

 <b>FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>COURSE CHANGE REQUEST</b> <b>Graduate Programs</b>		UGPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ SCNS Submittal _____ Confirmed _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
	<b>Department</b> School of Social Work <b>College</b> Social Work and Criminal Justice		
<b>Current Course Prefix and Number</b> SOW 6348		<b>Current Course Title</b> Advanced Theory and Social Work Practice with Adults and Far	
Syllabus must be attached for <b>ANY</b> changes to current course details. See <a href="#">Template</a> . Please consult and list departments that may be affected by the changes; attach documentation.			
<b>Change title to:</b> Clinical Social Work Practice with Adults  <b>Change prefix</b> From: _____ To: _____ <b>Change course number</b> From: _____ To: _____ <b>Change credits*</b> From: _____ To: _____ <b>Change grading</b> From: _____ To: _____ <b>Academic Service Learning (ASL) **</b> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Remove <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Change description to:</b>   <b>Change prerequisites/minimum grades to:</b>   <b>Change corequisites to:</b>   <b>Change registration controls to:</b>   Please list existing and new pre/corequisites, specify AND or OR and include minimum passing grade.	
<b>Effective Term/Year for Changes:</b> Fall 2025		<b>Terminate course? Effective Term/Year for Termination:</b>	
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**FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY**

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**SOW 6348**

**Clinical Social Work Practice with  
Adults**

**Date:**

**Building:** Social Science Boca

**Room: 3 Credit(s)**

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**Instructor Information**

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**Email:**

**Office:**

**Office Hours:**

**Course Description**

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Clinical Social Work Practice with Adults

Prerequisites: SOW 6306 and SOW 6533, with minimum grades of "B-"

Prepares students for advanced clinical practice with adults and families in varied settings with diverse populations.

**Prerequisites/Corequisites**

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**Prerequisite(s): All of the following:**

- SOW 6306 Graduate / Undergraduate (Minimum Grade of B-)
- SOW 6533 Graduate / Undergraduate (Minimum Grade of B-)

## Required Texts/Materials

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### **Social Work Treatment**

**ISBN:** 9780190239602

**Publisher:** Oxford University Press C/O INGRAM DISTRIBUTION SOLUTIONS

**Edition:** 6th

\*This textbook is recommended, but not required.

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## Course Objectives/Student Learning Outcomes

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CSWE 2022 Competencies and Behavioral Indicators

Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior.

- Use the NASW code of ethics to guide clinical practice with adult client systems (class discussions, case presentations, & role plays).
- Seek supervision and consultation when confronted with ethical dilemmas in clinical practice with adults (class discussions).

Competency 2: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice.

- Assess adult client systems for signs of marginalization, through the lenses of social, economic and environmental justice (class discussions, case presentation, & role plays).
- Engage in clinical practice with adults that advances social, economic, and environmental justice (role plays).

Competency 3: Engage Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Practice.

- Apply self-awareness and self-regulation to manage the influence of personal biases and values in working with diverse adult client systems (class discussions).
- Increase awareness of how identity factors may help or impede practice across difference (class discussions).
- Approach diversity and difference with humility and openness to learning (class discussions & role plays).

Competency 4: Engage In Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice.

- Apply the principles of evidence-based practice to determine appropriate theories and clinical models of adult intervention to guide clinical practice (class discussion, case presentation, & role plays).

#### Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice

- Assess how social welfare policies affect the delivery of and access to social services. (class discussion, case presentation, & role plays).
- Apply critical thinking to analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies that advance human rights and social, racial, economic, and environmental justice. (class discussion, case presentation, & role plays).

#### Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities.

- Demonstrate ability to engage with diverse adults utilizing different theoretical frameworks (class discussions, role plays).
- Demonstrate ability to engage reluctant, involuntary, or noncompliant adult clients using motivational interviewing and solution based interventions (role play).

#### Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities.

- Critically utilize DSM 5-TR, and other assessment tools to complete comprehensive, holistic assessments on adult client systems (class discussion, case presentation).
- Demonstrate ability to monitor therapeutic alliance with adult clients (role plays).

#### Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities.

- Choose and apply evidence-informed interventions to presenting problems in clinical practice with adults (class discussion, case presentation, theory presentation, & role plays).

#### Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities.

- Use clinical evaluation tools to measure progress and effectiveness of adult client systems in treatment (class discussion, & case presentation).

## **Faculty Rights and Responsibilities**

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Florida Atlantic University respects the rights of instructors to teach and students to learn. Maintenance of these rights requires classroom conditions that do not impede their exercise. To ensure these rights, faculty members have the prerogative to:

- Establish and implement academic standards.

- Establish and enforce reasonable behavior standards in each class.
- Recommend disciplinary action for students whose behavior may be judged as disruptive under the Student Code of Conduct [University Regulation 4.007](#).

## **Disability Policy**

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In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA), students who require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to properly execute coursework must register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS) and follow all SAS procedures. SAS has offices across three of FAU's campuses – Boca Raton, Davie and Jupiter – however disability services are available for students on all campuses. For more information, please visit the SAS website at [www.fau.edu/sas/](http://www.fau.edu/sas/).

## **Course Evaluation Method**

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### **1) Review/Reflection Assignments (20 points total)**

This course will involve learning various theoretical and practice models in Social Work practice. Throughout this course, you will be presented with various prompts from the instructor that will require you to reflect on the material. This may involve comprehension as well as application and critiques of the material.

### **2) Journal Club (15 points)**

Student groups of 2-3 members will identify an article in a peer-reviewed research journal that the group feels presents an innovative or seminal influence on the field of clinical social work practice with adults. The publication should be within the past 15 years, with a preference for more recent articles given the ever changing nature of our field.

### **3) Online Training (15 points)**

Students will complete one of two online training courses. These courses can take between 6-10 hours to complete. Students must submit a copy of their Certificate of Completion via Canvas by the established deadline.

### **4) Clinical Practice Group Presentation (35 points)**

Students will form groups of 3-5 members and select a practice approach to clinical work with adults. Groups will research the therapeutic model and intervention and become the class experts on the topic. Groups will be responsible for presenting a thorough overview of the model and its important concepts.

### **5) Class Participation and Attendance (15 points)**

Given the Council on Social Work Education's requirements for professional behavior, timely attendance for all classes is required, including any online or asynchronous class. Part of this course will involve case conceptualizations, role plays and significant input from students. Student participation is not only encouraged, but expected for the duration of each class.

## Code of Academic Integrity

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Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Academic dishonesty 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 [University Regulation 4.001](#).

## Attendance Policy Statement

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Students are expected to attend all their scheduled University classes and to satisfy all academic objectives as outlined by the instructor. The effect of absences upon grades is determined by the instructor, and the University reserves the right to deal at any time with individual cases of non-attendance. Students are responsible for arranging to make up work missed because of legitimate class absence, such as illness, family emergencies, military obligation, court-imposed legal obligations, or participation in University-approved activities. Examples of University-approved reasons for absences include participating on an athletic or scholastic team, musical and theatrical performances, and debate activities. It is the student's responsibility to give the instructor notice prior to any anticipated absences and within a reasonable amount of time after an unanticipated absence, ordinarily by the next scheduled class meeting. Instructors must allow each student who is absent for a University-approved reason the opportunity to make up work missed without any reduction in the student's final course grade as a direct result of such absence.

Since participating in class is an integral part of social work education, it is vital that the student be in class; therefore, even with excused absences, **students who miss more than two classes, including asynchronous classes, will receive a significant reduction in the final grade. If a student misses more than three classes, they will be asked to withdraw from the course as they will not receive a passing grade in the course.**

## Religious Accommodation Policy Statement

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In accordance with the rules of the Florida Board of Education and Florida law, students have the right to reasonable accommodations from the University in order to observe religious practices and beliefs regarding admissions, registration, class attendance, and the scheduling of examinations and work

assignments. University Regulation 2.007, Religious Observances, sets forth this policy for FAU and may be accessed on the FAU website at [www.fau.edu/regulations](http://www.fau.edu/regulations).

Any student who feels aggrieved regarding religious accommodations may present a grievance to the executive director of The Office of Civil Rights and Title IX. Any such grievances will follow Florida Atlantic University's established grievance procedure regarding alleged discrimination.

## **Class Attendance, Timeliness, and Participation**

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Social work education is designed to help you prepare for professional practice. To model ethically appropriate practice, **please treat coming to classes and participation in online assignments as you would treat working at an agency**. Given the Council on Social Work Education's requirements for professional behavior, attendance for all classes is required. More than one unexcused absence, excessive tardiness, or patterns of leaving early may result in a reduction of the final grade. **The effect of absences upon grades is determined by the instructor**, and the University reserves the right to deal at any time with individual cases of non-attendance.

You may be asked to present documentation from a healthcare provider for excused absences due to illness or other documentation for other circumstances. Since participating in class is an integral part of social work education, it is vital that the student be in class; therefore, even with excused absences, you may be required to withdraw or retake the class. Whether or not there is a documented, excused absence, if a student misses more than 2 classes (or the equivalent of 6 hours of class time), the student will receive a substantial decrease in the final grade. As per FAU policy, **attendance at the first class is mandatory. If a student misses the first class, that student will be asked to withdraw from the course and re-register in a future term.**

Students are responsible for arranging to make up work missed because of legitimate class absence, such as illness, family emergencies, military obligation, court-imposed legal obligations or participation in University-approved activities. Examples of University-approved reasons for absences include participating on an athletic or scholastic team, musical and theatrical performances and debate activities. It is the student's responsibility to give the instructor notice prior to any anticipated absences and within a reasonable amount of time after an unanticipated absence, ordinarily by the next scheduled class meeting. Instructors must allow each student who is absent for a University-approved reason the opportunity to make up work missed.

## **Time Commitment Per Credit Hour**

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For traditionally delivered courses, not less than one (1) hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction each week for fifteen (15) weeks per Fall or Spring semester, and a minimum of two (2) hours of out-of-class student work for each credit hour. Equivalent time and effort are required for Summer Semesters, which usually have a shortened timeframe. Fully Online courses, hybrid, shortened, intensive format courses, and other non-traditional modes of delivery will demonstrate equivalent time and effort.

## Expectations of Professional Behavior and Practice

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The FAU Sandler School of Social Work is mandated by the [Council on Social Work Education](#) to foster and evaluate professional behavioral development for all students in the social work program. The Sandler School of Social Work also bears a responsibility to the community at large to produce fully trained professional social workers who consciously exhibit the knowledge, values, and skills of the profession of social work. The values of the profession are codified in the [NASW Code of Ethics](#). Given this context, all students in the social work program will be expected to exhibit the following ethical standards of behavior.

1. **Accountability:** Attend class, arrive on time, and return from break in a timely manner.
  - *Participate in group activities and assignments at a comparable level to peers.*
  - *Complete work in a timely fashion and according to directions provided.*
  - *Come to class prepared, with readings and other homework completed.*
  - *Participate in online discussions and assignments in a timely manner.*
2. **Respect:** Treat all your peers, your instructors and all those you come in contact with, with dignity and respect at all times.
  - *Listen while others are speaking.*
  - *Give feedback to peers in a constructive manner.*
  - *Approach conflict with peers or instructors in a cooperative manner.*
  - *Use positive and nonjudgmental language, whether communicating in-person or through digital technology.*
3. **Confidentiality:** Treat any personal information that you hear about a peer or an instructor as strictly confidential.
  - *Maintain any information shared in class, dyads or smaller groups within that unit.*
  - *Use judgment in self-disclosing information of a very personal nature in the classroom. (Class time should not be used as therapy or treatment. If students feel the need to talk about issues they are struggling with, they may consult with their instructor to receive a referral for counseling.)*



- *Do not use the actual names of clients or disclose other identifying client information in the classroom or in written or online assignments.*

4. **Competence:** Apply yourself to all your academic pursuits with seriousness and conscientiousness, meeting all deadlines as given by your instructors. Constantly strive to improve your abilities.

- *Come to class with all books, handouts, syllabus, pens, and technology as requested by the instructor.*
- *Access appropriate support when having difficulties to ensure success in completing course requirements.*
- *Take responsibility for the quality of completed tests and assignments.*
- *Work toward greater awareness of personal issues that may impede your effectiveness with clients.*

5. **Integrity:** Practice being honest with yourself, your peers, and your instructors.

- *Constantly strive to improve your social work knowledge, skills, critical thinking, and ethical practice.*
- *Do your own work and take credit only for your own work.*
- *If you make use of other's work in your assignments, cite the other person's work using APA format.*
- *Acknowledge areas where improvement is needed.*
- *Invite and make use of constructive feedback from instructors and classmates.*

Submission of Papers or Assignments: When students register for a social work course, they agree that all required papers, projects, or assignments may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin or 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. A student may not submit the same paper, or essentially the same, paper, project, assignment, or finished project to an instructor, which has been submitted to another instructor, unless specifically authorized by both instructors to do so.

6. **Diversity:** Strive to become more open to people, ideas, and creeds that you are not familiar with. Embrace diversity.

- *Maintain speech free of racism, sexism, heterosexism, or stereotyping.*
- *Exhibit a willingness to serve diverse groups of persons.*
- *Demonstrate an understanding of how values and culture interact.*

7. **Communication:** Strive to improve verbal, written, and digital communication skills as these skills are used heavily in interactions with clients and peers, as well as with client records.
- *Demonstrate assertive communication with peers and instructors.*
  - *Practice positive, constructive, respectful, and professional communications skills*
  - *with peers and instructor, including body language, empathy, and listening.*
  - *Use professional communication skills, including proper grammar, in all communications, including email and other digital communications.*
8. **Social Justice:** Strive to deepen your commitment to social justice for all populations at risk.
- *Demonstrate an understanding of how institutional and personal oppression impede the experience of social justice for individuals, families, groups, and communities.*
  - *Strive to learn methods of empowering populations and enhancing social and economic justice at micro, mezzo, and macro levels.*

## Course Grading Scale

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Letter Grade	Letter Grade
A	94 - 100%
A-	90 - 93%
B+	87 - 89%
B	84 - 86%
B-	80 - 83%
C+	77 - 79%
C	74 - 76%
C-	70 - 73%
D+	67 - 69%
D	64 - 66%
D-	60 - 63%
F	Below 60

## Grade Appeal Process

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You may request a review of the final course grade when you believe that one of the following conditions apply:

- There was a computational or recording error in the grading.
- The grading process used non-academic criteria.

- There was a gross violation of the instructor's own grading system.

[University Regulation 4.002](#) of the University Regulations contains information on the grade appeals process

## Online Etiquette (Netiquette)

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Due to the casual communication common in online environments, students are sometimes tempted to relax their grammar, spelling, and/or professionalism when using discussion boards, email, or other digital technologies; however, remember you are adult students and professionals—your communication should be appropriate whether it is online or otherwise. You are expected to use correct spelling and grammar, writing complete sentences for your online responses. Also, please note that in the online environment you do not have the advantage of voice inflection or gestures. Sarcasm can come across very negative, so this form of communication should be avoided. When conducting peer reviews or responding to classmates' posts, remember that you are responding to the ideas of the writer: keep your communication professional and on-topic.

## Use of Artificial Intelligence in Social Work Courses

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When considering whether or how to make use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to complete course assignments, it is important to apply the ethical principles of integrity, responsibility, and competence. In terms of integrity, be open and honest about your use of AI. Check with your instructor about whether specific uses of AI are allowed to complete particular assignments. Do not use AI tools to plagiarize the work of others. Cite your use of AI when you submit work that you generated from AI. Do not presume that AI responses are accurate or infallible. You are responsible for ensuring that the content of your work is accurate, respectful, and documented with reliable sources of information. Remember that you are responsible for developing the competencies that you will need for ethical and effective social work practice. Although AI may be a valuable tool, refrain from overreliance on AI to the extent that it hinders your ability to develop core social work knowledge, strategies, and skills. Maintain a responsible approach to learning that fosters your growth as a competent social worker.

## Policy on Make-up Tests, Late work, and Incompletes

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It is expected that all assignments will be turned in on time as outlined in the class schedule. Unless stated otherwise, all assignments are due by the beginning of class on the assigned date. **Late assignments will not be accepted except with a university-approved excuse.** Oral presentations are also scheduled by student groups during the semester. There are no make-up dates for assignments and oral presentations. Oral presentations will not be rescheduled.

## Artificial Intelligence Preamble

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FAU recognizes the value of generative AI in facilitating learning. However, output generated by artificial intelligence (AI), such as written words, computations, code, artwork, images, music, etc., for example, is drawn from previously published materials and is not your own original work.

FAU students are not permitted to use AI for any course work unless explicitly allowed to do so by the instructor of the class for a specific assignment. [\[Policy 12.16 Artificial Intelligence\]](#)

Class policies related to AI use are decided by the individual faculty. Some faculty may permit the use of AI in some assignments but not others, and some faculty may prohibit the use of AI in their course entirely. In the case that an instructor permits the use of AI for some assignments, the assignment instructions will indicate when and how the use of AI is permitted in that specific assignment. It is the student's responsibility to comply with the instructor's expectations for each assignment in each course. When AI is authorized, the student is also responsible and accountable for the content of the work. AI may generate inaccurate, false, or exaggerated information. Users should approach any generated content with skepticism and review any information generated by AI before using generated content as-is.

If you are unclear about whether or not the use of AI is permitted, ask your instructor before starting the assignment.

Failure to comply with the requirements related to the use of AI may constitute a violation of the [Florida Atlantic Code of Academic Integrity, Regulation 4.001.](#)

Proper Citation: If the use of AI is permitted for a specific assignment, then use of the AI tool must be properly documented and cited. For more information on how to properly cite the use of AI tools, visit <https://fau.edu/ai/citation>

## Social Media

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Public social networks are not private. Even when open only to approved or invited members, users cannot be certain that privacy will exist among the general membership of sites. If social work students choose to participate in such forums, please assume that anything posted can be seen, read, and critiqued. What is said, posted, linked to, commented on, uploaded, subscribed to, etc., can be accessed and archived, posing potential harm to professional reputations and prospective careers. Social work students who use social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and other forms of electronic communication (e.g., blogs, etc.) should be mindful of how their communication may be perceived by clients, colleagues, faculty, future employers, and others. Social work students are expected to make every effort to minimize material that could be considered inappropriate for a professional social worker in training. Because of this, social work students should manage security settings at their most private levels and avoid posting information/photos or using any language that could jeopardize their

professional image. Students should consider the amount of personal information posted on these sites and should block client access to involvement in the students' social networks. Confidential client information should not be shared in any form of electronic media, including any information that might lead to the identification of a client or information that may compromise client confidentiality in any way. Additionally, students should critically evaluate any material that is posted regarding community agencies and professional relationships, as certain material could violate the standards set by the FAU Sandler School of Social Work and the NASW Code of Ethics. Social work students should consider that they will be representing professional social work practice as well as the FAU School of Social Work while in the classroom, within the university, and throughout the broader community. To maintain appropriate professional boundaries, social work students should avoid "friending" clients, that is, allowing clients to connect with your personal Facebook, Twitter, or other personal social media accounts. Students should also maintain appropriate professional boundaries with professors, field educators, and other professionals at their field agencies.

## **Policy on the Recording of Lectures**

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Students enrolled in this course may record video or audio of class lectures for their own personal educational use. A class lecture is defined as a formal or methodical oral presentation as part of a university course intended to present information or teach students about a particular subject. Recording class activities other than class lectures, including but not limited to student presentations (whether individually or as part of a group), class discussion (except when incidental to and incorporated within a class lecture), labs, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving student participation, test or examination administrations, field trips, and private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the lecturer, is prohibited. Recordings may not be used as a substitute for class participation or class attendance and may not be published or shared without the written consent of the faculty member. Failure to adhere to these requirements may constitute a violation of the University's Student Code of Conduct and/or the Code of Academic Integrity.

## **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Center**

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Life as a university student can be challenging physically, mentally and emotionally. Students who find stress negatively affecting their ability to achieve academic or personal goals may wish to consider utilizing FAU's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Center. CAPS provides FAU students a range of services – individual therapy, group therapy, and crisis services, to name a few - offered to help improve and maintain emotional well-being. For more information, go to <http://www.fau.edu/counseling/>

## **Student Support Services and Online Resources**

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- [Center for Learning and Student Success \(CLASS\)](#)

- [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#)
- [FAU Libraries](#)
- [Math Learning Center](#)
- [Office of Information Technology Helpdesk](#)
- [Center for Global Engagement](#)
- [Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry \(OURI\)](#)
- [Science Learning Center](#)
- [Speaking Center](#)
- [Student Accessibility Services](#)
- [Student Athlete Success Center \(SASC\)](#)
- [Testing and Certification](#)
- [Test Preparation](#)
- [University Academic Advising Services](#)
- [University Center for Excellence in Writing \(UCEW\)](#)
- [Writing Across the Curriculum \(WAC\)](#)

## Course Topical Outline

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\*\*Please note that this schedule is subject to modification, based on student interest and guest speaker expertise/availability.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Readings/Assignments Due</b>
1-6-25	Review Syllabus and Class Overview	Syllabus
1-13-25	Person-Centered Approach	Rogers (1957) Kensit (2000) Murphy & Cramer (2014) <i>Ch. 3</i>
1-20-25	<b><i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday</i></b>	<b><i>No class</i></b>
1-27-25	Family Systems Theory in Therapy	Brown & Errington (2024)

		<p>Erdem &amp; Safi (2018)</p> <p><i>Ch. 14</i></p> <p><i>Brown (1999)</i></p> <p><b>Journal Club</b></p>
2-3-25	Common Factors in Therapy	<p>Thomas (2006)</p> <p>Davis et al (2012)</p> <p><b>Journal Club</b></p>
2-10-25	Cognitive Behavioral Theory/Therapy	<p>Fenn &amp; Byrne (2013)</p> <p>Huey et al (2018)</p> <p>O'Donnell et al (2022)</p> <p><i>Ch. 4</i></p> <p><b>Journal Club</b></p>
2-17-25	Attachment Theory in Therapy	<p>Burke et al (2016)</p> <p>Talia et al (2019)</p> <p><i>Ch. 1</i></p> <p><b>Journal Club</b></p>
2-24-25	Post Modern Approaches	<p>Dybicz &amp; Hall (2021)</p> <p>Russo &amp; Kemmerer (2006)</p> <p><i>Ch. 6</i></p> <p><i>Combs &amp; Freedman (2012)</i></p> <p><b>Journal Club</b></p>
3-3-25	<b>Spring Break</b>	<b>No Class</b>
3-10-25	<p>Trauma Therapy</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Dr. McClellan, LCSW-QS</p>	<p>No required readings</p> <p><i>Schwartz (2020)</i></p> <p><i>Shapiro (2018)</i></p> <p><i>Van der Kolk (2014)</i></p>

3-17-25	Brief Approaches to Therapy	O'Neil (2017)  Bisby et al (2024)  Jerome et al (2023)  <i>Ch. 35</i>
3-24-25	Experiential Therapy	Sandu (2020)  Clark (2015)  <i>Ch. 20</i>  <i>Bailey (2022)</i>  <b>Online Training due</b>  <b>Journal Club (if needed)</b>
3-31-25	Clinical Licensure  (if needed) <b>Group Presentations</b>	Assigned by group
4-7-25	<b>Group Presentations</b>	Assigned by group
4-14-25	<b>Group Presentations</b>	Assigned by group
4-21-25	<b>Group Presentations</b>	Assigned by group

## Title IX Statement

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In any case involving allegations of sexual misconduct, you are encouraged to report the matter to the University Title IX Coordinator in the Office of Civil Rights and Title IX (OCR9). If University faculty become aware of an allegation of sexual misconduct, they are expected to report it to OCR9. If a report is made, someone from OCR9 and/or Campus Victim Services will contact you to make you aware of available resources including support services, supportive measures, and the University's grievance procedures. More information, including contact information for OCR9, is available at <https://www.fau.edu/ocr9/title-ix/>. You may also contact Victim Services at [victimservices@fau.edu](mailto:victimservices@fau.edu) or 561-297-0500 (ask to speak to an Advocate) or schedule an appointment with a counselor at Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) by calling 561-297-CAPS.



# Catalog Revisions

Additions is Red font, Deletions in strikethrough font

The full- and part-time Master of Social Work degree is designed as follows:

## Full-Time Regular Program - Two-year program, 60 credits

### **Generalist Year - Fall Semester**

Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals	SOW 6305
Human Behavior and the Social Environment 1	SOW 6105 ^
Human Behavior and the Social Environment 2	SOW 6106 ^
Social Work Research	SOW 6404 ^
Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar 1	SOW 6532 ^

### **Generalist Year - Spring Semester**

Clinical Social Work with Groups	SOW 6618
Social Welfare History and Policy	SOW 6235
Generalist Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities	SOW 6306
Psychopathology in Clinical Social Work Practice	SOW 6125
Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar 2	SOW 6533 ^

### **Specialist Year - Fall Semester**

<del>Advanced Theory and</del> <b>Clinical</b> Social Work Practice with Adults <del>and Families</del>	SOW 6348
Advanced Theory and Social Work Practice with Elders and Families	SOW 6646
Advanced Year Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar 1	SOW 6535 ^
Elective	SOW
Elective	SOW

### **Specialist Year - Spring Semester**

Advanced Theory and Social Work Practice with Children, Adolescents and Families	SOW 6655
Advanced Year Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar 2	SOW 6536 ^
Clinical Social Work Practice with Families	SOW 6611
Elective	SOW
Elective	SOW

### **Part-Time Regular Program - Four-year program, 60 credits**

#### ***Generalist Year One - Fall Semester***

Human Behavior and the Social Environment 2	SOW 6106 ^
Social Work Research	SOW 6404 ^

#### ***Generalist Year One - Spring Semester***

Psychopathology in Clinical Social Work Practice	SOW 6125
Social Welfare History and Policy	SOW 6235

#### ***Generalist Year One - Summer Semester***

Human Behavior and the Social Environment 1	SOW 6105 ^
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#### ***Generalist Year Two - Fall Semester***

Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals	SOW 6305
Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar 1	SOW 6532 ^

#### ***Generalist Year Two - Spring Semester***

Generalist Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities	SOW 6306
Clinical Social Work with Groups	SOW 6618
Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar 2	SOW 6533 ^

**Specialist Year Three - Fall Semester**

Elective	SOW
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**Specialist Year Three - Spring Semester**

Elective	SOW
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Advanced Theory and Social Work Practice with Elders and Families	SOW 6646
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**Specialist Year Three - Summer Semester**

Advanced Theory and Clinical Social Work Practice with Adults	SOW 6348
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Elective	SOW
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**Specialist Year Four - Fall Semester**

Advanced Year Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar 1	SOW 6535 ^
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Advanced Theory and Social Work Practice with Children, Adolescents and Families	SOW 6655
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**Specialist Year Four - Spring Semester**

Advanced Year Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar 2	SOW 6536 ^
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Clinical Social Work Practice with Families	SOW 6611
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**Full-Time Advanced Standing Program - 30 Credits****Advanced Year - Fall Semester**

Psychopathology in Clinical Social Work Practice	SOW 6125
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Advanced Theory and <b>Clinical</b> Social Work Practice with Adults and Families	SOW 6348
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Advanced Year Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar 1	SOW 6535 ^
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Advanced Theory and Social Work Practice with Elders and Families	SOW 6646
Elective	SOW

### ***Advanced Year - Spring Semester***

Advanced Theory and Social Work Practice with Children, Adolescents and Families	SOW 6655
Advanced Year Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar 2	SOW 6536 ^
Clinical Social Work Practice with Families	SOW 6611
Elective	SOW
Elective	SOW

### **Part-Time Advanced Standing Program - 30 Credits**

#### ***Advanced First Year - Fall Semester***

Psychopathology in Clinical Social Work Practice	SOW 6125
Elective	SOW

#### ***Advanced First Year - Spring Semester***

Elective	SOW
Advanced Theory and Social Work Practice with Children, Adolescents and Families	SOW 6655

#### ***Advanced First Year - Summer Semester***

Advanced Theory and <b>Clinical</b> Social Work Practice with Adults and Families	SOW 6348
Elective	SOW

#### ***Advanced Second Year - Fall Semester***

Advanced Year Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar 1	SOW 6535 ^
Advanced Theory and Social Work Practice with Elders and Families	SOW 6646

**Advanced Second Year - Spring Semester**

Advanced Year Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar 2	SOW 6536 ^
Clinical Social Work Practice with Families	SOW 6611

**Electives\***

***SOW courses may be used to fulfill any elective credit requirement above. Students may select from among the following:***

Social Work and Trauma	SOW 6116
Cognitive-Behavioral Theory and Techniques for Social Work	SOW 6128
Social Work and Human Sexuality	SOW 6153
Social Work and Positive Well-Being	SOW 6156
Conflict Resolution	SOW 6158
Social Justice and Social Work: Issues and Responses	SOW 6214
Ethical Issues in Contemporary Social Work Practice	SOW 6296
Case Management	SOW 6349 #
Administration and Supervision	SOW 6377 #
Advanced Context of Social Work Practice within Healthcare	SOW 6605 #
Social Work and Spirituality	SOW 6626
Social Work with Aging Populations	SOW 6641
Social Work Practice with Vulnerable Children and Families	SOW 6653 ^
Child Welfare	SOW 6656 ^
Inclusive Social Work Practice	SOW 6671
Loss and Grief: Individual, Family and Cultural Perspectives	SOW 6678 #
Intervention in the Field of Addictions	SOW 6712 #
Social Work Practice in Behavioral/Process Addictions	SOW 6714
Social Work Practice with Survivors of Human Trafficking	SOW 6786 # +
Mindfulness and Social Work Practice	SOW 6803
Special Topics	SOW 6930

**Social Work Graduate Courses**

**Human Behavior and Social Environment 1 (SOW 6105) 3 credits**

Students apply social theories, including systems, social exchange, conflict and social constructionism, to historical and social problems. They analyze how macro forces shape human behavior, as well as how human behavior impacts social systems. Emphasis is given to the issues of social and economic justice.

**Human Behavior and Social Environment 2 (SOW 6106) 3 credits**

Study of biological, psychological, social and spiritual development of individuals across the lifespan as it applies to the delivery of culturally competent, evidence-based practice with diverse and vulnerable populations.

**Social Work and Trauma (SOW 6116) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: SOW 6533 with minimum grade of "B-"*

This course explores and develops an understanding of trauma in its many forms and guides social workers in selecting empirically based interventions. The course informs social workers on the prevention of secondary trauma.

**Psychopathology in Clinical Social Work Practice (SOW 6125) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: SOW 6305 with minimum grade of "B-"*

Focuses on mental health issues with children, adolescents, adults, elders and families. Built on the identification, analysis and implementation of empirically based assessment tools that have incorporated statistically valid reliability and validity studies. Major classification systems, such as diagnostic, statistical, manual of mental disorders and other schemes for assessing and understanding human behavior are covered.

**Cognitive-Behavioral Theory and Techniques for Social Work (SOW 6128) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: SOW 6533 with minimum grade of "B-"*

Advanced clinical theory course presents theory and practice applications for advanced curriculum.

**Social Work and Human Sexuality (SOW 6153) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: SOW 6533 with minimum grade of "B-"*

This course takes a biopsychosocial approach to addressing issues in clinical practice related to human sexuality. It is designed to increase Social Work students' comfort level and sensitivity to the diversity of sexual issues people experience.

**Social Work and Positive Well-Being (SOW 6156) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: Completion of M.S.W. Foundation Curriculum*

Consistent with the social work focus on the strengths and well-being of the individual, this course emphasizes mental wellness, positive emotions and optimal well-being.

**Conflict Resolution (SOW 6158) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: Completion of M.S.W. Foundation Curriculum*

M.S.W. practice course where students explore the theoretical basis for a conflict resolution approach and gain experience in how to put the techniques into practice.

**Social Justice and Social Work: Issues and Responses (SOW 6214) 3 credits**

This course is designed to critically analyze social justice issues in social work and social policy.

**Social Welfare History and Policy (SOW 6235) 3 credits**

Students develop knowledge and competencies on how social service policies and programs are designed to address specific social problems in the United States. Students examine and critically analyze historical and current state and federal social welfare policies and programs. This is an Academic Service Learning (ASL) course.

**Ethical Issues in Contemporary Social Work Practice (SOW 6296) 3 credits**

Helps social work students become more effective in dealing with complex ethical issues in professional social work practice.

**Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals (SOW 6305) 3 credits**

*Corequisite: SOW 6532*

Students develop knowledge and competencies in applying the generalist practice model (engagement, assessment, treatment planning, intervention, evaluation and termination) with individual clients. Students learn how to integrate National Association of Social Workers code of ethics and the principles of evidence-based practice through all stages of the social work process.

**Generalist Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities (SOW 6306) 3 credits**

Students develop knowledge and competencies in applying the generalist practice model to influence macro change with institutions, policies and environments using evidence-based practice and NASW Code of Ethics. Macro social work history and theories are examined. This is an Academic Service Learning (ASL) course.

**Generalist Social Work Practice with Families and Groups (SOW 6324) 3 credits**

Covers evidence-supported theories and practice techniques when working with groups and families. Students apply the generalist social work practice model: engagement, assessment, planning, implementation, evaluation, termination and follow up, and engage in self-reflective and practice-based learning throughout the course.

**Advanced Theory and ~~Clinical~~ Social Work Practice with Adults and Families (SOW 6348) 3 credits**

*Prerequisites: SOW 6306 and SOW 6533, with minimum grades of "B-"*

Prepares students for advanced clinical practice with adults and families in varied settings with diverse populations.

**Case Management (SOW 6349) 3 credits**

Provides an in-depth examination of case management service modality for social work practice.

**Couple Therapy in Social Work Practice (SOW 6353) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: SOW 6533 with minimum grade of "B-"*

This course introduces students to the theoretical foundations and practice techniques of couple therapy. The major models of couple therapy are explored. Students are encouraged to integrate theory with clinical practice with couples.

**Administration and Supervision (SOW 6377) 3 credits**

Demonstrates how management activities contribute to service effectiveness for clients and staff.

**Social Work Research (SOW 6404) 3 credits**

Students develop knowledge and competencies to identify and evaluate ethical quantitative and qualitative research methodology, especially evidence-based interventions for clinical practice.

**Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar 1 (SOW 6532) 3 credits**

*Corequisite: SOW 6305*

Seminar for integration of field experience with evidence-based coursework.

**Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar 2 (SOW 6533) 3 credits**

*Corequisite: SOW 6618*

Seminar for integration of field experience with evidence-based coursework.

**Advanced Year Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar 1 (SOW 6535) 3 credits**

Assists concentration year students to integrate theoretical models and concepts with field practice.

**Advanced Year Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar 2 (SOW 6536) 3 credits**

*Corequisite: SOW 6611*

This is the second semester seminar for concentration year field practice. The course is designed to assist students with the integration of theories with practice.

**Advanced Context of Social Work Practice within Healthcare (SOW 6605) 3 credits**

Focuses on the context (policy, organization, technology) of social work practice and explores practice decisions that structure the helping relationship across multiple settings.

**Advanced Social Work Practice and Policy in Mental Health Settings (SOW 6606) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: Completion of Foundation Curriculum*

Course focuses on social work practice and policy issues in mental health settings at three levels of intervention: prevention/health promotion, remediation of existing mental health problems, and coping with chronic mental health problems.

**Clinical Social Work with Families (SOW 6611) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: SOW 6535*

*Corequisite: SOW 6536*

This course enables the student to understand, analyze and apply social work knowledge, values and skills to generalist and clinical practice with families, from the family systems, developmental and clinical perspectives.

**Clinical Social Work with Groups (SOW 6618) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: SOW 6305*

*Corequisite: SOW 6533*

This course provides students with the knowledge, skills, self-awareness and values to practice generalist and clinical social work with groups.

**Social Work and Spirituality (SOW 6626) 3 credits**

Examines issues pertaining to spiritually-sensitive social work practice regarding clients of diverse religious and philosophical ideologies.



**Social Work with Aging Populations (SOW 6641) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: M.S.W. majors only*

An introduction to social gerontology for graduate-level social work students. Provides a biopsychosocial introduction to social gerontology from a social work perspective.

**Advanced Theory and Social Work Practice with Elders and Families (SOW 6646) 3 credits**

*Prerequisites: SOW 6306 and SOW 6533, with minimum grades of "B-"*

Focuses on the study of ageism, concepts of aging, physical and mental health concerns of elders, long-term care, direct practice with elders, and policy-related issues. This is an Academic Service Learning (ASL) course.

**Social Work Practice with Vulnerable Children and Families (SOW 6653) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite or Corequisite: SOW 6656*

Provides a framework of knowledge and skills necessary to practice with children and their families.

**Advanced Theory and Social Work Practice with Children, Adolescents and Families (SOW 6655) 3 credits**

*Prerequisites: SOW 6306 and SOW 6533, with minimum grades of "B-"*

Focuses on the application of theories, concepts, and principles in direct treatment of children and adolescents.

**Child Welfare (SOW 6656) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: Completion of Foundation Curriculum*

Course examines the issues of professional practice in child welfare that will enable students to bring skills and knowledge to their practice in assessing and intervening in situations of abuse and neglect involving children and families.

**Inclusive Social Work Practice (SOW 6671) 3 credits**

This course is designed to provide students with knowledge, skills and strategies required to promote social change from an agency- and community- level using an anti-oppression framework. In this course, students explore the oppressive experiences of people from various backgrounds.

**Animal-Assisted Therapy (SOW 6672) 1 credit**

*Prerequisite: Completion of M.S.W. Foundation Curriculum*

A seminar that explores human-animal bonding. Human-animal bond and the potential for intervention will be discussed within therapeutic settings and across diverse populations with individuals, families, and groups.

**Loss and Grief: Individual, Family, Cultural Perspectives (SOW 6678) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: Completion of Foundation Curriculum*

Course gives students an opportunity to explore and understand their perceptions and beliefs on death and dying and how individual cultural differences influence that experience. The course prepares students to work with clients dealing with feelings of grief and loss.

**Transition Course (SOW 6693) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: Bachelor of Social Work required*

Course assists students transitioning from undergraduate-level coursework to graduate-level coursework in the M.S.W. program.

**Intervention in the Field of Addictions (SOW 6712) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: Completed M.S.W. Foundation Curriculum*

Course prepares students to assess and intervene with clients affected by substance and abuse.

**Social Work Practice in Behavioral/Process Addictions (SOW 6714) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: M.S.W. majors only*

This course provides an overview of the principles of behavior/process addictions and the processes and mechanisms that underlie addiction. Students are introduced to the epidemiology and developmental course of addiction. They are also introduced to risk and protective influences that act throughout the course of addiction resulting in adverse health consequences. Genetic and environmental underpinnings are discussed, and effective interventions and treatment modalities are identified.

**Social Work Practice with Survivors of Human Trafficking (SOW 6786) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: M.S.W. majors only*

This course explores the topic of human trafficking and helps students to better understand this form of modern day slavery. The readings, videos and assignments center around current events and current topics of discussion in the trafficking field, as well as where the movement originated and what the future holds. During this course, students learn terminology, the different types of trafficking and how cultural issues and vulnerabilities can contribute to trafficking. They also learn and understand the scope of the problem through current statistics and reports, both domestic and global.

**Mindfulness and Social Work Practice (SOW 6803) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: Completion of M.S.W. Foundation Curriculum*

Students learn and experience specific practices that enhance their ability to purposefully attend to and manage their thoughts and feelings so that they can experience more balanced, stable and peaceful lives. In addition, they transfer this knowledge into their social work practice with individuals and/or groups. During class, students learn the theoretical foundations as well as the practical elements of mindfulness, including sitting and moving meditations.

**Directed Independent Study (SOW 6905) 1-3 credits**

This course assists the student in implementing an independent study project under the guidance of a social work faculty advisor.

**Special Topics (SOW 6930) 3 credits**

Study relating to topics in social work. This is an Academic Service Learning (ASL) course.

**Special Topics (SOW 6932) 1-6 credits**

*Prerequisites: Completion of M.S.W. Foundation Curriculum*

Special topic variable credit courses for M.S.W. students.

**Study Abroad (SOW 6957) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: Completion of M.S.W. Foundation Curriculum*

An interdisciplinary course to provide students with opportunities to experience a foreign country from within and focusing on native social services.

**Psychopathology in Advanced Clinical Social Work (SOW 7129) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: D.S.W. students only*

Course explores diagnostics and treatment of psychopathology in clinical social work practice. Current DSM is considered as well as evidence-informed practices used by clinical social workers in working with mental health services consumers.

**Advanced Clinical Social Work Practices with Individuals, Groups and Families (SOW 7369) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: D.S.W. students only*

This course focuses on evidence-based advanced clinical social work practice with individuals, groups, and families. It seeks to provide the student with a methodology for incorporating best social work clinical practices as grounded in the evidence-based research literature.

**Behavioral Science Statistics in Advanced Clinical Social Work (SOW 7417) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: For D.S.W. students only*

This course describes the use of quantitative methods for inquiry in the social and behavioral sciences. The course expands on using SPSS for data analysis and introduces students to the advantages and challenges of working with secondary data. Students gain hands-on experience with the preparation and data analysis of data sets.

**Clinical Social Work Research and Statistics (SOW 7433) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: For D.S.W. student s only*

Course examines evidence-based clinical social work research methods to improve clinical practice and clinical measurement tools and to engage in various social work research methodologies. As a result, implementation of evidence-based clinical social work interventions and therapies occur.

**Quantitative Research in Clinical Social Work (SOW 7494) 4 credits**

*D.S.W. students*

The course provides core concepts of rigorous research methodology, inferential statistics, statistical interpretation and critical analysis of empirical studies to inform advanced clinical social work practice.

**Qualitative Research in Clinical Social Work (SOW 7496) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: D.S.W. students only*

This course reviews areas of research in clinical social work utilizing qualitative methods, including design methods data collection and analysis. The course also provides information relevant to publishing qualitative research for strengthening social work practice.

**Advanced Clinical Social Work Capstone: Proposal Writing (SOW 7498) 4 credits**

*Prerequisite: D.S.W. students only*

In this seminar, students learn how to write, orally present and critique proposals. Students learn the different types and settings for various practice and research proposals, apply writing tips to

their own proposal and critique samples of proposals from both the field and academia. *Grading: S/U*

**Clinical Social Work Supervision and Administration (SOW 7619) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: For D.S.W. student s only*

This course focuses on administration and clinical supervision for social workers. Frameworks and critical tasks involved in administration and supervision of social workers are examined.

**Interpersonal Neuroscience and Advanced Clinical Social Work (SOW 7696) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: D.S.W. students only*

This course integrates clinical, developmental and behavioral science theories with current interpersonal neurobiology and brain science.

**Emerging Theories and Methods in Advanced Clinical Social Work (SOW 7698) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: D.S.W. students only*

This course focuses on gaining an understanding of the current emerging trends in clinical social work treatment environments by exploring theories and interventions that are emerging in response to new understandings of human behavior and psychopathology as well as technological advances that affect service delivery.

**Theories and Epistemology of Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice (SOW 7757) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: For D.S.W. student s only*

This course prepares students for subsequent courses on clinical social work theory, research and practice by providing them with a contextual understanding of social work, including the history of social work theory, research, values, ethics, alternate models of practice, the role of technology and inter-professional perspectives.

**Social Work Pedagogy (SOW 7776) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: For D.S.W. students only*

Students use evidence-based clinical social work practices for curriculum design, course design, course delivery and evaluations. They examine the educational standards (EPAs) of the Council on Social Work Education and learn to help B.S.W./M.S.W. students develop the competencies identified by the CSWE.

**Advanced Clinical Social Work Capstone: Defense and Dissemination (SOW 7910) 6 credits**

*Prerequisite: SOW 7913; For D.S.W. students only*

In this seminar, students demonstrate their ability to discuss, defend and disseminate their work. *Grading: S/U*

**Advanced Clinical Social Work Capstone: Implementation (SOW 7913) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: D.S.W. students only*

In this seminar, DSW candidates complete the activities associated with their proposed capstone project. Capstone Implementation should be approximately completed in a 14–16-week window from launch to wrap-up. As activities and specific timelines will vary by capstone type, the main deliverables in this course will be capstone progress reports, and a final assignment of a draft outline of the capstone paper. *Grading: S/U*

**Special Topics (SOW 7938) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: D.S.W. students only*

This is a special topics course in the D.S.W. program for D.S.W. students, advancing knowledge and skills appropriate for doctoral level clinical practice scholars.

**Advanced Clinical Social Work Practicum (SOW 7940) 3 credits**

*Prerequisite: D.S.W. students only*

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