

SOCIAL WORK (SWK)

SWK 600 Selected Topics (1-6 Credits)

School of Education

Exploration of a topic in social work, not covered by the standard curriculum, but of interest to faculty and students in a particular semester.

Repeatable

SWK 601 Fundamentals of Social Work Practice I (3 Credits)

School of Education

Preparation for beginning social work interventions. Theories of practice and rehearsal of problem solving and communication skills with individuals, families, and groups in client, target, and action systems.

Coreq: SWK 671 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 602 Fundamentals of Social Work Practice II (3 Credits)

School of Education

Design, implementation, and evaluation of intervention strategies in social work practice. Intervention with individuals, families, and groups in the context of agencies, organizations and communities.

Advisory recommendation Coreq: SWK 672

SWK 603 Social Work and the Human-Animal Bond (3 Credits)

School of Education

Double-numbered with SWK 403

Introduction to theory and research on the roles of human-companion animal relationships in social work and biopsychosocial well-being.

Additional work required of graduate students.

Shared Competencies: Scientific Inquiry and Research Skills (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/shared-competencies/scientific-inquiry-and-research-skills/>)

SWK 611 Social Welfare Policy and Services (3 Credits)

School of Education

Historical antecedents of social welfare policy, programs. Social work values, roles. Structure and organization of public and voluntary strategies for achieving economic security, health, and mental health welfare goals. Cultural, racial, ethnic, gender diversity. Policy analysis frameworks.

SWK 612 Social Services II (3 Credits)

School of Education

SWK 626 Persons in Social Context (3 Credits)

School of Education

Cross-listed with WGS 626

Assessment of behavior of diverse individuals, groups, and social systems. Applying concepts from the biological, behavioral, and social sciences in identifying and understanding forms and causes of behavior.

SWK 627 Introduction to Military Culture and Mental Health Practice (3 Credits)

School of Education

Double-numbered with SWK 427

Introduction to military culture and mental health practice with military service members, veterans, and their families. Classroom instruction on understanding military culture and providing clinically and culturally competent services. Additional work for graduate students.

Shared Competencies: Critical and Creative Thinking (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/shared-competencies/critical-and-creative-thinking/>)

SWK 628 Human Diversity in Social Contexts (3 Credits)

School of Education

Cross-listed with WGS 628

Diversity, including race, gender, sexual orientation, and selected topics. Examines individual, group, and institutional identity formation. Theories of biopsychosocial development, reference group affiliation, social stratification, oppression, and institutional discrimination. Implications for social work practice.

SWK 641 Divorce Mediation (3 Credits)

School of Education

Cross-listed with MFT 641

Basic theory and skills of divorce mediation. Includes introduction to conflict resolution theory, divorce law, financial planning, custody issues, and marital and family dynamics related to divorce.

SWK 643 Aging in the Context of Family Life (3 Credits)

School of Education

Cross-listed with HFS 643, SOC 643

Double-numbered with HFS 443, SWK 443, SOC 443

Overview of theory, research, and public policy concerning older adults and their families. Issues of relevance to aging families examined from multidisciplinary perspectives in the social and behavioral sciences. Extra work required of graduate students.

SWK 646 Sem Swk in Public Sch (3 Credits)

School of Education

SWK 657 Processes of Aging (3 Credits)

School of Education

Double-numbered with SWK 357

Intrinsic aging processes, changing needs, and characteristics of aging populations, and the impact of age related forces in American society, with special attention to aged groups disadvantaged by virtue of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and poverty. Additional work required of graduate students.

SWK 658 Practice and Policy in Adult Corrections (3 Credits)

School of Education

Double-numbered with SWK 458

Overview of adult corrections. Criminal justice policies related to ethnicity, poverty, gender. Substance use, health and disability, and violence are explored within the context of correctional setting and offender populations. Applications to social work practice.

SWK 662 Applied Research in Human Service Settings (3 Credits)

School of Education

Design and execution of research in human service settings. Proposal development, creation of quantitative and qualitative instruments, coding of data, computer-based data analysis, and production of research reports.

SWK 670 Experience Credit (1-6 Credits)

Social Work

Repeatable

SWK 671 Field Instruction I (3 Credits)

School of Education

Supervised practice experience to apply knowledge, social work principles, values, and methods and obtain increasing competence and skill for professional practice. No credit will be given for completion of only one semester of field work.

Coreq: SWK 601 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 672 Field Instruction II (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Supervised practice experience to apply knowledge, social work principles, values, and methods and obtain increasing competence and skill for professional practice. No credit will be given for completion of only one semester of field work.

Prereq: SWK 671; Coreq: SWK 602 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 675 Field Experience Pre-Planning (0 Credits)*School of Education*

Double-numbered with SWK 375

Pre-planning for matching and securing a field experience. Course facilitates access to the Tevera Internship experience system via BlackBoard.

Repeatable 4 times for 0 credits maximum

SWK 680 International Course (1-12 Credits)*School of Education*

Offered through SUAbroad by educational institution outside the United States. Student registers for the course at the foreign institution and is graded according to that institution's practice. SUAbroad works with the S.U. academic department to assign the appropriate course level, title, and grade for the student's transcript.

Repeatable

SWK 682 Introduction to Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Double-numbered with SWK 482

Therapeutic use of horses with children and adults experiencing various physical, cognitive, and emotional challenges; nature of horses in healing; research on EAAT. Classroom instruction and experiential learning onsite with an established therapeutic horsemanship program. Additional work required of graduate Students.

SWK 689 Individualized Readings Program (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Selected readings in social work and related fields under guidance of appropriate faculty.

SWK 690 Independent Study (1-6 Credits)*School of Education*

In-depth exploration of a problem or problems. Individual independent study upon a plan submitted by the student. Admission by consent of supervising instructor or instructors and the department.

Repeatable

SWK 700 Selected Topics (1-6 Credits)*School of Education*

Exploration of a topic in social work not covered by standard curriculum, but of interest to second year graduate students and faculty in a particular semester.

Repeatable

SWK 703 Direct Service with the Elderly (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Analysis of social work practice models/theories, and development of professional skills as they apply to practice problems confronted in work with the elderly.

Prereq: SWK 601, 602, 657 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 704 Social Planning and the Older American (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Social planning and administration focused on issues related to services for older people at the local level. Skills required to design services, develop resources, formulate policies, and administer programs.

Prereq: SWK 602, 657 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 706 Social Work Practice in Health (3 Credits)*School of Education*

The diversity of health and illness benefits and practices are examined and related to practice methods. Advanced theory-based practice skills are developed, applicable to developmental and diversity lifestyle variations.

Prereq: SWK 601 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 707 Short Term Intervention in Social Work (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Development of advanced clinical skills in current empirically-supported brief interventions. Effectiveness and efficiency are stressed in the context of the common factors. Role plays, film, discussion, and video recorded practice facilitate skill development.

Prereq: SWK 601 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 709 Practice with Children, Adolescents and Families (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Intervention models examined in the framework of family empowerment and advocacy for organizational change. Examines implications of diverse, culturally based child rearing practices for design of intervention strategies to strengthen and empower families.

Prereq: SWK 730 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 710 Topics in Advanced Social Work Practice and Policy (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Developing issues and current trends. Shifting directions in social work practice and theory: methods, strategies, and techniques of intervention. Services to diverse populations. Developing issues and current trends. Shifting directions in social work practice, policy, and theory. Service models, techniques, and strategies of intervention for diverse populations. U.S. or international.

Repeatable 3 times for 9 credits maximum

SWK 711 Financial Management of Voluntary Social Agencies (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Budget preparation, justification, and analysis. Role and functions of audits and legal reporting requirement. Link between budgeting and fund raising processes.

SWK 712 Clinical Social Work with Groups (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Experiential seminar explores frameworks for therapeutic intervention with formed groups. Focuses on students' prior experience, aids in integration of new models and techniques into social work model for clinical work with groups. Requires concurrent work with short term group.

Prereq: SWK 601 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 714 Supervision, Consultation and Staff Development (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Functions, methods, and techniques of supervision and consultation within an organizational context. Design, implementation, and evaluation of staff development programs. Emphasis on overcoming barriers to multicultural groups and enhancing staff morale, motivation, and effectiveness.

Prereq: SWK 602 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 715 Administration in Human Services (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Organizational and administrative theories and principles are applied to a range of human services. Administrative issues related to effective delivery of services include job design, resource procurement and allocation, strategic planning, and quality management.

Prereq: SWK 602 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 718 Working with Animals in the Human Services: Observation and Practices (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Individual projects requiring intensive observation, study, or active participation in settings where animals are part of human service delivery. Linkage of theory and findings in research literature to social work practice.

Prereq: SWK 601 and SWK 603 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 724 Psychopathology (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Stressful processes of living, focusing on individual attitudinal and behavioral responses that may be maladaptive. Traditional mental health theories and classifications, and relevant perspectives from sociology, social psychology, and biology.

SWK 726 The Contemporary Native American Experience (3 Credits)*School of Education*

An American Indian perspective on individual and cultural development, designed for social work and human service professionals. Classroom and field work encompass traditions, human relations, social problems and oppression, with attending practice issues.

SWK 727 Family Violence: Policy, Practice and Research (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Examines family violence from a social work perspective. Integrated understanding of causation and intervention. Direct practice and policy issues. Role of research in the family violence field.

SWK 730 Family Systems Theory (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Exploration of foundational and current couple and family therapy theories as they relate to functional and dysfunctional interactions, and to the practice of Social Work with individuals, families and groups.

Prereq: SWK 626 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 732 Advanced Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Application of systems thinking to advanced social work practice with individuals, families, and groups. Intervention with problems of aging, child welfare, health, mental health, and in the workplace.

Prereq: SWK 730; Coreq: SWK 771 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 733 Social Work Practice in Mental Health (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Advanced practice course in clinical social work concentration. Focuses on integration of knowledge in SW program, while including group therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy and professional use-of-self perspective.

Prereq: SWK 732 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 734 Feminist Social Work Practice (3 Credits)*School of Education*

How women's ways of being and knowing need to be addressed by social work practitioners. Examines and operationalizes feminist epistemology in a variety of social work settings.

Prereq: SWK 601 and Coreq: SWK 672, 771 or 772 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 735 Principles and Methods of Social Work Practice with Black Families (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Principles and methods in working with black families. Practice interventions are examined within a cultural context. Attention will be given to the historical underpinnings that have molded the black experience in America.

Prereq: SWK 601 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 736 Evidence-Based Approaches to Mental Health Treatment (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Evidence-based practices within recovery-oriented paradigm for treating individuals with serious mental illness. Focus on assessment, treatment outcomes, and translating research into practice.

Prereq: SWK 601 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 737 Strategies for Community Behavioral Health Practice (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Skills related to engagement and motivational enhancement for social work practice with individuals within community-based settings. Models: recovery-oriented practices, person-centered planning, motivational interviewing, and classroom experience involves interaction with agency practitioners.

SWK 738 Core Concepts in Trauma Treatment for Children and Adolescents (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Introduction of core concepts that inform evidence-based assessment and intervention with traumatized children and adolescents. Addresses the level of functioning of primary caregiving environments and assesses capacity of the community to facilitate restorative processes.

Prereq: SWK 601 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 739 Applied Neuroscience in the Human Services (3 Credits)*School of Education*

The course explores key findings in neuroscience and consideration of implications for human service practitioners across disciplines and settings. Enables integration of scientific findings, related controversies, and ethical issues into approach to practice and policy.

SWK 740 Treatment of Complex Trauma with Individuals (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Preparation for clinical practice with individuals who have experienced complex trauma. Current interventions for trauma treatment and factors involved in appropriate treatment selection are addressed.

SWK 742 Violence, Bullying, & Trauma: Clinical Perspectives (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Analysis of violence, bullying, harassment, hazing, and traumatic effects that result. A systems theory perspective is applied to organizations and to families. Evidence-based approaches for intervention and remediation are discussed.

SWK 743 Advanced Integrated Social Work Practice (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Principles, modalities, techniques of social work practice integrated across micro and mezzo levels. Advanced assessment, intervention and evaluation across systems, in community-based practice, through the context of mental health, child welfare, health, aging.

Prereq: SWK 601; Coreq: SWK 771 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 754 Death, Dying, and Terminal Illness (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Death, dying, terminal illness, and coping with trauma and loss as it impacts the individual, family, and identified social networks. Social work practice, theory, and ethics surrounding the dying process. Consideration of companion animals.

CoReq: SWK 601 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 761 Integrated Behavioral Health Policy (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Policies and programs for persons with behavioral health illnesses. Public policy, financing, service delivery systems, community-based, integrated care. Human rights, confidentiality, health disparities for under-served populations. Policy analysis, policy advocacy.

Prereq: SWK 611 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 763 Health Care Policy (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Present organization of health care services, development of government legislation, and regulation. Organization and growth of public and private services and their impact on special populations.

Prereq: SWK 611 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 765 Public Policy and Aging (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Identify social policy formulations relevant to the changing lifestyle of the elderly. Implications of such policies for the social institutions and delivery systems serving elderly persons and their families.

Prereq: SWK 611 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details

SWK 766 Seminar in International Social Welfare Policy and Social Work (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Cross-national comparisons.

Prereq: SWK 611 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details

SWK 768 Family & Child Welfare Policy (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Examines policies, programs affecting three groups of families and children: supportive services for all, target services for those at risk, and intensive interventions to protect children with acute problems. Measurement and political dimensions of policy making analysis.

Prereq: SWK 611 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 771 Field Instruction III (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Supervised practice experience in social agencies related to student's concentration choice. No credit will be given for only one semester of field work.

Coreq: SWK 732 or SWK 743 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 772 Field Instruction IV (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Supervised practice experience in social agencies related to student's concentration choice. No credit will be given for only one semester of field work.

Prereq: SWK 771 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 774 Proposal Writing and Program Development (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Planning, development, and funding of social service programs in both private nonprofit and public settings.

Advisory recommendation Prereq: SWK 602

SWK 775 Program Evaluation (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Evaluation of human service programs reflected in students' field placements. Evaluability assessment. Program description. Posing evaluation questions. Quantitative and qualitative methods of needs assessment, information management, process evaluation, outcome evaluation, cost analysis, reporting results.

Prereq: SWK 662; Coreq: SWK 771 or 772 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 776 Clinical Practice Evaluation (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Evaluation of clinical practice reflected in students' field placements.

Principles of measurement. Single system design. Critical thinking in clinical decision making. Quantitative and qualitative methods of systematic self-evaluation, instrument design, data analysis.

Prereq: SWK 662; Coreq: SWK 771 or 772 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 777 Community Organization and Development (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Theoretical orientations and skills required for social work practice of community economic development in urban and rural settings.

Prereq: SWK 602 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 778 Policy Practice and Advocacy (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Social policy analysis, planning and advocacy knowledge, methods and skills applied to social reform and social change in health and welfare arenas.

Prereq: SWK 602 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 779 Seminar in Organizational Development and Leadership (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Theories, research, and practice models of organizational development and leadership. How organizations function and personal exploration of the self as change agent. Skills of analysis and synthesis for organizational change in public and nonprofit settings.

Prereq: SWK 771 and SWK 602 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 780 Dean's Seminar (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Repeatable

SWK 781 Alcohol and Other Drugs in Human Service Settings (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Introduces theory and practice strategies appropriate to understand and address alcohol and other drug problems among clients in various human services settings.

Prereq: SWK 601 Please review Class Notes within Class Search Results - Class Section > View Details.

SWK 784 Genetic Disorders and Social Support (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Human behavior and social environmental issues of families with a genetic disorder or birth defect. Genetic causes of birth defects. Implications for development of services.

SWK 785 AIDS: Social and Preventive Issues (3 Credits)*School of Education*

Studies policy and practice issues affecting individuals infected by human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Examines nature of illness, its psychosocial sequelae, differential impact on ethnic/cultural groups in U.S., and strategies for ethnic sensitive practice.

SWK 789 Individualized Reading Program (1-4 Credits)*School of Education*

Selected readings in social work and related fields under guidance of appropriate faculty.

SWK 790 Independent Study (1-6 Credits)*School of Education*

Exploration of a problem, or problems, in depth. Individual independent study upon a plan submitted by the student. Admission by consent of supervising instructor(s) and the department.

Repeatable

SWK 990 Independent Study (1-6 Credits)*School of Education*

Exploration of a problem, or problems, in depth. Individual independent study upon a plan submitted by the student. Admission by consent of supervising instructor(s) and the department.

Repeatable

SWK 999 Dissertation (0-15 Credits)*School of Education*