

◀ Master Social Work - Master of Social Work

CON Medical Social Work

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Effective Term and Year

Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall 2027

Justification

Concentration Justification

The Master of Social Work (MSW) degree program in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences is for students interested in entering the in-demand profession of social work. Coursework is focused in the essential areas of practice skills with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities; social work theory and ethics; policy and advocacy; applied research; and New Mexico culture and history relevant to serving our state’s communities. In the final year of study, students will choose between two concentration specialties in order to hone their skills in specific practice areas. Medical Social Work is one of these concentrations and will give students an opportunity to become licensed social workers after graduation and work in a wide variety of settings, including but limited to hospitals, hospice, and dialysis centers.

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Program Information

Degree Name

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Degree Type

Master of Science

Program Type

Graduate

Program Description

No Parent Selected

Degree Hours

Minimum Major Hours

Degree Requirements

45

Total Credits

- Complete the following:
 - SOWK500 - Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)
 - SOWK501 - Social Work Practice Skills with Individuals, Families, and Groups (3)
 - SOWK502 - Anti-Opressive Social Work Practice in New Mexico (3)
 - SOWK503 - Social Work History, Ethics, and Professionalism (3)
 - SOWK504 - Generalist Social Work Practicum and Seminar I (3)
 - SOWK505 - Research Methods in Social Work (3)
 - SOWK506 - Direct Practice Skills Lab (3)
 - SOWK507 - Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)
 - SOWK508 - Social Work Policy and Advocacy (3)
 - SOWK509 - Generalist Social Work Practicum and Seminar II (3)
 - SOWK600 - Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care in Social Work (3)
 - SOWK601 - Crisis Intervention Skills in Social Work (3)
 - SOWK602 - The DSM and Psychopharmacology for Social Workers (3)
 - SOWK607 - Advanced Policy for Social Workers (3)
 - SOWK608 - Applied Research in Social Work (3)

Concentration: Clinical Social Work or Medical Social Work

15

Total Credits

- Complete 1 of the following
 - Complete the following:
 - SOWK603 - Clinical Social Work Therapy Skills and Techniques for Youth and Adults (3)
 - SOWK605 - Clinical Social Work Practicum and Seminar I (3)
 - SOWK609 - Differential Diagnosis and Complex Cases in Clinical Social Work (3)
 - SOWK611 - Special Topics in Clinical Social Work (3)
 - SOWK613 - Clinical Social Work Practicum and Seminar II (3)
 - Complete the following:
 - SOWK604 - Medical Social Work Practice Across the Lifespan (3)
 - SOWK606 - Medical Social Work Practicum and Seminar I (3)
 - SOWK610 - Social Work Interventions in Death and Dying (3)
 - SOWK612 - Special Topics in Medical Social Work (3)
 - SOWK614 - Medical Social Work Practicum and Seminar II (3)

Grand Total Credits: 60

Concentration Information

Concentration Title

Medical Social Work

Program Level

Graduate

Concentration Requirements

- Complete the following:
 - SOWK604 - Medical Social Work Practice Across the Lifespan (3)
 - SOWK606 - Medical Social Work Practicum and Seminar I (3)
 - SOWK610 - Social Work Interventions in Death and Dying (3)
 - SOWK612 - Special Topics in Medical Social Work (3)
 - SOWK614 - Medical Social Work Practicum and Seminar II (3)

Grand Total Credits: 15

Concentration Description

The Medical Social Work concentration promotes well-being of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities by training social workers to become medical social workers in settings such as hospitals, hospice, and dialysis clinics. This concentration builds on the theory, social science, history, and direct service skills taught in the generalist year to emphasize not only understanding how to conduct medical social work services, but also the role of medical social workers in understanding the mezzo and macro contexts that create an individual's environment, as well as their role as advocates for human rights and other equity issues. The Medical Social Work specialty practice area includes classes focused on addressing health and wellness through various methods of engagement and intervention, assessing behavioral health and social service needs with an understanding of ethics and the mind-body connection, and evaluating patient outcomes, with a particular emphasis of practicing in a culturally humble way with all of New Mexico's communities. This education will reinforce the use of the most current healthcare research, while simultaneously emphasizing a patient-centered approach and valuing individuals, groups, families, organizations, and communities as experts of their experiences.

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