HWC

Social Work

HWC 500: Field Education I
Placement in practice settings under supervision of a licensed M.S.W. Students will be graded S/F. Must be taken concurrently with HWC 513.
4-6 credits, S/F graded

HWC 501: Field Education II
A continuation of HWC 500. Students will be graded S/F. Must be taken concurrently with HWC 514. Prerequisites: HWC 500 and 513.
4-6 credits, S/F graded

HWC 502: Field Education III
Placement in advanced social work practice settings. Supervision provided by a licensed M.S.W. Students will be graded S/F. Must be taken concurrently with HWC 515 and 516. Prerequisites: HWC 500, 501, 513 and 514
4-6 credits, S/F graded

HWC 503: Field Education IV
A continuation of HWC 502. Students will be graded S/F. Must be taken concurrently with HWC 517 and 518. Prerequisites: HWC 502, 515 and 516
4-6 credits, S/F graded

This course applies a multi-theoretical and critical approach to social inquiry in the examination of complex theories, metaperspectives, and knowledge about individuals, families, groups, organizations, institutions and urban, suburban, and rural communities. The course encourages students to maintain a view of people and their environments as heterogeneous and sociohistorically embedded, as well as adaptable and resilient. Throughout the course, special consideration is given to social and cultural diversity. Students will develop a multi-dimensional (e.g., social, psychological and cultural) understanding of human behavior as applied to contemporary issues in social work practice. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 505: Integrating Seminar
This course extends the work covered in HBSE, by applying human behavior theory to social work practice situations. Students will integrate knowledge and skills acquired in social work practice, social justice, policy, field education and research courses to social and clinical issues across diverse topics. Class activities include experiential assignments and project based learning. This course prepares students to practice in interdisciplinary environments. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Prerequisite: HWC 504
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 506: Social Work in Health
This course recognizes the centrality of health as an issue in all people’s lives. The issue of health and well-being are issues of concern regardless of practice setting or intervention modality utilized. It is with this in mind, that the School embraces the concept of health as an organizing principle and theme. Serves as an introduction to the concept of health and its connection to social work. The healthcare delivery system, managed care, healthcare financing, epidemiology, ethics, and complimentary medicine are addressed. The impact of race and culture on the health status of people in this society are covered. Current major public health problems are also addressed. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 507: Master's Project
Students complete a master's project under the sponsorship of a faculty member. Advanced Practice Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 508: Continuation of Master’s Project
A continuation of HWC 507 for students who did not finish their Master’s Project during the term in which they had registered for it. Students will be graded S/F. Advanced Practice Elective. Prerequisite: HWC 507
S/F graded

HWC 509: Foundations of Social Justice: Challenging Oppression
This course explores the meaning of social justice within the context of political economy, human nature, and health policy. Examination will include the relation of historical implications within contemporary discourse. This course will analyze the foundations of power, privilege, and prejudice in the United States through the lens of social work ethos that values human rights, equality, respect, and health for all. Emphasis will be placed on the identification of social injustice, challenging institutional oppression, and the creation of effective methods to empower marginalized and oppressed populations. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 510: Social Policy and Social Determinants
This course builds upon the Foundations of Social Justice: Challenging Oppression course through the discussion and exploration of social policies, social determinants of health, and contemporary & historical social movements that have arisen to challenge oppression. This course utilizes frameworks for social policy analysis while addressing continuing dilemmas in policy development. Experiential learning and beyond-the-classroom experiences introduce students to the processes and dynamics of social movements, social change, and their effects on social policy. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Prerequisite: HWC 509
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 511: Research I
Research I is the first part of a two-semester course sequence designed to prepare social work students to engage in research informed social work practice and practice informed social work research and evaluation. The first semester (HWC511) provides an overview of the research process from both quantitative and qualitative perspectives and examines how a critical approach to research may form the basis of evidence-based social work practice and client empowerment. The course goes on to examine those elements of the research process that are common to all methodologies: the ethical conduct of research; literature searches and reviews; development of research questions and hypotheses; measurement; and sampling procedures. Quantitative data analysis is introduced in the form of univariate/descriptive statistics. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 512: Research II
Research II is the second part of a two-semester course sequence designed to prepare social work students to engage in research informed social work practice and practice informed social work research and evaluation. The second semester (HWC512) follows up on the first by examining specific data collection methods (experiments; surveys; interviews; focus groups; ethnographies; etc.), with attention given to understanding how these methods are used appropriately in social work
research and evaluation processes. Quantitative data analysis procedures at the bivariate and multivariate levels (t-tests; ANOVA; correlation; regression; chi-square test, etc.), hypothesis testing, inferential statistics, and computer assisted data analysis using SPSS will be presented in the context of appropriate data collection methods. Emphasis placed on research proposal development and critical evaluation of research reports. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Prerequisite: HWC 511.  

HWC 513: Social Work Practice I  
Provides a foundation for generalist practice, including the knowledge base, values and skill development necessary for ethical and effective practice with individuals, families, groups and communities. Students are introduced to the helping process across client systems and across the life span through a strengths perspective and empowerment approach to practice. Evidence-based short-term therapies are used to guide direct practice to address resilience and human development. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Must be taken concurrently with HWC 500.  

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)  

HWC 514: Social Work Practice II  
A continuation of HWC 513. Revisits the helping process in greater depth with specific reference to special consideration for work with families, groups, communities and organizations. The broad range of social work roles across client systems is considered. Deepens knowledge of generalist practice, ethical practice and skill development. Must be taken concurrently with HWC 501 and 504. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Prerequisites: HWC 500 and 513.  

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)  

HWC 515: Advanced Social Work Micro Practice I  
Focuses on the helping process with integration of increased understanding of the significance of transactions between people and their environments. Emphasizes development of advanced theory and practice skills. A focus is placed on developing assessment and diagnosis skills alongside understanding client's defenses, coping mechanisms, and the genetic, familial, cultural, and social factors that influence psychiatric diagnoses. The ethical considerations, evaluation of intervention effectiveness, service delivery in an agency context, professional role and conduct are woven throughout the course. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Must be taken concurrently with HWC 502 and 516. Prerequisites: HWC 500, 501, 513 and 514.  

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)  

HWC 516: Advanced Social Work Macro Practice I  
Emphasizes the understanding of theories and the development of advanced skills key to practice with groups, communities and organizations. Focus is placed on leadership development in the health and social welfare fields. Ethical considerations are introduced. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Must be taken concurrently with HWC 502 and 515. Prerequisites: HWC 500, 501, 513 and 514.  

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)  

HWC 517: Advanced Social Work Micro Practice II  
Emphasizes professional responsibilities for ongoing self-assessment and developing a critically reflective stance to practice. Concentrates on skill development and working with populations at risk; a concurrent major focus is placed on the different theoretical perspectives, evidence-based social work practice models and interventions. A critical analysis of case material and social systems designed to meet client system needs is stressed toward the development of micro or clinical interventions and ethical issues that may arise within a variety of settings and client systems, most particularly the individual, family, group, organization, and community. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Must be taken concurrently with HWC 503 and 518. Prerequisites: HWC 502, 515 and 516.  

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)  

HWC 518: Advanced Social Work Macro Practice II  
Emphasizes advanced theory and practice skills in community organization and program development. Focus is placed on strategic planning, management, evaluation, policy analysis and development, program development, and organizational analysis and change as applied in the health and social welfare fields. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Must be taken concurrently with HWC 503 and 517. Prerequisites: HWC 502, 515 and 516.  

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)  

HWC 519: Psychopathology and Psychopharmacology  
This course focuses on the concepts of mental health, mental disorders and the influence of culture on both. The mental health concerns of diverse social, racial and ethnic groups, particularly those historically devalued and oppressed are covered. In addition, the use and misuse of the classification system of the Diagnostic Statistical Manual (DSMIV) are examined. This examination includes the distinction between major mental disorders and other forms of dysfunctional behavior and the recognition of symptoms. Assessment of psychosocial functioning within a multi-cultural and gender role frame is emphasized. Social work values, roles, responsibilities and ethical considerations are detailed throughout the course. The role of the social worker as an integral member of the interdisciplinary mental health team is discussed. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Prerequisites: HWC 500, 501, 504, 513 and 514.  

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)  

HWC 520: Advanced Social Work Practice with the Aged  
This course examines concepts and strategies for working with the elderly at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels of intervention. It presents and critically analyzes a variety of approaches in working with the elderly and their families. Interventions with the well elderly living in the community, the elderly who suffer some disabilities but who are still living in the community and the elderly who are institutionalized are examined. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective.  

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)  

HWC 521: Ethnic Sensitive Social Work Practice  
Provides a theoretical framework and focuses on the development of the skills necessary to provide effective culturally sensitive social work services to diverse individuals, families, groups and communities. The special problems faced by groups traditionally devalued and oppressed are examined. Emphasizes skills in working for institutional change and social justice. Class meets two hours in-class and one additional hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment Elective.  

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)  

HWC 522: Human Sexuality  
This course identifies personal attitudes and judgments about sexually related behaviors.
This course provides theoretical and substantive content that will enable students to gain knowledge, understanding, and skill in relation to crisis intervention in social work practice. This course defines crisis, provides examples of the types of crises workers will face in various fields of practice, explores the role of the social worker, and the range of interventions needed in response to crisis situations. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment Elective. 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 527: Social Work in the Political Process-Campaign School
Limited to 15 second-year students. Instructor consent is required. The purpose of the course is to advance students' understanding of the political process and to expand students' repertoire of skills for participation in the political process. A prime focus is deepening students' commitment to engaging in the political process as a significant form of social work practice for social change. This is a hybrid course combining online content, in-class participation as well as required attendance at a 2-day Campaign School workshop at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work in West Hartford. Advanced Practice Elective. 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 529: Complementary and Alternative Medicine
Human service workers are often required to discuss issues of health and healing. Many individuals, by virtue of their culture, experiences and/or choice, often adhere to a combination of nontraditional and traditional beliefs regarding healthcare. This course familiarizes students with those methods and beliefs most often found in specific cultures. Students will develop an appreciation of each practice in order to interact with clients from a strengths perspective and will gain an international perspective on healthcare modalities. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment Elective. 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 530: Case Management in Human Services
Case management has grown dramatically in the human service field over the last twenty years in response to the growing service needs of individuals and families facing complex life situations and issues. Examines both the macro level and micro level issues facing case managers and agencies as they provide quality services to often oppressed populations. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment Elective. 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 533: Family Intervention in Health and Mental Health
This course focuses on family and marital problems. Environmental, social, economic, psychological and institutional pressures that affect family functioning are examined. Emphasis is placed on intervention skills. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective. 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 538: Death and Dying; Loss and Separation
This course explores student values, attitudes, fears and conceptions relating to death and dying. Issues of loss and separation in relation to various age groups, cultural orientations and societal expectations are examined. The focus is on the acquisition of bereavement counseling skills. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective. 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 539: Ancestral Health Practices
There is an increasing integration of complementary medicine and allopathic medicine. As health professionals, it is important to understand the beliefs and practices of our clients in order to maximize their options and choices. Professionals must be knowledgeable about the healing traditions anchored in different cultures and ethnicity. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment elective. 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 540: Social Issues in Popular Culture
Movies have been a useful medium that can illustrate current social issues and family dynamics as well as policy and research dilemmas. Each week a film with a central practice/research/policy issue provides the basis for a lecture and class discussion. Topics focus on a variety of social issues such as family dynamics, bereavement, adoption, domestic violence, abuse, residential placement, policy and research. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment Elective. 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 541: Youth and Violence
Examines the etiology of youth at risk for violence, using ecological and interpersonal perspectives. Family, school and community risk factors are outlined as well as assessment, intervention and treatment issues. Successful prevention programs are highlighted. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**HWC 542: Social Work with Children: The Social Worker's Role**

This course is designed to provide an understanding of the special issues and concerns surrounding work with children. Professional dilemmas and guidelines to aid practice are identified. Special issues involved in work with young children are highlighted. Although the focus is on direct work with children, a family-centered approach is presented. Practitioner roles, the impact of service settings, policy and legislation affecting this area of practice are reviewed as is the knowledge base that serves to guide practice, including formulations of practice theory and empirical research findings. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**HWC 544: Overview of Substance Abuse**

This course is an examination of the history and development of alcohol and substance abuse problems in the United States. It focuses on the etiology, psychopharmacology and ethical and legal ramifications of the use of licit and illicit substances in our culture. The course provides information on a variety of services available to drug abusers, addicted individuals and their families in the fields of prevention, education and treatment. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**HWC 545: Individual, Group and Family Treatment of Alcoholics and Substance Abusers**

This course covers alcoholism and substance abuse as family illnesses and their stages of development, as well as the impact these illnesses have on the families of active and recovering alcoholics and substance abusers. Ethical dilemmas and treatment modalities including self-help Self-help groups and on traditional and relatively recent modalities used in the treatment of addicted individuals and their families are focused on. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**HWC 546: Working with Adult Children of Alcoholics and Substance Abusers**

This course focuses on adult children of alcoholic parents and how parents' illness affects their children's social, emotional, and educational development from infancy to adulthood and into old age. Survival roles of children in alcoholic families and how these affect adult functioning are discussed. Examines ethical issues and the continuing effect family alcoholism has on adult children and the intervention strategies used in treatment. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**HWC 547: Managing Conflict**

A major concern for health and human service managers is conflict in organization, community and group settings. The various types of conflicts and the concepts of negotiation and mediation as interventive strategies are considered. Didactic and experiential learning experiences are utilized. Focus is on analyzing conflict situations and selecting interventive strategies to reduce, contain or heighten the conflict situation. Oppressive conditions, structures and processes are considered major determinants of human suffering and individual and social problems; students examine how these oppressive conditions are present in conflict situations and consider ways of dealing with them. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**HWC 548: Adolescent Development and Health Promotion**

The effect on adolescent development of physiological changes, relationships with peers and family, and societal expectations are examined. Emphasis is on the development of assessment and engagement skills for working with adolescents and their families to help counteract adolescent self-destructive behavior and promote well-being. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**HWC 549: Overview of Social Work with Special Populations**

This course examines the issues that social workers must consider when working with traditionally disenfranchised populations. Emphasis will include micro and macro issues when intervening with gay and lesbian individuals, members of diverse racial and ethnic groups, and women, as well as others. The historic as well as contemporary experiences of these individuals' interactions with the health and human service delivery system will be explored. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**HWC 550: Culture-Centered Approach to Social Work Practice**

This course provides students with an opportunity for self growth while preparing to work with individuals and their families from a culture-centered value base. Culture-centered foundation practice provides students with a frame of reference for better understanding and appreciation of the difference of their own culture from the cultures of others. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**HWC 551: Law and Social Change**

This course introduces students to the interrelationship of the legal process in the United States and the profession of social work. Focuses on the legal process in general, social welfare law, in particular, and the implications for effective social work practice. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**HWC 552: Lesbians and Gay Men: Issues in Health Care**

This course is an examination of the critical impact that healthcare policies and services have on lesbians and gay men in American society. Issues related to access to care, discrimination, services, health insurance, healthcare resources within geographical areas and the health status of lesbians and gay men are examined. It focuses on the issues that lesbians and gay men encounter in their interactions with the healthcare system. Enrichment Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**HWC 553: Chemical Dependency in Special Populations**

Stony Brook University Graduate Bulletin: www.stonybrook.edu/gradbulletin
This course covers alcoholism and substance abuse with populations that have been traditionally devalued and oppressed. It focuses on development of skills and sensitivity to ethical issues and the needs of ethnic groups, women, the elderly, the mentally ill and LGTBTQ people who are chemically dependent. Policy and practice issues related to these populations are considered. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 555: Supervision in Health and Human Service Organizations

This course prepares social workers for the variety of tasks related to supervisory practice in health care agencies. Supervision is introduced as a teaching process, as an administrative function and as a program development tool. Emphasis is on helping workers function effectively with culturally diverse clients, populations at risk and the chronically ill. Content includes: historical perspective of supervisory practice; supervisor and agency structure; the organizational context of practice; learning theories; concepts of power, authority and accountability; ethical and clinical issues; supervisory techniques, skill and self awareness; staff and program development and evaluation. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 556: Proposal Writing in the Health and Human Service Fields

This course provides a comprehensive study of the principles and methods used to prepare program, training, research, demonstration and other types of proposals. Extensive workshop practice in developing appropriate writing skills and in locating and accessing funding sources is included. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 558: Human Services Administration

An introduction to the practice of administration of public and non-profit agencies, theories of management including alternative decision-making models, understanding of organizational structure and process, external and internal functions including interagency collaboration and personnel and financial management, affirmative action and ethical issues. The course combines theory with case examples, practical exercises and other experiential learning modes. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 559: Mental Health Evidence-Based Practice for Social Workers

This course develops the knowledge and skills necessary for working with individuals with a diagnosis of serious mental illness using recovery-oriented evidence-based practices. This course is designed for M.S.W. students and M.S.W. mental health practitioners. The course familiarizes students with evidence-based practices, within a recovery-oriented paradigm, as a general approach to practice as well as specific evidence-based interventions to use for individuals with a diagnosis of serious mental illness. Students should have a basic knowledge of serious mental illness as pre- or co-requisite, however a review will be provided. Research literature is examined to determine the various levels of support for specific interventions and essential principles for translating research into practice. Appropriate treatment outcomes that reflect effective quality mental health practice are identified. Focus is on providing assessment and treatment to a diverse group of individuals with a diagnosis of serious mental illness. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 561: Implications of Racism for Social Welfare

This course examines personal and institutional racism in the United States and the effect racism has on the delivery of services to individuals who do not fit the traditional “American model”. It examines the historical relationship between racism and social welfare policies, programs and practice, and contemporary strategies for change. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 563: Homelessness, Politics and Public Health

This course analyzes homelessness as an issue of social policy, including its history, recent causes and current demographics. It emphasizes the political and economic context that has made homelessness a major social problem. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 566: Student-Community Development Student Portfolio Project

Provides an opportunity for students to create a portfolio composed of various components that integrates the student's educational experiences and achievements in the Student-Community Development Specialization. Components may include literature reviews, abstracting research articles, analysis of field placements, and integration of social work and student affairs literature. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 568: The Workings of the Brain: Practice Issues for Social Workers

Addresses the organization, development and functions of the brain and how this influences how we think, feel and behave. Causes of organic changes in the brain such as substance abuse, disease and injury are addressed. Advances in neuroscience that have aided in diagnosis and social work practice are covered. Innovative treatment modalities such as EMDR, biofeedback and vagal nerve implants are presented. Strongly emphasizes the combination of science and practice issues. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 575: Child Welfare: An Overview

This course covers the impact of historical and contemporary developments within the field of child welfare. It examines the evaluation of child welfare services and the role of child care workers. It also examines out-of-home care, foster care, group home care and institutional care within the context of traditional public/voluntary structure of services and the social/political context. Services in relation to the changing roles of the family and emergence of child care are covered. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 577: Program Evaluation

This course provides an in-depth analysis of the technical requirements of program evaluation and the organizational and political constraints that influence the evaluation process. Techniques in the design and implementation of evaluation research in the health and human services fields are covered. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective. Prerequisites: HWC 511 and 512

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 578: Advanced Social Work with Groups

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This course explores the principles and practice of group work in assisting clients to maximize psychosocial functioning. Class members will participate in an experience that encourages them to realize the power of group work process and usefulness of this modality. Group work techniques, context, dynamics, skills and the role of the group facilitator are discussed. In presenting group work with special populations students learn about the impact of issues including development, discrimination, illness, addiction and separation on the commonality of the human experience as it presents in group practice. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 579: Special Topics in Social Work

These courses examine significant timely issues confronting the profession. Topics include violence as a public health problem, issues of aging, racism, gender, AIDS, the media, and others. Topics vary each term as faculty develop specific modules that address one or more of these issues. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Depending on topic the course may be an enrichment elective or advanced practice elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated 4 times for credit.

HWC 580: Overview of Family Violence

This course is an overview of the phenomenon of family violence in the United States including child abuse, intimate partner violence (IPV) and elder abuse. Incidence and prevalence regarding each form of family violence will be reviewed as well as etiology, current evidence-based treatment modalities and competing political ideologies. Particular focus will be on the current research for each type of family violence and policy directives that emanate. This course also explores theories of etiology, including patriarchy, intergenerational family dynamics and substance abuse. It examines programmatic approaches and programs for batterers and prevention strategies. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 581: Public Health and Community Health Intervention

This course examines many of the critical public health issues of today. Students gain an understanding of the concepts underlying social epidemiology and develop an appreciation of the ways in which the health status of different populations in this country is differentially impacted. Community health planning strategies (e.g. health promotion and health education) are examined. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 582: Organizational Dynamics and Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Care

This course examines some of the traditional, as well as newer, models through which healthcare services are delivered. Particular emphasis is given to the issue of access to health services as well as the location of the professional social worker within these systems. Students gain the ability to conceptualize many of the critical ethical and legal issues impacting the field today. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 584: Community Analysis and Health Promotion

Explores diverse concepts of community, analyzes a range of community structures, processes and power relationships. Investigates contemporary models, strategies and tactics of community organizing and health promotion in the United States and in selected other countries and emphasizes efforts made by poor people, ethnic minorities of color and women to organize and mobilize community groups and movements. Highlights group and community analysis and organization skills. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 588: Qualitative Health Research Methods

The class works as a team on a joint project. Topics include problem formulation, instrument construction, sampling strategy, interviewing, data transcription and data analysis. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective. Prerequisites: HWC 511 and 512

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 589: Biostatistics

This course is an introduction to the analysis and interpretation of quantitative data using bio-statistical methods. It examines three interrelated issues: the nature of quantitative data and their relationship to social, psychological and biological concepts, the different ways data can be presented to help others understand research questions and the answers to those questions, and the basic and intermediate bio-statistical techniques available for analyzing data. Focuses on how data relate to research questions that are of interest to workers in the healthcare field. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective. Prerequisites: HWC 512 or equivalent

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 590: HIV/AIDS

This course focuses on the central aspects of the HIV/AIDS Pandemic, including the state of medical knowledge, HIV/AIDS and the law, prejudice and discrimination, AIDS activism and organizing, grief/death/dying, psychosocial issues, redefining the medical model, homophobia, racism, sexism and ableism in research, treatment and policy, IV drug use, drug treatment and other related issues. Upon completion of this course, students will have met the educational requirements established by the HIV Primary Care Medicaid Provider Agreement. This requirement is needed to conduct HIV pre- and post-test counseling in hospitals and clinic settings. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 593: Student - Community Development Seminar I

This course introduces the Student-Community Development Model as an integrated application of social work, community organization and social work practice modalities. It introduces historical developments in higher education, student development theory and how political, socio-economic, cultural and health issues impact higher education. How these systems influence and shape student and community wellness on the college campus is emphasized. Contemporary higher education organizational structures, planning modalities and intervention strategies are examined to support social work practice in this setting. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
HWC 594: Student - Community Development Seminar II
This course explores contemporary higher education organizational structures and appropriate intervention strategies for advancing positive systems change with the contact of higher education. A variety of current social issues on college campuses are examined to inform and support social workers as change agents within the arena of campus life. Leadership development and social work practice roles in this setting are emphasized. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Advanced Practice Elective, 3 credits, spring semester
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 595: Independent Study
Independent study with an individual faculty member. Designation as enrichment or advanced practice elective is determined with faculty sponsor.
1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated 3 times FOR credit.

HWC 598: Issues in Higher Education
This course examines current issues which arise in institutions of higher education utilizing alternative conflict management and mediation models to provide the framework to examine a variety of social issues on college campuses. It explores such issues as diversity, violence, substance abuse and mental health. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Class meets two hours in-class and one hour of instructor directed assignments. Enrichment Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 599: Maintenance of Matriculation
For students who are maintaining matriculation while engaging in consultation with faculty regarding completion of courses and/or the Master's Project. Students will be graded S/F.
1 credit, S/F graded
May be repeated 6 times FOR credit.

HWC 600: Statistics I
Provides instruction in the computation, interpretation, and application of data analytic procedures used in social research. Discusses procedures such as descriptive statistics, chi-square, and t-tests, while examining their relevancy for analyzing issues in social work practice. Fall Term.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 601: Statistics II
Introduces students to multivariate techniques used in the analysis of various kinds of data.
Analysis of Variance, Multiple Regression Analysis, Logistic Regression Analysis, and Log-Linear Regression Analysis, as well as more advanced techniques, such as path analysis and survival analysis, are discussed.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 602: Research Methods I
Presents an overview of the variety of research methodologies utilized in social science and social work, with the goal of providing students with the knowledge and competencies needed to develop and conduct their own research. The course will lead to a sophisticated understanding of the research process including the formulation of research questions, hypothesis development and testing, and choice of research method, involving both quantitative and qualitative methods. Material on quantitative designs will include experimental and quasi-experimental designs, data collection methodologies, scaling, instrument development, and sampling procedures. Material on qualitative designs will address focus groups interviews, key informant interviews, participant observation, unobtrusive observation, text and content analysis, and the use of archival and historical data. Special attention is given to ethical and political issues in the conduct of research.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 603: Research Methods II
A continuation of HWC 602 Research Methods I.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 604: Naturalistic and Qualitative Research
Considered is the application of alternative research methods for different questions. The distinction between quantitative and qualitative approaches and methods in the analysis of qualitative data is explored.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 605: Research Practicum I
Students undertake significant and methodologically rigorous research involving design, implementation, analysis, and dissemination of a research project. The substantive areas will include health, mental health, or substance abuse. School of Social Welfare faculty, affiliated faculty members from the Health Sciences Center and University social science departments, and principal investigators in community research projects will serve as preceptors. Students will spend ten hours each week for two semesters in a practicum setting. Students have a supervised hands-on, practical experience with an ongoing research project. Typical activities include data analysis, interpretation of results, research report writing, subject recruitment and screening, instrument development, or data collection. The primary objective is to strengthen students' ability to synthesize various phases and components of social research. A focus is on articulating linkages among the research questions, the data gathered to address these questions, the techniques selected for manipulating and analyzing the data, and the interpretation of findings. Students are encouraged to pursue publication stemming from the practicum. While the research practicum may not necessarily expose students to the specific population or problem of greatest interest to them, the skills or competencies mastered can prepare students methodologically to carry out their dissertation research plans.
3 credits, S/U grading

HWC 606: Research Practicum II
A continuation of HWC 605 Research Practicum I.
3 credits, S/U grading

HWC 608: Social Welfare Policy Analysis I
An analytical approach to public policy formulation in the areas of health, mental health, and substance abuse involving the impact of environmental forces on policy content. Considered are the effects of various institutional arrangements and political processes as well as inquiry into the consequences of various contemporary public policies. Tools and frameworks of policy analysis are examined. Policy alternatives and policy development and implementation are also considered.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 609: Social Welfare Policy Analysis II
A continuation of HWC 608 Social Welfare Policy Analysis I. Prerequisite: HWC 608. Spring
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 610: Organizational Theory and Social Welfare Administration
The focus is on theories and methods available to planners and administrators who function in complex organizational settings. Decision making, political and economic factors, information systems, value conflicts, and adaptations of rational models to emerging realities will be studied. Health and mental health programs will be utilized as exemplars.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
HWC 611: Knowledge Building in Social Work: The Philosophy of Applied Social Research

An examination of the major currents of thought that shape the meta-theoretical, theoretical, and methodological issues related to knowledge building in social work. The impact of pragmatic philosophy on the current “science versus non-science” debate within social work is reviewed. Special attention is given to epistemological approaches and their relation to qualitative and quantitative research strategies.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 612: Social Science Theory for Social Welfare

In this course, we explore the nature of social theory and the normative project of social welfare by examining theories of social justice, human rights and oppression. We consider the nature and structure of power, the role of ideology and their impact in a society defined by inequality. Social Construction and critical theory are particularly relevant as their assumptions align well with those of social welfare. Lastly, we explore the tensions and possibilities of democratic theories and ideals, given the current context, as a means to further social welfare normative project. Throughout the course, students are challenged to explore existing theory and, importantly, to learn and engage in the process of theorizing, themselves.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 613: Seminar in Social Work Education

Focus is on the place of social work education in the university with attention to issues of current concern such as the integration of professional education with the scholarly research focus of other academic disciplines. Consideration will be given to educational program structure, content, curriculum development, evaluation, and teaching methodologies. Students will be required to teach a course in the B.S.W. or M.S.W. curriculum under mentorship of a senior faculty member.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 614: Teaching Practicum

The teaching practicum is a supervised experience in teaching at the master’s or undergraduate level in the School of Social Welfare, or in some aspect of academic administration, such as curriculum development, project planning, and/or proposal development. The educational practicum is typically available to doctoral students in the third year. An individualized plan will be developed for implementing the teaching practicum. Practica may include teaching a section of a required graduate/undergraduate course, working as a teaching assistant with a faculty member, and/or co-teaching and working with the curriculum committees and area sequences in curriculum development.

3 credits, S/U grading

HWC 615: Dissertation Seminar I

Students are expected to survey the current state of the art in their area of interest and to develop a written prospectus on a question suitable for dissertation research. In the second semester, students will refine dissertation proposals through presentation and critique in the seminar. Specific techniques and alternatives in studying a variety of dissertation questions are compared.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 616: Dissertation Seminar II

A continuation of HWC 615 Dissertation Seminar I.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 679: Special Topics in Policy Research

Discusses timely policy research issues such as violence as a public health problem, aging, racism, gender, AIDS, poverty and international social work. Topics vary each term as faculty develop specific modules that address one or more of these topics.

Offered Spring, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

May be repeated for credit.

HWC 695: Independent Study

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

May be repeated for credit.

HWC 699: Dissertation Research on Campus

Dissertation research under direction of advisor.

Prerequisite: Advancement to candidacy (G5). Major portion of research must take place on SBU campus, at Cold Spring Harbor, or at the Brookhaven National Lab. Fall, 1-9 credits, S/U grading

May be repeated for credit.

HWC 700: Dissertation Research Off Campus - Domestic

Prerequisite: Must be advanced to candidacy (G5). Major portion of research will take place off-campus, but in the United States and/or U.S. provinces. Please note, Brookhaven National Labs and the Cold Spring Harbor Lab are considered on-campus. All international students must enroll in one of the graduate student insurance plans and should be advised by an International Advisor.

Fall, Spring, 1-9 credits, S/U grading

May be repeated for credit.