highest level of evidence-based social work practice.
- Demonstrate professionalism, leadership, ethical principles, and scientific integrity in advanced social work practice, education, and research.
- Provide collaborative leadership in the development of social work evidence-based practice models and standards of care for diverse populations.
- Generate client, systems, practice, and outcomes research.
- Analyze theory, empirical research, and other evidence to guide improvements in social work practice.
- Utilize information systems and technology to enhance social work education and practice.

Course Description

This practicum offers students the option to pursue a clinical research practicum or a pedagogical experience. A formal learning plan adopted by the DSW coordinator, the student and a practicum consultant must be in place prior to enrollment in this course.

Specifically, and in conjunction with the DSW coordinator and the course instructor, each student will choose a pedagogical practicum or clinical research experience that will advance her/his career goals. This course offers the student an opportunity to engage in a supervised teaching internship (STI) in the School of Social Work or another field setting where a pedagogical experience is possible. Alternatively, a student may pursue a clinical research internship in a supervised mental health, health, or social service practice setting. Research supervisors must have completed relevant doctoral-level education and have sufficient research or experience to be able to effectively supervise a DSW student. The minimum requirement for teaching is a 40-hour course (3 credit or
equivalent), plus a minimum of one hour of supervision per week. For those DSW students opting for an educational experience, they will serve as a supervised adjunct for one (3 credit) undergraduate- or graduate-level course in the FAU School of Social Work. The educational field option requires the student to prepare and teach the course along with academic supervision provided by a tenured/tenure-line faculty member of the School of Social Work.

**Relevance to Educational Program**

This course offers students an opportunity to consider how they might bring advanced clinical knowledge, skill and leadership to established Schools of Social Work and pursue a career as a clinical instructor in a social work program. With supervision, this course is designed to help the student link theory, ethics, self-awareness, and practice by integrating what they are learning from their other DSW courses in a teaching role. For those students who are interested in pursuing clinical research, the option exists for them to work with a more experienced doctoral level researcher. This course allows students to individualize their practicum experience to their educational needs and purposes by giving them an opportunity to develop and implement their own practicum goals, objectives, activities, and methods of evaluating their clinical competencies.

**Course Objectives**

Each student will develop 5 to 10 of his or her own practicum objectives, based on the student’s learning interests, learning needs, and available practicum opportunities. The course objectives will be incorporated into a learning plan to be negotiated with and approved by the course instructor (who will also act as a practicum liaison). All course objectives will be competence-based objectives, for instance:

1. Example for a teaching internship experience (TIE): Develop and implement evidence-based, online educational modules in a generalist social work practice with individual practice course.

2. Example for a research internship experience: Apply logistic regression analysis in the context of evaluating the effectiveness of rational-emotive behavior therapy for elderly clients with depression and evidencing the ability to disseminate the findings in a comprehensible manner to potential social work clients.

**Required Textbooks/Readings**

(1) REQUIRED TEXT:

(2) As part of the learning plan, the student will propose a list of readings to be used in conjunction with the practicum. These readings may include readings from other courses,
as well as theory, empirical research studies, and other readings that will support
the student’s attainment of his or her learning objectives.

Other course readings may be presented online. Please visit the Blackboard Web site
for this course at http://blackboard.fau.edu for additional information. IMPORTANT:
Blackboard uses the email addresses assigned to you by FAU (see http://myfau.fau.edu
or http://mail.fau.edu). If you are experiencing problems logging onto MyFAU, your email
account, or Blackboard, you can contact the FAU helpdesk at (561) 297-3999.

Safe Assign

Students agree that by taking this course all required papers may be subject to submission
for textual similarity review to SafeAssign for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted
papers will be included as source documents in the SafeAssign reference database solely
for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers.

Course Assignments and Grading

The course assignments and grading will be determined as part of the individualized
learning plan to be negotiated between the student and instructor, with input from the
practicum supervisor. Examples of gradable field assignments include:

- For supervised teaching internship (STI): evidence-based in-class exercises
developed by student; online educational modules; development of student
evaluation tools (e.g., measuring acquisition of BSW competencies); videos of
teaching; process recordings of teaching; supervisory observations of teaching.
- For clinical research internship (CRI): literature review, research proposal with
research methods, research instruments developed and tested by student,
Institutional Review Board application/approval; data analysis (qualitative or
quantitative) [student may make use of and build upon research proposals and
work from prior classes; however, the graded work for this field course must be
original for this course]

Based on the Individualized student’s learning plan (see section below):
Evaluation from practicum supervisor 40%
Evaluation of instructor 40%
Evidence of mastery of individualized readings 20%

100%

The grading scale for this course is as follows:

93 – 100% = A 73 – 76% = C
90 – 92% = A- 70 – 72% = C-
87 – 89% = B+ 67 – 69% = D+
INDIVIDUALIZED Learning Plans

At least two months prior to the term in which a student takes this practicum course, the instructor will meet with the students to provide information and orient them to the process and course requirements. Students will work with the instructor to develop a learning plan by no later than one month prior to the start of the field course. The contents of the learning plan will include:

1. Student Learning Goals and Objectives (competency-based) – specific goals and objectives that link to the students learning needs, past coursework, and the mission of the DSW program.
2. Practicum Context – description of the educational context or clinical practice research partners, as well as the rationale to explain how this practicum is an appropriate fit given the student’s learning goals, objectives, and needs.
3. Supervisor – description of the person who has agreed to provide supervision, including a description of the person’s educational experience, professional experience, licensures, and competencies that indicate this person will be able to provide effective supervision for the student, given the student’s
4. Learning activities - week-by-week description of the student’s planned learning activities (including readings, meetings with supervisor, clinical/research/teaching activities, assignments, due dates)
5. Evaluation – description of how the student will be evaluated by the supervisor and by the course instructor, including competence-based measures that relate to the student’s goals and objectives.
6. Ethical Standards – description of how any ethical issues will be managed (e.g., potential concerns regarding confidentiality, informed consent, boundary issues, legal reporting requirements)
7. Roles – description of the roles and expectations of the student, field supervisor, and course instructor (field liaison).

DSW Student Policies

For professional expectations of student behaviors, attendance, academic integrity, and other DSW student policies, please see www.fau.edu/SSW/DSW

Bibliography


Council on Social Work Education www.cswe.org


Journal of Teaching in Social Work


This course has been arranged so that there will be no classes on religious holidays, such as Christmas or Yom Kippur. Please advise the instructor at the beginning of the term if you need accommodations for other religious holidays.

**CODE OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Academic dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism, is considered a serious breach of these ethical standards, because it interferes with the University mission to provide a high quality education in which no student enjoys an unfair advantage over any other. Academic dishonesty is also destructive of the University community, which is grounded in a system of mutual trust and places high value on personal integrity and individual responsibility. Harsh penalties are associated with academic dishonesty. For more information, see [http://www.fau.edu/ctl/4.001_Code_of_Academic_Integrity.pdf](http://www.fau.edu/ctl/4.001_Code_of_Academic_Integrity.pdf).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON STUDENT RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES**

For additional information on student rights and responsibilities, please see the FAU Catalog at [http://www.fau.edu/registrar/universitycatalog/welcome.php](http://www.fau.edu/registrar/universitycatalog/welcome.php). DSW policies at [http://www.fau.edu/ssw/dsw](http://www.fau.edu/ssw/dsw).
Dear Dr.,
We are sending you this email and attachments because of your involvement at FAU in doctoral education. As you might be aware, the Board of Governors approved the Doctor of Social Work (DSW) degree this past winter. This degree program seeks to train clinical social work practitioners already possessing an MSW (Master of Social Work) degree. The program seeks to develop advanced clinical social work practitioners and clinical social work researchers. We are admitting the first cohort this fall. We believe these clinical scholars will advance professional social work and provide a much-needed clinical faculty for current social work programs. Most of the courses for the first year of study have made their way through the GPC and various other committees this past spring. The School of Social Work plans to present the remaining courses to the GPC and the other committees early this fall. These are courses for students who already possess a Master of Social Work degree and are licensed/license-eligible as social workers. Students from other disciplines are not accepted into the DSW program.
The Course Proposal form from Graduate Programs requests that we consult and list all departments that might be affected by the new courses and that we provide their comments, support, etc. I would appreciate that you direct any concerns to me at your earliest convenience.
I am attaching syllabi for the new courses that are being submitted for approval.
1. Advanced Clinical Social Work Research & Statistics
2. Advanced Clinical Social Work Capstone 1
3. Psychopathology in Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice
4. Advanced Clinical Social Work Evidence-based Practice with Families and Couples
5. Advanced Clinical Social Work Evidence-based Practice with Groups
6. Advanced Clinical Social Work Capstone 2
7. Advanced Clinical Social Work Practicum
8. Advanced Clinical Social Work Seminar
9. Advanced Clinical Social Work Capstone 3
10. Emerging Theories and Methods in Advanced Clinical Social Work
11. Qualitative Research in Clinical Social Work

Thank you in advance for all your help and support with this important process.

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Dear Dr. Sherman,

I have received responses from my faculty regarding the syllabi of the proposed courses for the DSW program, and there appear to be no concerns. Therefore, I am fully in support of your proposed courses.

Best regards,

Bob

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Dear Naelys,

I have looked through the syllabi, and find no conflict with the Counselor Education department of course offerings.

Best of luck in launching the DSW.

All the best,

-Paul

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Good morning,

These courses would not impact our programs.

Best wishes for continued success,

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