Specialization in Practice with Children & Youth

The specialization in Practice with Children and Youth is designed to prepare MSW-Clinical students in the acquisition of theory and skills for clinical social work practice with children and youth.

The specialization consists of 15 hours, which includes 9 hours of course work and 6 hours of practicum taken as part of the 57 hours required for graduation from the MSW program. To qualify for the specialization, students will complete:

**Required courses: 6 credit hours**
- SWRK 5761 Evidence-Based Clinical Practice with Children and Youth (3 credit hours; offered only in Spring)
- SWRK 5764 Child, Youth, and Family Services and Policies (3 credit hours; offered only in Fall)

**Elective courses: 3 credit hours (Note: If choosing Trauma there is a prerequisite, totaling 6 credits of electives.)**
- SWRK 5744 Substance Abuse Interventions (3 credit hours; offered only in Spring)
- SWRK 5757 Foundations of Family Practice (3 credit hours; usually offered in Spring and in Summer)
- SWRK 5760 Behavioral Interventions with Children and Adolescents (3 credit hours; offered only in Spring)
- SWRK 5775 Trauma Services for Children (3 credit hours; offered only in Fall)
  - (Requires an additional prerequisite course: SWRK 773 Approaches to Trauma Care, 3 credit hours; usually offered in Spring and in Summer)
- Pre-approved course at Washington University or UMSL

**Practicum Requirements:**
A two-semester (6 credit hours, 600 contact hours), one-site concentration practicum at a site providing direct, face to face services to children and/or youth.

*Student must earn a B or better in the 3 courses and successfully pass the 2 semester practicum.*

**Application and Verification Process:**
Students should register in the Specialization as soon as possible upon beginning the MSW degree to make sure the Chair of the Specialization is assigned as their Faculty Mentor. If interested in pursuing this specialization notify the Chair of the Practice with Children and Youth Specialization prior to taking the required coursework. Students will be acknowledged upon completion of Specialization requirements. For more information contact Dr. Brandy Maynard at bmaynar1@slu.edu.

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### COURSEWORK

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Choose **one (two)** if choosing Trauma courses:
- SWRK 5744 Substance Abuse Interventions  **OR**
- SWRK 5757 Foundations of Family Practice  **OR**
- SWRK 5760 Behavioral Interventions with Children & Adolescents  **OR**
- Pre-approved WUSTL or UMSL course: ________________________________  **OR**
- Prerequisite: SWRK 5773 Approaches to Trauma Care  **AND**
- SWRK 5775 Trauma Services for Children

### CONCENTRATION PRACTICA SITE:

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STUDENT AND SPECIALIZATION CHAIR MEET AND SIGN BELOW TO VERIFY COMPLETION OF MSW SPECIALIZATION REQUIREMENTS. THEN SEND TO MSW PROGRAM OFFICE FOR FURTHER REVIEW.

Signature of MSW Student attesting to completion of specialization requirements:

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MSW Student signature  Date

Signature of Practice with Children & Youth Specialization Chair:

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Practice with Children & Youth Specialization Chair signature  Date

Signature of Director of Field Education:

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Signature of Director of MSW Degree Program:

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