



The University of Texas at Austin
Steve Hicks School of Social Work

Certificate in Military Social Work Practice

The Steve Hicks School of Social Work will be offering MSSW students the opportunity to graduate with a certificate in Military Social Work Practice. This certificate program will prepare both Clinical and APP students to be military social work practitioners. Military social workers assess, diagnose and treat patients with complex medical and mental health needs, provide assistance with transition from active duty to civilian life, work to prevent homelessness, and provide case management services and crisis management with supportive services across the continuum of care. Cultural competence is critical to successful outcomes with this population, as many of the challenges faced and needs that arise are specifically related to outcomes due to their time and experiences in service.

Certificate Requirements

The certificate program in Military Social Work Practice is composed of one anchor course, Social Work with Military Personnel and Families, elective and selective coursework, 20 hours of professional development and an approved field placement. All coursework counted toward earning a certificate must be taken at the graduate level at the Steve Hicks School of Social Work or through approved out-of-department classes. The student is responsible for documenting that all requirements for the certificate have been successfully completed.

Approved Field Placement

Certificate students will participate in one official field placement that is focused on military or military-related social work practice. The placement is a key component, providing students with hands--on learning and an opportunity to apply and integrate classroom--based knowledge. This placement will likely occur in the student's first or final field experience. Securing one of these field placements is a competitive process.

Additional Proposed Coursework for Certificate

Students in the Clinical concentration would select three of their five choices from the suggested course options on page two. Students in the APP concentration would select three of their four choices from the suggested course options on page two. Other courses may be approved as offered.

Professional Development

Students will engage in professional development opportunities either in the areas of conference/trainings participation and/or research project participation as appropriate or as required per instructor (a minimum of 20 hours in these endeavors during the course of their graduate program).

Process

Students will complete an application for the certificate program. The application can be found here (PDF file): <https://socialwork.utexas.edu/dl/files/academic-programs/mssw/certificate-program-application.pdf>

Certificate Coordinator

For more information, please contact Prof. Tammy Linseisen at mlinseisen@mail.utexas.edu.

Social Work Coursework *

- APP Selectives: Program Evaluation, Strategic Partnerships, Social Work Leadership in Human Service Systems, Advanced Policy
- Clinical Selectives: Assessment and Treatment of Traumatized Populations (recommended), Treatment of Children & Adolescents, Grief Counseling, Motivational Interviewing, Crisis Intervention, Child and Adult Attachment, Theory and Methods of Family Intervention, Coexisting Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders, Cognitive Behavior Therapy, Neurobiology and Social Work Practice
- Electives: Social Work Practice with Abused & Neglected Children & Their Families, Loss and Grief, Mindfulness and Social Work Practice, Communication Skills in Interdisciplinary Settings, Restorative Justice, Social Construction of Disability, Contemporary Issues in Domestic Violence, Field Immersion, Treatment of Substance Use Disorders, Social Work Practice with Older Adults

** This is not an exhaustive list. Additional courses (including out of department) may be presented to the Certificate Coordinator for approval. Additionally, not all courses may be offered in all semesters and seats are not guaranteed.*