

◀ Master Social Work - Master of Social Work

CON Clinical Soc Work **Clinical Social Work**

Under Review | Fall 2027

Proposal Information

Workflow Status

In Progress

Faculty Senate, Faculty Senate

Waiting for Approval | Faculty Senate Approval

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College

School of Medicine

Department

Psychiatry

Campus

Health Sciences Center
(Albuquerque)

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. Clinical 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 inpatient and outpatient therapy programs, schools, shelters, and integrated clinics.

Associated Forms

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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

60

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-Oppressive 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

Clinical Social Work

Program Level

Graduate

Concentration Requirements

- 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)

Grand Total Credits: 15

Concentration Description

The Clinical Social Work concentration promotes the well-being of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities by training social workers to become behavioral health therapists. This practice area builds on the theory, social science, history, and direct service skills taught in the generalist year to emphasize not only understanding how to conduct clinical services, but also the role of 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 Clinical Social Work concentration includes classes focused on use of various therapeutic modalities to appropriately engage and intervene, understanding the ethics of assessment and diagnosis, and evaluating therapeutic outcomes, with a particular emphasis of practicing in a culturally humble manner with all of New Mexico's communities. This education will reinforce the use of the most current clinical social work practice research, while simultaneously emphasizing a client-centered approach and valuing

individuals, groups, families, organizations, and communities as experts of their experiences.

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