



GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK ADVANCED GENERALIST COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SWKG 601: Advanced Clinical Practice (3 credits)

This course provides an overview of the DSM-5 and an in-depth study of the most common diagnoses. Students will gain an understanding of how to use the DSM-5 manual and the diagnostic language in order to participate in assessment, diagnosis, development, and implementation of client service plans. Based on the DSM-5, students will learn to make accurate and complete bio-psycho-social-spiritual assessments of children, adolescents, adults and families. Students will learn etiology, symptom classification and diagnostic formulation for various mental health diagnoses. Students will apply the diagnostic, assessment, and intervention knowledge to practical case examples. *This course will be taken concurrently with SWKG 605, Micro Practice/Adv Practice with Individuals and Families.*

SWKG 605: Micro Practice/ Adv Practice with Individuals and Families (3 credits)

This course provides an overview of theories and models of social work intervention with individuals, children and families. Students learn the philosophy and theoretical constructs of a variety of methods, as well as how and when to apply those methods. Students develop knowledge and use of skills for the application of research-informed models of direct social work with individuals and families. Advanced practice skills are emphasized with particular attention to engagement and intervention. This course is focused on practical application and is experiential. *This course will be taken concurrently with SWKG 676.*

SWKG 606: Mezzo Practice/ Adv Practice with Groups (3 credits)

This course provides an overview of theories and models of social work intervention, with particular attention to small system dynamics (groups, small communities and agencies.) Students learn the philosophy and theoretical constructs of a variety of methods, as well as how and when to apply those methods. Students develop knowledge and use of skills for the application of research-informed models of direct social work with groups, small communities and agencies. Advanced practice skills are emphasized with particular attention to engagement and intervention. This course is focused on practical application and is experiential. *This course will be taken concurrently with SWKG 677.*

SWKG 607: Macro Practice/ Adv Practice with Communities (3 credits)

Building on the generalist practice foundations, this course introduces the specialized theories and skills for practicing at the community level. Conceptualizing community as both a target and avenue for change, this course focuses on promoting human flourishing through progressive changes for social, economic, and environmental justice, human rights advancement, peace and reconciliation. It addresses theories, skills, and values in relation to various community practice models with specific attention to diversity, systems of oppression, populations at risk. Students will also critically review the roles of religion and spirituality in community change.

SWKG 647: Research for Evidence Based Practices (2 credits)

This course introduces the importance of research to improve social work practice, emphasizes the compatibility and reciprocity between practice and research, and acquaints students with strategies to evaluate the quality of evidence and research. Students are expected to use the process of evidence-based practice to identify, appraise, and select a best practice and demonstrate competencies in using research to inform practice. This course presents a detailed explanation of the concepts and procedures of systematic reviews and meta-analyses, provides step-by-step guidance on how to actually perform them, and helps students to apply these in practice. This course, the first of a two-course sequence, develops skills in becoming critical evaluators and consumers of evidence and research reported in scientific literature.

SWKG 648: Applied Social Work Research: Evaluation of Practice (2 credits)

The course introduces students to the practitioner-researcher role. Professionals need to have an understanding of the basic experimental designs available for addressing practice questions about human behavior in social work settings. This course prepares students to conduct practice evaluation in micro, mezzo, and macro settings. The content of the course focuses on formulations, applications, and interpretations of single-case design research and program evaluation. This course, the second of a two-course sequence, develops skills in becoming effective producers of basic social work research. Prerequisite: SWKG 647

SWKG 676: Adv Internship I (4 credits)

This course is designed to provide an opportunity for social work students to apply academic learning to advanced professional social work practice under the supervision of a qualified and experienced social work practitioner. Social Work 676 bridges classroom learning and the practice of social work through faculty coordination of the field experience and facilitation of the seminar sessions. SWKG 676, Advanced Internship I, is a required course for all students in the concentration year of the MSW program who have successfully completed the Foundation Year sequence of SWKG 576 and 577 or their equivalent. SWKG 676 consists of a minimum of 250 hours of applied learning in an agency field setting and a 2-hour integrative seminar that meets weekly at the university. Additional course fee required.

SWKG 677: Adv Internship II (4 credits)

This course is designed to provide an opportunity for social work students to apply academic learning to advanced professional social work practice under the supervision of a qualified and experienced social work practitioner. Social Work 677 bridges classroom learning and the practice of social work through faculty coordination of the field experience and facilitation of the seminar sessions. SWKG 677, Advanced Internship II, is a required course for all students of the MSW program who have successfully completed SWKG 676 and are in the final semester of their concentration year. SWKG 677 consists of a minimum of 250 hours of applied learning in the agency field setting and a 2-hour integrative seminar that meets weekly at the university. Prerequisite: SWKG 676. Additional course fee required.

SWKG 685: Elective (3 Required, 2 credits each)

These courses are developed to provide social workers with in-depth knowledge on specific topics of interests in fields of practice. Examples of possible courses include: Child Welfare; Play Therapy; International Social Work; Gerontology; School Social Work; Substance Abuse; Death and Grief; Rationality, Arts and Spirituality Integrated Practice; Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship; Program Evaluation.

SWKG 699: Supervision and Servant Leadership (2 credits)

This course prepares students to perform leadership and supervisory functions in public, nonprofit, and faith-based human service organizations. Specific attention is given to the topics of servant leadership, coaching, human resources, organizational development, resource management, and efforts to link human service organizations in an integrated community-wide service delivery system. Students analyze and evaluate selected leadership practices, and programs in their advanced internship agency and design strategies to maximize both their learning and performance in this and other settings. Students assess their own emotional intelligence while studying the ten characteristics of a servant leader that include listening, empathy, healing, awareness, persuasion, conceptualization, foresight, stewardship, commitment to the growth of people and building community. The course emphasizes the College of Social Work themes of integrating faith and practice, the strengths perspective, and building communities with an emphasis on servant leadership practices.