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.

**Required courses: 9 credit hours**

- 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)

**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 substance use disorders in a health and/or 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.

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Signature of MSW Student attesting to completion of specialization requirements  
Date

Signature of Substance Use Disorder Treatment Specialization Chair  
Date

Signature of Director of Field Education  
Date

Signature of Director of MSW Degree Program  
Date