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Handbook of the
Advanced Generalist Specialization
with

Focus Areas in:

- * Aging
- * Children, Youth and Families
- * Health
- * Mental Health

2017-2018 Requirements

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Advanced Generalist Specialization Framework

The second year curriculum of the MSW Program is grounded in and built upon a generalist approach to advanced practice. Although first articulated by Shatz and her colleagues over twenty years ago (Schatz, Jenkins, & Sheafar, 1990), an “advanced generalist practice” model is well suited for the practice demands of the 21st Century, which require broad knowledge and skills that have generic features that cut across fields of practice.

The knowledge and skill base for the advanced generalist approach follows from social work's continued commitment to serving and advocating for economically oppressed and marginalized populations whatever service door they may enter. Indeed, many individuals or groups may have needs for which there are no formal services and social workers should be prepared to move outside, as well as reshape, existing service structures as we seek ways to address the problems that confront oppressed and marginalized populations whose voices are often silenced or unheard. Preparing social workers to be leaders in an increasingly multi-cultural and global world, marked by shrinking resources for poor people, devolution of responsibility for social welfare from the federal to state and local governments, and the growing privatization of services, suggests core areas of knowledge and skill development that all MSW students should be exposed to. These include:

A population focus: An understanding of the changing dynamics of the population nationally and locally with an eye toward changing demographics that will have implications for social work practice, e.g. identifying populations at risk for various life adversities and attendant social problems that have, or may become, a focus of social work interventions.

A human services system focus: A focus on systems of care and changes in those systems over time related to populations they are designed to serve, as well as an understanding of factors that influence the flow of populations into those systems of care, including barriers to access and barriers to exiting from the service delivery system.

A social justice focus: A primary commitment to promoting social justice requires an understanding of intersecting oppressions linked to race, gender, social class, and other marginalized statuses that shape exposure to life adversities and attendant problems, as well as access to needed services.

A social action framework: Social workers, regardless of fields of specialization, must be prepared to assume leadership roles that may involve designing services and programs, working with and advocating for consumer groups, grant writing and other administrative tasks, and leading community action initiatives. Provision of advocacy, administrative, and community organizing skills that will better prepare our graduates for the roles they are likely to encounter, which may move them far afield from their original specialization fields of practice, are essential.

A critical and ethical perspective: Social action on behalf of oppressed and marginalized populations requires both a critical perspective, and an ethical stance, recognizing the importance of empowering disenfranchised individuals and groups, and taking a stand for principles of justice, equity, and fair play, regardless of the social context or practice setting.

Specialization Outcomes

Within this framework, second year or advanced standing MSW students complete the advanced generalist practice specialization with a focus area: (1) Aging, (2) Child, Youth, and Family Welfare; or (3) Health, or (4) Mental Health. Along with focus area-specific courses, students complete SW 840 Advanced Macro Practice and three “free electives.” Student outcomes for the specialization are that students will become autonomous practitioners with the ability to integrate social work knowledge, skills and values, affective and cognitive processes that promote well-being at the individual, family, group, organization and community level. To achieve these aims, the curriculum is built around nine core competencies listed below:

Social Work Competencies

1. Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior
2. Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice
3. Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice
4. Engage in Practice-Informed Research and Research-Informed Practice
5. Engage in Policy Practice
6. Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations and Communities
7. Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations and Communities
8. Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations and Communities
9. Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations and Communities

Specialization Requirements

The social work knowledge, values, skills and cognitive and affective processes embedded in the above competencies and demonstrated advanced practice behaviors are acquired through a sequence of courses outlined by specialization and focus area faculty to include:

- A required advanced practice course¹ (area focused)
- A required policies and services course (area focused)
- A required advanced macro-practice course²
- A specialization field placement (area focused)³

In addition, students elect three “free” courses to complete their MSW program. These courses can be within the same focus area or any course from any other focus area. Below is a model of how courses are taken in sequence:

<u>Semester I</u>	cr	<u>Semester II</u>	cr
Advanced Practice Course ¹	2	SW 840 Adv. Macro-Practice or Free Elective	2
Policies & Services Course	2	Free Elective	2
Free Elective or SW 840 Advanced Macro Practice ²	2	Free Elective	2
SW 800 Specialization Field Practice & Integrative Seminar III ³	5	SW 801 Specialization Field Practice & Integrative Seminar IV	6
Total Credits	11	Total Credits	12

¹ The Advanced Practice Course is taken concurrently with field

² Free electives and macro practice courses may be taken in any semester.

³ A two semester course sequence

Optional Subfocus Areas

Students can elect to pursue a more specialized area (subfocus) within their area of focus. At minimum, a subfocus area consists of one substantive course (content or practice) and a field placement in the subfocus area. Current subfocus areas are:

Focus Areas	Sub-Focus Examples (optional)
Aging	Intellectual Disabilities Policy and Administration
Child, Youth and Family Welfare	Child Welfare School Social Work Intellectual Disabilities Policy and Administration
Health	Intellectual Disabilities Policy and Administration
Mental Health	Substance Use Disorders Policy and Administration

Student-designed subfocus areas may also be approved when an appropriate substantive course and field placement can be identified. Students should inform the advisors if they are choosing to pursue a subfocus.

Putting It All Together

To help you organize your advanced practice specialization year, the following pages provide you with a list of all of the required and elective courses that are planned offerings for 2017-18. Next, each of the focus areas are presented mapping out the required courses and more relevant electives for the area of focus, but other electives may be taken that are tailored to your interests and career aspirations.

2017-18
PLANNED REQUIRED AND ELECTIVE COURSE OFFERINGS
At-A-Glance

Fall 2017

- 441 Generalist Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups
- 442 Generalist Practice with Organizations and Communities
- 605 Field of Social Work
- 644 Issues in Developmental Disabilities-online
- 646 Child Abuse and Neglect
- 648 End of Life: Implications and Challenges for Practice
- 663 Human Trafficking and Social Work
- 672 Building Financial Assets and Capability for Vulnerable Families
- 711 Human Behavior and the Environment
- 712 Psychopathology for SW Practice in Mental Health
- 721 Methods of Planning Analysis
- 741 Interventions in Children, Youth and Family Welfare
- 742 Assessing and Treating Children and Adolescents
- 821 SW Practice in Aging and Mental Health
- 835 Advanced Mental Health Practice
- 840 Advanced Macro Practice
- 869 Influencing Political Systems for Social Change
- 873 Social Work Practice in Health Care
- 875 Health, Aging and Disabilities Policies and Services
- 920 Child, Youth and Family Policies and Services
- 921 Child Welfare Policies and Services
- 923 Family Violence

Spring 2018

- 606 Social Policy
- 612 Psychopathology for Generalist SW Practice
- 624 Social Work with Groups
- 640 Social Work with Ethnic and Racial Groups
- 644 Issues in Developmental Disabilities-online
- 650 Methods of Social Work Research
- 656 Social Work Practice in Foster and Kinshipcare
- 664 Refugees, Immigrants and Social Work
- 746 Interdisciplinary, Coordinated Care of the Child with Chronic Illness
- 825 Grief, Loss, Death and Life
- 836 Mental Health Policies and Services
- 840 Advanced Macro Practice
- 842 Consultation and Supervision in Social Work
- 854 Crisis Intervention in Social Work
- 870 Assessing and Treating Adults
- 929 Social Work and Substance Abuse

Advanced Generalist Specialization

Focus in Aging

2017-2018

Required

Advanced Practice

- SW 821 SW Practice in Aging and Mental Health (f)

Policies and Services

- SW 875 Health, Aging and Disability Policies and Services (f)

Macro Practice

- SW 840 Advanced Macro Practice (f,s)

Electives

- MUST TAKE THREE

Field Unit

- SW Practice Aging
- SW Practice in Health (if placement in aging)
- SW Practice in Intellectual and Other Disabilities (if aging placement)
- SW Practice in Policy and Administration (if aging placement)

Relevant Electives

- SW 644 Issues in Developmental Disabilities (f,s)
- SW 648 End of Life: Implications and Challenges for Practice (f)
- SW 825 Grief, Loss, Death and Life (s)
- SW 842 Consultation and Supervision in Social Work (s)
- SW 854 Crisis Intervention in SW (s)
- SW 873 Social Work Practice in Health (f)
- SW 869 Influencing Political Systems for Social Change (f)
- SW 929 SW & Substance Abuse (s)

Joint Focus in Aging & Health

- SW 873 Social Work Practice in Health (f)
- SW 800/801 Aging or Health Unit (if health & aging placement)

Subfocus in Policy & Management

- SW 842 Consultation and Supervision in Social Work (s)
- SW869 Influencing Political Systems for Social Change (f)
- SW 800/801 SW Practice in Policy and Administration Field Unit (if placement in Aging)

Subfocus in Intellectual Disabilities

- SW 644 Issues in Developmental Disabilities (f,s)
- SW 800/801 Intellectual and Other Disabilities Field Unit (if aging placement)

Advanced Generalist Specialization

Focus in Children, Youth and Families

2017-2018

Required	<p>Relevant Electives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SW 624 Social Work with Groups (s) •SW 644 Issues in Developmental Disabilities (f,s) •SW 646 Child Abuse and Neglect (f) •SW 656 SW Practice in Foster & Kinship Care (s) •SW 742 Assessing & Treating Children & Adolescents (f) •SW 842 Consultation and Supervision in SW •SW 854 Crisis Intervention in SW (s) •SW 923 Family Violence (f) •SW 929 SW and Substance Abuse (s) 	
Advanced Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW 741 Interventions with Children, Youth and Families (f) 	
Policies and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW 920 Child, Youth and Family Policies and Services (f) OR • SW 921 Child Welfare (f) 	
Macro Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW 840 Advanced Macro (f,s) 	
Electives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MUST TAKE THREE 	
Field Units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW Practice in County Human Services • Social Work Practice in Intellectual and Other Disabilities • Social Work Practice in Public and Private Child Welfare • SW Practice in Educational Settings • SW Practice in Policy & Administration (if CYFW placement) 	
	<p><i>Subfocus in</i> Child Welfare (Title IV-E)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SW 646 Child Abuse and Neglect (f) •SW 656 Practice in Foster & Kinship Care (s) •SW 842 Consultation and Supervision in Social Work (s) •SW 921 Child Welfare (instead of 920) (f) • SW 800/801 Public & Private Child Welfare or County Human Services Field Units
	<p><i>Subfocus in</i> Policy & Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW 842 Consultation and Supervision in Social Work (s) •SW 869 Influencing Political Systems for Social Change (f) •SW 800/8801 Policy and Administration Field Unit (if CYFW placement)
	<p><i>Subfocus in</i> Intellectual Disabilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SW 644 Issues in Developmental Disabilities (f,s) •SW 800/801 Intellectual and Other Disabilities Field Unit (if CYFW placement)
<p><i>Subfocus in</i> School Social Work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SW 624 Social Work with Groups (s) <i>Optional</i> •SW 644 Issues in Developmental Disabilities (f,s) •SW 742 Assessing and Treating Children & Adolescents (f) •SW 842 Consultation and Supervision in SW (s) <i>Optional</i> •SW 800/801 Placement in Schools 	

f=offered in fall,
s= offered in spring

Advanced Generalist Specialization Focus in Health

2017-2018

Required		Relevant Electives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SW 644 Issues in Developmental Disabilities (f,s) •SW 648 End of Life: Implications and Challenges for Practice (f) •SW 746 Interdisc. Care of Children with Special Health Care Needs (s) •SW 821 SW Practice in Aging and Mental Health (f) •SW 825 Grief, Loss, Death and Life (s) •SW 842 Consultation and Supervision in SW (s) •SW 854 Crisis Intervention in SW (s)
Advanced Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW 873 Social Work Practice in Health (f) 		
Policies and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW 875 Health, Aging and Disability Policies and Services (f) 		
Macro Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW 840 Advanced Macro Practice (f,s) 		
Electives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MUST TAKE THREE 		
Field Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW Practice in Health Care • SW Practice in Intellectual & Other Disabilities (if health placement) • SW Practice in Policy and Administration (if health placement) 		
		Joint Focus in Health & Aging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SW 821 SW Practice in Aging and Mental Health (f) •SW 800/801 Aging or Health Units (if Health & Aging placement)
		Subfocus in Policy and Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SW 842 Consultation and Supervision in SW (s) •SW 869 Influencing Political Systems for Social Change (f) •SW 800/801 Policy and Administration Field Unit (if health placement)
		Subfocus in Intellectual Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •644 Issues in Developmental Disabilities (f,s) •SW 800/801 Intellectual & Other Disabilities Field Unit (if health placement)

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s= offered in spring

Advanced Generalist Specialization

Focus in Mental Health

2017-2018

<p>Required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW 835 Advanced Practice in Mental Health (f) 	<p>Relevant Electives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW 624 Social Work with Groups (s) • SW 648 End of Life: Implications and Challenges for Practice (f) • SW 712 Psychopathology for SW Practice in Mental Health (f) • SW 742 Assessing and Treating Children and Adolescents (f) • SW 821 SW Practice in Aging and Mental Health (f) • SW 825 Grief, Loss, Death and Life (s) • SW 842 Consultation and Supervision in SW (s) • SW 854 Crisis Intervention in SW (s) • SW 870 Assessing and Treating Adults (s) • SW 923 Family Violence (f) • SW 924 Family Problems in Social Work (s) • SW 929 Social Work and Substance Abuse (s)
<p>Advanced Practice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW 836 Mental Health Policies and Services (s) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW 842 Consultation and Supervision in SW (s) • SW 869 Influencing Political Systems for Social Change (f) • SW 800/801 Policy & Administration Field Unit (if mental health placement)
<p>Policies and Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW 840 Advanced Macro Practice (f,s) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW 929 SW & Substance Abuse (s) • SW 800/801 SW Practice in MH (if substance abuse placement)
<p>Macro Practice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MUST TAKE THREE 		
<p>Electives</p>	<p>Field Units</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW Practice in Mental Health • SW Practice in Policy and Administration (if MH Placement) 		

f=offered in fall,
s= offered in spring

APPENDIX I: Wisconsin & Minnesota Requirements for Clinical Social Work Licensure

Those who wish to be licensed as clinical social workers (LCSW) in the State of Wisconsin must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete a master's level "Clinical Social Work Concentration."

This requirement is met through the Mental Health Focus Area.

2. State Statutes require that 40% of non-field credits in a master's program be comprised of "clinical courses. . . with a primary focus on resolving intrapsychic and interpersonal problems by means of direct contact with clients at the individual, small group and family level". Effective April, 2005 this means students must complete:

At least one course must be in Psychopathology (SW 612 or SW 712); **AND**

A minimum of two courses from list below (2017-18 planned offerings)
(not all course are offered each semester or academic year)

SW 624 SW with the Small Group	SW 742 Assessing & Treating Children & Adolescents
SW 644 Issues in Developmental Disabilities	SW 821 SW Practice in Aging and Mental Health
SW 646 Child Abuse and Neglect	SW 825 Grief, Loss, Death and Life
SW 648 End of Life: Implications and Challenges for Practice	SW 854 Crisis Intervention in SW
SW 656 Family Practice in Foster & Kinship Care	SW 870 Assessing and Treating Adults
SW 741 Interventions with Children, Youth & Families	SW 923 Family Violence
	SW 929 SW & Substance Abuse

3. Statues require that "...field training must be in a primary clinical setting and must include at least two semesters of field placement where more than 50% of the practice is to assess and treat interpersonal and intrapsychic issues in direct contact with individuals, families or small groups."

This requirement is generally met through the Mental Health Field Units:

Some field units from the list below have placements which qualify (contact the field instructor for more information):

Social Work Practice in Child and Family Welfare
Social Work Practice in Developmental and Other Disabilities
Social Work Practice in Juvenile and Criminal Justice Systems
Social Work Practice in Health Care Settings
Social Work Practice with Older Adults

4. After graduation become certified as an Advanced Practice Social Worker (CAPSW).
5. After graduation and certification, engage in 3000 hours "clinical" practice including at least 1,000 hours face-to-face client contact under the supervision of an LCSW or LCSW who has engaged in the equivalent of 5 years full-time clinical social work, psychologist or psychiatrist.
6. Pass the LCSW Exam

State of Minnesota

Effective August 1, 2011, those wish to be licensed as an Independent Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in Minnesota must, after graduating with their MSW, obtain a LGSW, practice under supervision and document 360 clock hours in six clinical knowledge areas. Please see an Academic Advisor for more information.

APPENDIX II: State of Wisconsin Requirements for School Social Work License

Applicants for licensure as a School Social Worker in the State of Wisconsin must meet the following requirements:

1. Curriculum & Course Requirements

Generalist Practice Year Courses or Equivalent (from other accredited schools of social work)

<u>Required Course Sequences</u>	<u>UW-Madison Courses for School SW License</u>
Social Welfare Policies & Services	SW 605 & SW 606
Human Behavior & Social Environment	SW 711, SW 640 & SW 612
Social Work Practice	SW 441 & 442
SW Research	SW 650
	Field & Int. Seminars I & II SW 400/401 Human Services.; Child & Family Welfare; Advocacy & Developmental Disabilities Unit or other placements with children and youth

Child, Youth and Family Welfare Focus Area with School Social Work Subfocus

<u>M.S.S.W. Requirements</u>	<u>UW-Madison Courses for School SW License</u>
Specialization Advanced Practice Course	SW 741
Specialization Policies & Services Course	SW 920 or 921
Specialization Field & Int. Seminars III & IV	SW 800/801 SW in Educational Settings
Specialization Macro Practice	SW 840
Specialization Elective	SW 742
Elective	SW 644
Elective	SW 624 or 842 or any elective relevant for School SW Practice

2. Portfolio

Applicants for certification must demonstrate "proficient performance in the knowledge, skills and dispositions" of following three areas by means of a Portfolio they keep.

- 8 School Social Worker Standards
- 7 Pupil Services Standards
- 10 Teacher Standards

Examples of evidence are: course syllabi, major course assignments (papers or other graded written work); written field evaluations from faculty and supervisors. May also include any documented outcomes from workshops and conferences relevant to the three areas.

3. MSW Degree

Effective November, 2014