

# DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

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## Master's

- Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/graduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/social-work/msw/>)

## Certificate

- Addictions Intervention, University Certificate (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/graduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/social-work/addictions-intervention-university-certificate/>)
- Child and Family Services, University Certificate (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/graduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/social-work/child-family-services-university-certificate/>)
- Leadership and Management, University Certificate (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/graduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/social-work/leadership-management-university-certificate/>)
- Mental Health, University Certificate (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/graduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/social-work/mental-health-university-certificate/>)
- Social Advocacy and Justice, University Certificate (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/graduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/social-work/social-advocacy-justice-university-certificate/>)

## Courses

### SWK 761. Alcohol and Drug Assessment. (3 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: Departmental approval. Provides clinical and scientific knowledge about the history and range of consequences associated with alcohol and drug addiction. Credit will not be awarded for both SWK 561 and SWK 761.

### SWK 762. Alcohol and Drug Treatment. (3 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: Departmental approval. Provides clinical and scientific knowledge about the treatment of alcohol and drug addiction. Credit will not be awarded for both SWK 562 and SWK 762.

### SWK 800. The Social Work Relationship. (3 Credits)

(3) A. Introduction to generalist social work practice including the importance of self-care, professional ethics, and respect for diversity with the opportunity to build skills in facilitating therapeutic relationships.

### SWK 810. Human Behav Social Enviro I. (3 Credits)

(3) I, II. Applies current research and various paradigms to explain how biopsychosocial-spiritual development across the lifespan and in relation to the social environment shapes individual functioning and family interactions.

### SWK 815. Human Behav Social Enviro II. (3 Credits)

(3) I, II. Prerequisite: SWK 800 with a minimum grade of "B" or departmental approval. Prerequisite or corequisite: SWK 810. Applies current research and various paradigms to explain how social, cultural forces, and institutions shape group, organization, and community interactions.

### SWK 820. Social Work Practice I. (3 Credits)

(3) I, II. Prerequisite: SWK 800 and SWK 810 with a minimum grade of "B" or departmental approval. Corequisite: SWK 825. Foundation for social work practice with individuals. Draws from current research and various paradigms with the opportunity to practice facilitating the generalist intervention method to develop skills in ethical, culturally inclusive micro practice.

### SWK 825. Social Work Research Methods. (3 Credits)

(3) I, II. Prerequisite: SWK 800 and SWK 810 with a minimum grade of "B" or departmental approval. Prerequisite or Corequisite: SWK 820. Foundation for qualitative and quantitative research with the opportunity to critically evaluate research methodology and plan a research study for ethical, culturally inclusive social work practice across client systems.

### SWK 830. Social Work Practice II. (3 Credits)

(3) I, II. Prerequisites: SWK 815 and SWK 820 with a minimum grade of "B" or departmental approval. Foundation for social work practice with families and groups. Draws from current research and various paradigms with the opportunity to practice facilitating a psychoeducational group to develop skills in ethical, culturally inclusive mezzo practice.

### SWK 840. Social Work Practice III. (3 Credits)

(3) I, II. Prerequisite: SWK 815, SWK 820 and SWK 830 with a minimum grade of "B" or departmental approval. Prerequisite or corequisite: SWK 845. Foundation for generalist social work practice with organizations and communities. Draws from current research and various paradigms with the opportunity to practice facilitating a task group to develop skills in ethical, culturally inclusive macro practice.

### SWK 845. Soc Policy Analy and Advoc. (3 Credits)

(3) I, II. Prerequisite: SWK 800 with a minimum grade of "B" or departmental approval. Engages students as agents of change starting with policy analysis, formulation, modification, and evaluation at administrative, judicial, and legislative levels. There is an emphasis on personal and social empowerment to foster policies and practices that support a just society.

### SWK 850. Generalist Practicum. (1-3 Credits)

I, II. Prerequisite: Admission to the MSW Social Work Program, Practicum Placement Approved by Field Director, SWK 800 and SWK 810 completed with at least a "B" or departmental approval. Supervised practice in a social agency and seminar to discuss the application of social work knowledge, skills, competencies, behaviors, ethics and values necessary for ethical, culturally inclusive, and evidence-based generalist practice. May be retaken to a maximum of six hours.

### SWK 855. Generalist Capstone. (2 Credits)

I, II. Prerequisite: Admission to Advanced Standing or all generalist courses completed with a minimum grade of "B" or departmental approval. Opportunity to review, integrate, and apply knowledge for the demonstration of proficiency with all nine competencies in generalist practice as a foundation for ethical, culturally inclusive, and evidence-based interprofessional social work practice.

**SWK 860. Interprofessional Micro Practice. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: Admission to Advanced Standing or all generalist courses completed with a minimum grade of "B" or departmental approval. Opportunity to focus on the application of micro-level social work theories, skills, evidence-based interventions, and research methods for practice evaluation in order to engage in ethical, culturally inclusive, and evidence-based interprofessional micro social work practice.

**SWK 863. Stress Management & Self-Care. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: Departmental approval. Addresses what supports a healthy lifestyle that includes stress management and perceived quality of life. Emphasis is on evidence-based approaches and experiential learning to inform the development and maintenance of a plan for self-care.

**SWK 864. Child and Family Services. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: Departmental approval. Critical appraisal of societal values underlying services to children. Examines a range of social and child welfare services, impact of public policies, and interventions to support children and families.

**SWK 865. Social Gerontology. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: Departmental approval. Applies current research and various paradigms to describe factors that shape the aging process. Class activities inspire new insights that can be used to better support older adults and their families.

**SWK 866. Crisis Intervention. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: Departmental approval. Examination of current theories pertaining to the fundamentals of trauma and traumatic stress that can lead to crisis. The implications of crisis intervention to modify, manage, and cope with trauma will be addressed.

**SWK 867. Spirit Sensitivity Help Profes. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: Admission to ECU Graduate School or departmental approval. Describes how professionals can address spiritual issues that emerge in health and mental care settings. Students will also explore how their own beliefs influence daily life and work.

**SWK 870. Interprofessional Mezzo Practice. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: Admission to Advanced Standing or all generalist courses completed with a minimum grade of "B" or departmental approval. Opportunity to focus on the application of mezzo-level social work theories, skills, evidence-based interventions, and research methods for practice evaluation in order to engage in ethical, culturally inclusive, and evidence-based interprofessional mezzo social work practice.

**SWK 880. Interprofessional Macro Practice. (3 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: Admission to Advanced Standing or all generalist courses completed with a minimum grade of "B" or departmental approval. Opportunity to focus on the application of theories of change and social justice, community engagement, and research methods for program evaluation in order to engage in ethical, culturally inclusive, interprofessional macro social work practice.

**SWK 890. Interprofessional Practicum. (1-4 Credits)**

A. Prerequisite: Admission to Advanced Standing or all generalist courses completed with a minimum grade of "B" or "S" and field director approval of placement. Corequisite: SWK 860 or SWK 870 or SWK 880. Supervised practice in a social agency and foundation seminar to integrate social work and relevant knowledge for ethical, culturally inclusive, and evidence-based practice. May be retaken to a maximum of eight hours.

**SWK 895. Interprofessional Capstone. (2 Credits)**

(2). I, II. Prerequisite: All generalist and advanced courses completed with a minimum grade of "B" or departmental approval. Opportunity to review, integrate, and apply knowledge for the demonstration of proficiency with all nine competencies that inform ethical, culturally inclusive, and evidence-based interprofessional social work practice.

**SWK 899. Indep Study in Social Work. (1-3 Credits)**

A. Student must consult with the faculty project advisor and have the independent study proposal form approved by their faculty project advisor, program director, and department chair prior to enrollment. Course may include intensive reading in a specialized area, synthesizing literature on a topic, completing a research project, or other assignment arranged with faculty advisor. May be retaken to a maximum of nine hours.