## Advanced Standing in the Program

An applicant for admission to the Master of Social Work program who holds a baccalaureate degree from an undergraduate social work program accredited by the Council of Social Work Education may be admitted with advanced standing.

SWK 615 Psychopathology (3 credit hours) S

SWK 631 Integrated Health Care: Models and Practice (3 credit hours)

SWK 633 Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice in Behavioral Health Care with Individuals and Families (3 credit hours)

The spring semester includes the following courses:

SWK 634 Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice in Behavioral Healthcare with Groups, Families and Communities Other Elective Courses

SWK 670 Advanced Theory and Practice with Children (3 credit hours)

SWK 673 Family and Community Violence in Rural and Underserved Areas (3 credit hours)

SWK 655 The Comorbidity of Mental Health and Physical Disorders (3 credit hours)

SWK 653 Advanced Field Practicum (9 credit hours, 450 work hours)

**SWK Electives (3-6 credit hours)** 

Students who enter the program with Advanced Standing (30 credit hours total) complete only one (1) academic (two semesters) yearlong field placement (9 credit hours, 450 work hours).

## **Behavioral Health Elective Courses**

All Generalist and Advanced Standing students are offered behavioral health elective courses. Electives contextualize student learning into two platforms of practice, including Behavioral Health Services for Military Families and Behavioral Health Services for Underserved Populations. Behavioral Health students will deepen their understanding of issues facing military veterans, their families, and underserved populations by working in field placements where behavioral health services focused on these populations takes place. A full range of electives is offered to supplement the required sequence of courses, thus permitting students an opportunity to deepen and enrich their knowledge of issues faced by military veterans and underserved populations.

1. Behavioral Health Services for Military Families

**SWK 650 Understanding Military Culture** 

SWK 653 Military Mental Health and the Impact of Trauma

SWK 655 Comorbidity of Mental and Physical Disorders

2. Behavioral Health Services for Underserved Populations

SWK 613 Advanced Human Behavior and Social Environment

SWK 631 Integrated Health Care: Models and Practice (3 credit hours)

SWK 622 Integrated Health Policy and Services (3 credit hours)

SWK 642 Advanced Social Work Research I (3 credit hours)

SWK 643 Advanced Social Work Research II (3 credit hours)

## Other Elective Courses

SWK 613 Advanced Human Behavior and Social Environment

SWK 631 Integrated Health Care: Models and Practice (3 credit hours)

SWK 622 Integrated Health Policy and Services (3 credit hours)

SWK 642 Advanced Social Work Research I (3 credit hours) SWK 643 Advanced Social Work Research II (3 credit hours)

## Behavioral Health Area of Specialized Practice

The Behavioral Health Area of Specialized Practice prepares students to conduct clinical social work practice in assessing, treating, and evaluating mental health, substance abuse, and physical health in relation to one another across practice settings. A focus throughout the specialization will be on understanding the multiple factors that influence health disparities and best practices to increase health equity, particularly for marginalized populations. There will be a special emphasis on effectively serving vulnerable populations with multiple needs. The Behavioral Health specialization integrates Generalist practice by enhancing and expanding on Generalist knowledge, values, and skills in the application of the planned change process across all size systems.

The Behavioral Health specialization extends and enhances the Generalist practice skills of engagement, assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation and termination across all sized systems by incorporating clinical courses focused on Advanced Clinical Social Work in Behavioral Health with Individuals and Families.

SWK 673 Family and Community Violence in Rural and Underserved Areas

**SWK 674 Drugs in Society** 

SWK 631 Integrated Health Care: Models and Practice

Generalist macro practice is enhanced and extended in the Behavioral Health specialization through practice, assessment and evaluation of integrated health care models and practice in SWK 631. Integrated Healthcare Models and Practice prepares students to engage in culturally competent behavioral health practice with diverse client populations with attention to oppressed groups and populations at risk.