

# POSTING ADDENDUM

## COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

### Department of Social Work

#### PENDING ICHE APPROVAL

#### New:

#### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW), 36-57 credits

##### Programs

Students who have an undergraduate degree other than the BSW will need to apply for the two-year MSW program, which requires at least four semesters for a two-year completion.

Students who have a BSW degree and are applying within five years of earning their BSW degree are welcome to apply for the Advanced Standing MSW Program, which requires at least three semesters for a one-year completion.

##### Admission requirements

Applicants must apply to both the Graduate School and the Department of Social Work. Separate application forms are required by the Graduate School and the department. Applicants are screened according to departmental criteria after they have been admitted by the Graduate School. Social Work does not give credit for life experience.

Application deadlines for the programs are as follows:

- The full-time advanced standing program starts every summer semester and the application deadline is February 1.
- The full-time two-year program starts every fall semester and the application deadline is March 1.

##### Degree requirements

Students must receive a *B* or better in pre-practicum and practicum classes.

##### Master of Social Work (MSW) Programs

The MSW is offered through the following options:

##### *Advanced Standing Program, 36 credits*

This program is designed for exceptional BSW students who have graduated from a CSWE-accredited BSW program. A limited number of students are accepted into this program.

Students in advanced standing can complete the program in one calendar year.

Admission requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited program completed within the past five years.
- 3.0 GPA overall and 3.0 GPA in social work.
- Final undergraduate field evaluation.
- Three letters of reference, at least one of which is from a faculty member, and one from a former field instructor.
- Application to the department, as well as to the Graduate School.

##### Advanced Standing 1-Year Program

Bridge classes for advanced standing program will be taken in the summer semester before beginning the fall semester.

PREFIX	NO	SHORT TITLE	CREDITS
SOCW	510	Rural Soc Wk	3
	610	Adv Stand Sem	3

##### Advanced Standing Program (Fall and Spring Semesters)

SOCW	600	Adv Gen Rural Pract 1	3
	601	Adv Gen Rural Pract 2	3
	620	Adv Soc Welf Pol and Progs	3
	640	Soc Wk Pract Eval and Anlys	3
	641	Soc Wk Prog Eval and Anlys	3
	650	Diff Assess Ment Hlth and Adct	3
	660	Soc Wk Field Pract 2	3
	661	Soc Wk Field Pract 3	3

6 credits from

SOCW	670	Soc Wk Leadshp and Admin (3)	
	671	Soc Wk Pract Oldr Adlts Fam (3)	
	672	Soc Wk Pract Men Hlth and Adct (3)	
	673	Soc Wk Pract in Child Welf (3)	
	674	Soc Wk Pract in Hlth Setngs (3)	6

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36 crs

##### *Two-Year Program, 57 credits*

The two-year MSW program is designed for students who have chosen to pursue a graduate social work degree and are prepared to matriculate on a full-time basis.

Admission requirements:

- Bachelor's degree.

- 3.0 GPA (or if undergraduate GPA is below 3.0, GRE General Exam score is required). NOTE: GRE is not required for those students who have completed a graduate degree with a GPA greater than or equal to 3.0.
- Documentation of 30 hours paid or volunteer experience in human services.
- Three letters of reference, at least one of which is from a faculty member, and one from a human service supervisor (the third can be from either).
- Prerequisite courses in social science statistics, human biology, and at least three areas of social sciences, with at least one additional social science course at the 300 or 400 level.
- Application to the department, as well as to the Graduate School.

## Two-Year Program

Year 1 (Fall and Spring Semesters)

PREFIX	NO	SHORT TITLE	CREDITS
SOCW	500	Soc Wk Pract 1	3
	501	Soc Wk Pract 2	3
	510	Rural Soc Wk	3
	520	Soc Welf Pol and Progs	3
	530	Mic Perspect of HBSE 1	3
	531	Mac Perspect of HBSE 2	3
	540	Res Meth and Desgn	3
	550	Divsty, Opprsn, and Privlge	3
	560	Soc Wk Field Prac 1	3

Year 2 (Fall and Spring Semesters)

SOCW	600	Adv Gen Rural Pract 1	3
	601	Adv Gen Rural Pract 2	3
	620	Adv Soc Welf Pol and Progs	3
	640	Soc Wk Pract Eval and Anlys	3
	641	Soc Wk Prog Eval and Anlys	3
	650	Diff Assess Ment Hlth and Adct	3
	660	Soc Wk Field Pract 2	3
	661	Soc Wk Field Pract 3	3

6 credits from

SOCW	670	Soc Wk Leadshp and Admin (3)	
	671	Soc Wk Pract Oldr Adlts Fam (3)	
	672	Soc Wk Pract Men Hlth and Adct (3)	
	673	Soc Wk Pract in Child Welf (3)	
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57 crs

## SOCIAL WORK (SOCW)

### New:

**500 Social Work Practice 1 (3)** Provides the foundation for social work practice with individuals, families, and groups. It emphasizes basic knowledge, values, critical thinking and

practice skills for ethical and effective social work practice.

*Parallel:* SOCW 510 and 520 and 530.

*Open only to* students accepted into the two-year Masters in Social Work program.

**501 Social Work Practice 2 (3)** Builds students' knowledge and experience in assessing, engaging, planning, and executing projects in collaboration with organizations and communities. Facilitates learning and application focusing on several theories of organizational and community change, leadership, and management styles.

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 500 and 510 and 520 and 530 with a grade of *B* or better, or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 531 and 540 and 550 and 560.

*Open only to* students accepted into the two-year Masters in Social Work program.

**510 Rural Social Work (3)** Provides students with information about rural communities and exploration of ways in which social work practitioners can serve these communities more effectively.

*Parallel:* SOCW 500 or 520 or 530 or 610.

*Open only to* students admitted into the Masters in Social Work program.

**520 Social Welfare Policy and Programs (3)** A social work foundation course which provides an overview of current social welfare policy and programs within a historical and analytic framework. Students will examine the connections between current policy and programs, their historical development and their impact on vulnerable and marginalized populations.

*Parallel:* SOCW 500 and 510 and 530.

*Open only to* students accepted into the two-year Masters in Social Work program.

**530 Micro Perspectives of Human Behavior in the Social Environment 1 (3)** Provides the theoretical and knowledge base for social work practice applying a multidimensional framework in the assessment of the ongoing interaction between people and their environments over the life course.

*Parallel:* SOCW 500 and 510 and 520.

*Open only to* students accepted into the two-year Masters in Social Work program.

**531 Macro Perspectives of Human Behavior in the Social Environment 2 (3)** Second course of a two-course sequence that focuses on the interaction between an individual's development and the functioning of groups, organizations, and communities. The goal is to acquire a knowledge base in the generalist social work perspective as it relates to individuals, groups, communities, and organizations.

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 500 and 510 and 520 and 530 with a grade of *B* or better, or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 501 and 540 and 550 and 560.

*Open only to* students accepted into the two-year Masters in Social Work program.

**540 Research Methodology and Design (3)** Introduces

students to the scientific method as a form of knowledge development. Content in this course aims to help students understand how research is used to address social problems and evaluate social work practice and programs. Sample topics to be included are the role of concepts and theory, hypothesis formulation, operationalization, research design, data collection, and report writing.

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 500 and 510 and 520 and 530 with a grade of *B* or better, or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 501 and 531 and 550 and 560.

*Open only to* students accepted into the two-year Masters in Social Work program.

**550 Diversity, Oppression, and Privilege (3)** This foundation-level course examines institutionalized oppression and its implications for social work practice at the individual, organizational, and community level. Content emphasizes the relationships among power, oppression, and privilege and the consequences of social and economic inequality.

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 500 and 510 and 520 and 530 with a grade of *B* or better, or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 501 and 531 and 540 and 560.

*Open only to* students accepted into the two-year Masters in Social Work program.

**560 Social Work Field Practice 1 (3)** Offers an educationally focused and professionally supervised practicum placement in an area social service agency at an assigned practicum site. Students take the courses over fall and spring semester, spending approximately 22 hours per week at the site each semester.

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 500 and 510 and 520 and 530 with a grade of *B* or better, or permission of department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 501 and 531 and 540 and 550.

*Open only to* students accepted into the two-year Masters in Social Work program.

**600 Advanced Generalist Rural Practice 1 (3)** Provides students with practice models compatible with an ecological systems perspective and with skills for working with individuals, families, and groups in rural communities.

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 560 or 610 with a grade of *B* or better, or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 640 and 650 and 660.

*Open only to* students admitted into the Masters in Social Work program.

**601 Advanced Generalist Rural Practice 2 (3)** Provides students with practice models compatible with an ecological systems perspective and with skills for working with organizations and communities in rural communities.

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 660 with a grade of *B* or better, or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 620 and 641 and 661.

*Open only to* students admitted into the Masters of Social Work program.

**610 Advanced Standing Seminar (3)** Serves as a bridge course for students entering into the Advanced Standing

program for the graduate social work degree. Students will review fundamental social work principles to prepare themselves for advanced level graduate social work courses.

*Prerequisite:* admission into the advanced standing program, or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 510.

*Open only to* students admitted into the advanced standing Masters in Social Work program.

**620 Advanced Social Welfare Policy and Programs (3)** An advanced social work course which will provide students with advanced knowledge of public policies and advocacy for social change in their area of interest. Emerging issues and the impact of current events on populations of interest will be examined. Students will learn the process of creating and changing policy at the agency, community, and legislative level and the effect of interest and advocacy groups.

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 660 with a grade of *B* or better or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 601 and 641 and 661.

*Open only to* students admitted into the Masters of Social Work program.

**640 Social Work Practice, Evaluation and Analysis (3)**

Social work practice evaluation and analysis introduces students to the process of evaluating a social work intervention using the single design research method. Data will be analyzed using statistical software appropriate for single-subject designs.

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 560 and 610 with a grade of *B* or better, or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 600 and 650 and 660.

*Open only to* students admitted into the Masters in Social Work program.

**641 Social Work Program, Evaluation and Analysis (3)**

Social work program evaluation and analysis introduces students to the design, implementation, and analyses of formative and summative evaluations of social work interventions at the programmatic level. Special attention is placed on evaluating the extent to which social programs address issues of social justice, ethics, diversity, and empowerment across diverse populations and settings. A research paper will be completed to fulfill the Graduate School requirement for a research plan (Ball State Graduate Catalog).

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 660 with a grade of *B* or better, or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 601 and 620 and 661.

*Open only to* students admitted into the Master of Social Work program.

**650 Differential Assessment in Mental Health and Addictions (3)**

Teaches social workers to identify major mental disorders, substance use, and abuse disorders and provides an introduction to social work practice approaches used in the treatment of these disorders.

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 560 or 610 with a grade of *B* or better, or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 600 and 640 and 660.

*Open only to* students admitted into the Master of Social Work program.

**660 Social Work Field Practicum 2 (3)** Offers an educationally focused and professionally supervised practicum placement in an area social service agency at an assigned practicum site. Students take the courses over fall and spring semester, spending approximately 22 hours per week at the site each semester.

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 560 or 610 with a grade of *B* or better, or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 600 and 640 and 650.

*Open only to* students admitted into the Masters in Social Work program.

**661 Social Work Field Practicum 3 (3)** Offers an educationally focused and professionally supervised practicum placement in an area social service agency at an assigned practicum site. Students take the courses over fall and spring semester, spending approximately 22 hours per week at the site each semester.

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 660 with a grade of *B* or better, or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 601 and 620 and 641.

*Open only to* students admitted into the Masters in Social Work program.

**670 Social Work Leadership and Administration (3)**

Examines leadership and the organizational context of social work practice. Focus will be on organizational adaptability and leadership roles at all levels in health and human services organizations. Leadership issues in program evaluation, grant writing, administrative functions, supervision, conflict resolution, inter-organizational relations, and organizational development will be addressed. Topics will be adapted to the specific needs of students with respect to their areas of study with vulnerable populations.

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 560 or 610 with a grade of *B* or better, or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 600 or 601 or 620 or 640 or 641 or 650 or 660 or 661.

*Open only to* students admitted into the Masters in Social Work program.

**671 Social Work Practice with Older Adults and Families (3)**

Focuses on practice with older adults and their families. It examines the physical, psychological and social aspects of aging and the impact of associated changes on elders and their families. Focuses on building and maintaining support systems which sustain and enhance the functioning and well-being of older adults as well as understanding the service delivery system within which they function.

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 560 or 610 with a grade of *B* or better, or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 600 or 601 or 620 or 640 or 641 or 650 or 660 or 661.

*Open only to* students admitted into the Masters in Social Work program.

**672 Social Work Practice in Mental Health and Addictions (3)**

This advanced social work course prepares students with skills and knowledge to work with individuals and families with mental illness and/or substance disorders. Understanding service delivery systems and evidence based interventions are emphasized while working with rural populations. Risk assessment tools, intervention models, diagnoses and case planning, program and policy developments, and practices of oppression are examined.

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 560 or 610 with a grade of *B* or better, or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 600 or 601 or 620 or 640 or 641 or 650 or 660 or 661.

*Open only to* students admitted into the Masters in Social Work program.

**673 Social Work Practice in Child Welfare (3)**

This advanced social work course prepares students with skills and knowledge to work with abused and neglected children and families. Understanding service delivery systems and evidence based interventions are emphasized while working with rural populations. Risk assessment tools, court systems, laws and policies, case planning and racial disparity are examined.

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 560 or 610 with a grade of *B* or better, or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 600 or 601 or 620 or 640 or 650 or 651 or 660 or 661.

*Open only to* students admitted into the Masters in Social Work program.

**674 Social Work Practice in Health Care Settings (3)**

Explores the central contribution of social work to comprehensive health care; social work interventions to assess and ameliorate the psychological effects of illness and disability are included along with emerging roles for social work in prevention and health maintenance.

*Prerequisite:* SOCW 560 or 610 with a grade of *B* or better, or permission of the department chairperson.

*Parallel:* SOCW 600 or 601 or 620 or 640 or 641 or 650 or 660 or 661.

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