Specialization in Community Mental Health Practice

This specialization is directed toward the acquisition of theory and skills to be utilized in settings dedicated to serving adults with co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders. Through this specialization, students will gain knowledge and skills for providing evidence-based, recovery-oriented and co-occurring capable services to persons with co-occurring disorders. Specific practices in which students will engage include: Clinical diagnosis, strength-based screening and assessment, person-centered planning, harm reduction, motivational interviewing, cognitive behavioral therapy, illness self-management, assertive community treatment, integrated dual-disorder treatment, supported employment and housing services, medication management, substance abuse counseling, and peer support.

**Required courses: 6 credit hours**

- SWRK 5742 Evidence Based Practices 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)

**Elective courses: 3 credit hours (choose one)**

- SWRK 5772 Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (3 credit hours; usually offered in Fall and in Spring)
- SWRK 5773 Approaches to Trauma Care (3 credit hours; usually offered in Spring and in Summer)

**Practicum Requirements: 6 credits hours**

A two semester, one-site, clinical field placement at a site providing direct service to individuals, families, or groups impacted by co-occurring disorders in a community mental health context.

*Students must also earn a “B” or better in the designated courses and successfully pass the 2 semester practica.*

**Application and Verification Process:**

Students should register in the Specialization as soon as possible upon beginning the MSW degree to ensure the Chair of the Specialization is assigned as their Faculty Mentor. Students interested in pursuing this specialization should notify the Chairperson of the Specialization of their intent to specialize prior to taking the required coursework. Students will be acknowledged upon completion of Specialization requirements.

For more information, contact Specialization Chair Dr. Michael Mancini at 314-977-2736 or mancinim@slu.edu.

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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  Date

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Signature of Community Mental Health Practice Specialization Chair  Date

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Signature of Director of Field Education  Date

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Signature of Director of MSW Degree Program  Date

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