Specialization in Health Practice

This specialization is designed to prepare MSW-Clinical students for social work practice in health care settings across the continuum of care. The specialization consists of 18 credit hours that include four 3-credit courses in the classroom and two 3-credit practicum courses. In addition the students will participate in an interprofessional team seminar (IPTS) for two semesters. It is recommended that students complete an online medical terminology course.

**Required courses: 6 credit hours**

- SWRK 5755 Social Work Practice in the Health Care Field (3 credit hours, offered in Fall only)
- SWRK 5758 Clinical Approaches to Chronic Health Conditions (3 credit hours, offered in Spring only)

**Elective courses: 6 credit hours (choose two; choose extra third course if choosing Health Policy)**

- SWRK 5745 Health and Mental Health Interventions with Older Adults (3 credit hours, offered in Fall only)
- SWRK 5786 End of Life Issues and the Interdisciplinary Team (3 credit hours, offered in Fall only)
- SWRK 5791 Pharmacology and Social Work (3 credit hours, offered in Summer only)
- HMP 5500 Health Policy (3 credit hours, offered in Fall only) *(NB: Requires an additional, prerequisite course: HMP 500 Health Care Organization, 3 credit hours, offered in Fall only)*

**Practicum Requirements: 6 credit hours**

A two-semester, one-site concentration practicum in a health care setting that provides diagnosis, treatment (inpatient, outpatient or community based), case management, hospice, palliative care, physical rehabilitation, long term care (nursing home, home health, assisted living, adult day care, etc.), or health/wellness prevention or education.

**Additional Requirements:**

- SWRK 5731(fall) and SWRK 5732 (spring) Interprofessional Team Seminar (IPTS) (MSW-Clinical students already take these courses as part of Concentration requirements)
- Recommended (optional): A medical terminology 0-credit course, such as Medical Terminology Online for Building a Medical Vocabulary

*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 Rebecca Banks at 314-977-2746 or banksr@slu.edu.
HEALTH PRACTICE SPECIALIZATION

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Choose TWO (or THREE if choosing HMP courses):
- SWRK 5745: Health/Mental Health Interventions w/ Older Adults
- SWRK 5786: End of Life Issues and the Interdisciplinary Team
- SWRK 5791: Pharmacology and Social Work
  - Prerequisite: HMP 500 Health Care Organization
- HMP 5500 Health Policy

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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

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Signature of MSW Student attesting to completion of specialization requirements  Date

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Signature of 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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