**Department of Social Work, University of Memphis**

**MSW Curriculum Changes**

In order to improve the learning outcomes of our students and align our curriculum with licensing requirements in Social Work, we have made the following changes to the MSW curriculum. Our curriculum remains focused on practice across systems (micro to macro). In addition to the existing concentration on advanced practice with children, youth, and families, we have proposed adding a second concentration on advanced practice with adults and families.

**MSW Foundation Year**

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| **Approved December 12, 2014****Foundation Curriculum** |
|  |  | **SPRING** |
| 7001 | Social Work Skills | 3 | 7003 | Social Work Practice with Groups | 3 |
| 7002 | Individuals and Families | 3 | 7005 | Psychopathology | 3 |
| 7021 | SW Practice Across the Lifespan | 3 | 7022 | Organizations & Communities | 3 |
| 7030 | Social Welfare Policy & Services | 3 | 7025 | Scientific Methods | 3 |
| 7051 | Field Placement I | 3 | 7052 | Field Placement II | 3 |

**SWRK 7003 - Groups –** A required foundation course designed to prepare students to apply evidence-based interventions to social work practice with groups. The course emphasizes mezzo practice skills/roles, evidence based theories, problem solving processes, group dynamics, phases of group development, needed for group work with organizations and community groups. Issues inherent to diversity, at-risk populations and social justice are integrated. PREREQUISITE: SWRK 7001.

**SWRK 7021 - SW Across the Lifespan –** Course provides a multidimensional understanding of person and environment relationships. An ecological/systems framework is paired with a developmental approach to provide an interactional understanding of human behavior. The course examines life span development from conception through older adulthood. Issues of human diversity (i.e. race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation) will be highlighted. PREREQUISITE: Admission to MSW program.

**SWRK 7022 - Organizations and Communities –** A required foundation course designed to prepare students to apply evidence based interventions to social work practice with organizations and communities. The course emphasizes macro practice skills/roles. The course stresses an eco-systems perspective and looks at social system malfunctions and inequities. The nature and dynamics of social service network eco-systems perspective. PREREQUISITE: SWRK 7001

**MSW Concentration Year – Two Concentrations**

***Advanced Practice with Children, Youth, & Families***

***Advanced Practice with Adults & Families***

**New Courses Common to both Concentrations:**

**SWRK 7055 – Integrative Field Seminar I –** Course covers preparation for advanced social work practice and preparation for the social work licensure exam. PREREQUISITE: Field Placement II

**SWRK 7056 – Integrative Field Seminar II –** Course covers preparation for advanced social work practice and preparation for the social work licensure exam. PREREQUISITE: Field Placement III

**7026: Evaluative Research:** Course description unchanged from 2014-15 catalog.

**7053-7054: Field Placement III & IV**: Course descriptions unchanged from current catalog.

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| **Approved December 12, 2014****Advanced Practice with Children, Youth, and Families** |
| **FALL** |  | **SPRING** |
| 7016 | Adv. Individual Child/Youth | 3 | 7026 | Evaluative Research | 3 |
| 7017 | Adv. Family Child/Youth | 3 | 7032 | Adv. Community Child/Youth | 3 |
| Elective | Elective | 3 | Elective | Elective | 3 |
| 7053 | Field Placement III | 3 | 7054 | Field Placement IV | 3 |
| 7055 | Integrative Field Seminar I | 3 | 7056 | Integrative Field Seminar II | 3 |

**SWRK 7016 – Adv. Individual Child/Youth –** TheCourse covers advanced direct practice techniques with children and youth. Techniques include cognitive behavioral therapy and other evidence based techniques. PREREQUISITES: SWRK 7001& 7002

**SWRK 7017 – Adv. Family Child/Youth –** The course covers prevention and intervention approaches with families of children and youth at an advanced level. Topics include wrap around models of care for children/youth in mental health, disability, juvenile justice, child welfare, and family violence service systems and integration across systems of care. PREREQUISITES: SWRK 7002 & 7003

**SWRK 7032 Adv. Community Child/Youth –** The course covers advanced community practice with children and youth. It examines public policies impacting children and youth. It covers the basics of program administration including budgeting and policy implementation for preparation for administrative practice. Prerequisite: SWRK 7022 & 7030

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| **Pending Approval by the Tennessee Board of Regents****Advanced Practice with Adults and Families** |
| **FALL** |  | **SPRING** |
| 7018 | Adv. Individual Adults | 3 | 7026 | Evaluative Research | 3 |
| 7019 | Adv. Families Adults | 3 | 7033 | Adv. Community Adults | 3 |
| Elective | Elective | 3 | Elective | Elective | 3 |
| 7053 | Field Placement III | 3 | 7054 | Field Placement IV | 3 |
| 7055 | Integrative Field Seminar | 3 | 7056 | Integrative Field Seminar | 3 |

**SWRK 7018 Adv. Individual Adults –** The course covers advanced direct practice with adults. Treatment techniques include cognitive behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, and other evidenced based practices. PREREQUISITES: SWRK 7001 & 7002

**SWRK 7019 Adv. Family Adults –** The course covers prevention and intervention approaches with families at an advanced level. Topics include integrative and holistic models of care across a range of settings in adult mental health, substance abuse, disabilities, chronic conditions, long term care, violence, and criminal justice. PREREQUISITES: SWRK 7002 & 7003

**SWRK 7033 Adv. Community Adults –** The course covers advanced community practice with adults. Students learn policies and administrative practices to serve adults and older adults, explore policy and program implementation programs, learn administration and budgeting basics, understand community practice models, and become prepared to assume leadership positions in social service agencies and organizations. Prerequisite: SWRK 7022 & 7030.

**Electives**

SWRK 6934: Child Welfare Policy/Services

SWRK 6935: Child Welfare II

SWRK 6937: School Social Work

SWRK 7006: Dual Diagnosis

SWRK 7010: Violence & the Family

SWRK 7011: Mental Health & Disabilities

SWRK 7013: Treatment of Trauma

SWRK 7014: Brief Interventions

SWRK 7031: Rural & Urban Poverty

SWRK 7060-7065: Special Topics

SWRK 7070: Independent Study

SWRK 7996: Thesis