Certificate in Clinical Social Work Theory and Practice

Overview

For individuals seeking advanced preparation in clinical social work theory and applied clinical practice. The purpose of the proposed program addition is to offer a course of postgraduate education for those who are considering careers in clinical social work teaching, scholarship, and research, as well as for leadership positions in the greater clinical social work community. Courses in the proposed certificate program are drawn from existing courses within the Ph.D. Program curriculum. Students must complete 18 graduate-level semester credits within three years as well as maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Certificate Admissions Requirements

- Applicants must meet the Admission standards of the Graduate School and the School of Social Work.
- Completion of a master’s degree in social work
- Two or more years of post-master’s professional experience in social work
- Minimum grade point average of 3.0 in previous a master’s degree program; 3.5 GPA is recommended. (Exceptions may be made, so contact the doctoral director if you do not meet this requirement.
- Submission of written statement of interest, personal resume, all undergraduate and graduate transcripts. The statement of interest should describe the applicant’s relevant clinical professional experiences. It should describe the applicant’s motivation for study in a Graduate Certificate in Clinical Social Work Theory and Practice program.
- Three letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a clinical supervisor or consultant, and two of which should be from academic references. References should fully address the applicant’s potential to engage in advanced clinical social work practice and/or clinical scholarship.
- Personal interview with Program Director and/or members of the Ph.D. Program Steering Committee.

The program is currently accepting applications for the Winter 2015 term. Applications will are accepted throughout the year. If interested, apply now http://gradschool.wayne.edu/.

Curriculum

Eighteen (18) semester credits will be required for the Certificate in Clinical Social Work Theory and Practice.

All of these courses are existing courses in the School of Social Work Ph.D. program and will count towards a Ph.D. for those who are later accepted into the Ph.D. program. These include:

- 6 credit hours of theory for practice with individuals, groups, and families
- 3 credit hours in advanced clinical social work theory
- 6 credit hours in applied clinical social work practice
- 3 credit hours of an advanced social work elective
Additional Information

We encourage all potential applicants to join us at an upcoming Information Session (dates are available online at [https://socialwork.wayne.edu/phd/info-meetings.php](https://socialwork.wayne.edu/phd/info-meetings.php)). For additional questions regarding this certificate, contact Doctoral Director, Faith Hopp, at faithhopp@wayne.edu.