SOCIAL WORK (SOWK)

SOWK 2361 Intro Social Work 3 Credits
Department: Nursing and Health Professions
An overview of the knowledge, values, and skills for generalist practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social work intervention with diverse populations and populations at risk in various fields of practice is emphasized within the context of the history and development of the profession of social work and the social welfare institution. Volunteer component included.

SOWK 2371 Survey Soc Welfare 3 Credits
Department: Nursing and Health Professions
History of social work and the social welfare institution with emphasis on the current structure of social welfare. The course examines the social welfare institutions response to those in need, especially the vulnerable members of society. Examination of the major social welfare policies and programs which impact all members of society.

SOWK 3300 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I 3 Credits
Department: Nursing and Health Professions
This is the first of two courses presenting theories and research on human behavior in the social environment from ecological systems, strengths and empowerment perspectives. The reciprocal relationship and impact of the family, community and society on human behavior and development throughout the life cycle will be explored, with emphasis on birth through adolescence.

SOWK 3310 Social Work Practice I 3 Credits
Department: Nursing and Health Professions
First in a three course generalist practice sequence. A strengths/empowerment approach utilized for multi-levels of intervention with a focus on the knowledge, values, and skills for culturally sensitive practice with diverse populations and populations at risk. Emphasis on the profession's value orientations as reflected in the NASW Code of Ethics.
Prerequisite(s): SOWK 2361 and SOWK 2371

SOWK 3320 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II 3 Credits
Department: Nursing and Health Professions
Continuation of SOWK 3300; Focus: Young adulthood through later adulthood.

SOWK 3330 Social Work Practice II 3 Credits
Department: Nursing and Health Professions
Second in a three course generalist practice sequence. This course utilizes systems/ecological systems, empowerment and strengths perspectives to provide the knowledge, values, and skills necessary for practice with individuals, families, and groups in the context of cultural diversity and the need for culturally sensitive practice.
Prerequisite(s): SOWK 2361 and SOWK 2371

SOWK 3340 Soc Welfare Policy & Services 3 Credits
Department: Nursing and Health Professions
Analysis of social welfare policy at local, state, national, and international levels. Emphasis on the analysis of the impact of social welfare policy on society and vulnerable populations. The course stresses the effects of policy upon social services, social work practice and the profession's role of advocacy for policy change.

SOWK 3350 Social Work Practice III 3 Credits
Department: Nursing and Health Professions
Third practice course in the sequence, this course covers the generalist perspective for social work practice with focus on assessment and intervention with organizations and communities. Emphasis on developing, analyzing, advocating and providing leadership for policies and services. Course includes content on administration and supervision in social service agencies.
Prerequisite(s): SOWK 2361 and SOWK 2371

SOWK 3360 Promoting Social Justice 3 Credits
Department: Nursing and Health Professions
From a socio-historical perspective, students acquire a knowledge and understanding of how prejudice and discrimination contribute to social and economic inequality, oppression, and social injustice as experienced by diverse cultural groups and populations at risk. Strategies to combat social injustice from a micro-macro focus are emphasized.

SOWK 4100 Special Topics 1 Credit
Department: Nursing and Health Professions
Topics in various areas in social work and social service; May be repeated for credit.
May be Repeated for a maximum of 3 hours

SOWK 4300 Special Topics 3 Credits
Department: Nursing and Health Professions
Topics in various areas in social work and social service. May be repeated for credit.
May be Repeated for a maximum of 9 hours

SOWK 4320 Seminar 3 Credits
Department: Nursing and Health Professions
Current topics in social work practice; May be repeated for credit when topics vary.
May be Repeated for a maximum of 18 hours

SOWK 4321 Field Practicum I 3 Credits
Department: Nursing and Health Professions
Field Practicum provides supervised experience in community social service agencies in which students apply knowledge, values and ethical principles, and develop generalist social work practice skills. Educational and professional supervision is provided by faculty and social workers in the agencies. The course includes a three hour weekly seminar to provide integration of theory into practice based on field practicum experiences.
Prerequisite(s): SOWK 2361 and SOWK 2371 and SOWK 3310 and SOWK 4300

SOWK 4324 Field Practicum II 3 Credits
Department: Nursing and Health Professions
Field Practicum provides supervised experience in community social service agencies in which students apply knowledge, values and ethical principles, and develop generalist social work practice skills. Educational and professional supervision is provided by faculty and social workers in the agencies. The course includes a three hour weekly seminar to provide integration of theory into practice based on field practicum experiences; A continuation of SOWK 4321.
Prerequisite(s): SOWK 2361 and SOWK 2371 and SOWK 3310 and SOWK 4300

SOWK 4380 Social Work Research Method 3 Credits
Department: Nursing and Health Professions
Content on qualitative and quantitative methodologies to build knowledge for social work practice. Preparation to develop, use, and communicate empirically based knowledge, including evidence-based interventions. Focus on evaluation of social work practice to ensure competence based social work practice.