Specialization in Substance Use Disorder Treatment

This specialization is directed toward the acquisition of theory and skills by MSW-Clinical students to be utilized in settings dedicated to serving adults impacted by substance use disorders. Through this specialization, students will gain knowledge and skills for providing evidence-based, recovery-oriented, trauma-informed care for the treatment of substance use disorders. Specific practices in which students will engage include: (1) Screening, Assessment and Engagement; (2) Treatment Planning, Collaboration, and Referral, (3) Counseling and Advanced Motivational Interviewing Skills, and (4) Professional and Ethical Responsibilities. Students will apply interventions to assess, diagnose, treat and refer clients with substance use disorders and evaluate interventions in an evidence based practice model.

The specialization consists of 15 hours, which includes 6 hours of practicum and 9 hours of courses taken as part of the 57 hours of classroom and practicum courses required for graduation from the MSW Program, outlined as follows:

9 credit hours of coursework:

• SWRK 5742 Evidence Based Practice in Community Mental Health (3 credit hours; usually offered in Fall and in Spring)

• SWRK 5744 Substance Abuse Interventions (3 credit hours; offered only in Spring)

• SWRK 5752 Advanced Clinical Skills for Substance Use Disorder Counseling (3 credit hours; offered only in Fall)

6 credit hours of practica:
A two semester, one-site, 600 hour clinical field placement at a site providing direct service to individuals, families, or groups impacted by substance use disorders in a health and/or mental health context.

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. Students interested in pursuing this specialization should notify the Chairperson of the Specialization in Substance Use Disorder Treatment of their intent to specialize, prior to taking the required coursework. Students must also earn a "B" or better in the designated courses and successfully pass the 2 semester practica. Students will be acknowledged upon completion of Specialization requirements.

For more information:
Dr. Mike Mancini, 314-977-2736, mancinim@slu.edu
Substance Use D/O Specialization NAME: ___________________  BANNER ID: ___________

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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:

MSW Student signature ___________________________ Date ___________

Signature of Substance Use Disorder Treatment Specialization Chair:

Substance Use Disorder Treatment Specialization Chair signature ___________________________ Date ___________

Signature of Director of Field Education:

Director of Field Education signature ___________________________ Date ___________

Signature of Director of MSW Degree Program:

Director of MSW Degree Program signature ___________________________ Date ___________

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