

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE WITH FAMILIES AND COUPLES

This program provides MSW graduates and advanced-year MSW students with advanced clinical training for work with families and couples from a family systems perspective. Two major concerns of social workers are addressed in this program.

1. Historically, social workers have worked with families affected by social injustice and adverse conditions. The problems these families encounter today are greater than ever, fueled by issues such as poverty, racism, substance abuse and domestic violence. These are no longer problems of the individual; they are problems deeply embedded in the family system over many generations. This program helps social workers develop the “family systems perspective” needed to work effectively with such complex problems.
2. This program helps social workers obtain the highest credentials in the field of marriage and family therapy. Social workers who are properly credentialed in the marriage and family field are well positioned for leadership roles in family service agencies and various clinical settings.

This series of academic courses (14 credits) has been developed to provide a holistic view of human systems as multilevel entities in which each level influences and is influenced by the others. This framework provides a wealth of information about how human systems function, and how a dysfunctional family system creates and maintains problems for family members. Social workers attending this program are trained to identify problems affecting the family system and to focus on therapeutic pathways for promoting healthy functioning.

THE STUDENT WILL:

1. Study developmental tasks of the family life cycle and diverse family structures.
2. Study ways in which the family forms and reforms, including divorce, single parenthood, remarriage and stepfamilies.
3. Learn about models of social work intervention with families of various ethnic, racial and cultural backgrounds.
4. Critique research pertaining to family practice.
5. Examine ethical issues that arise in family practice such as confidentiality, custody, parental rights and children’s rights.
6. Learn to plan interventions that affect family functioning at various levels of the family system.
7. Utilize concepts and theories that explain a variety of family structures.
8. Develop practice skills needed to intervene with multi-problem families.
9. Evaluate the effectiveness of social work practice with families.

For additional program information: <http://socialwork.wayne.edu/certificate/familiesandcouples.php>

Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Code: 44.0701

- For more information visit <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/cipdetail.aspx?y=55&cip=44.0701>

STANDARDIZED OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION (SOC) CODES

- [11-9151.00 Social and Community Service Managers](#)
- [21-1013.00 Marriage and Family Therapists](#)
- [21-1019.00 Counselors, All Other](#)
- [21-1021.00 Child, Family, and School Social Workers](#)
- [21-1022.00 Healthcare Social Workers](#)
- [21-1023.00 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers](#)
- [21-1029.00 Social Workers, All Other](#)
- [21-1092.00 Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists](#)
- [25-1113.00 Social Work Teachers, Postsecondary](#)

ON-TIME COMPLETION RATE

- Program Length 15 weeks
- On-time Program Completers, 2011-12 0
- On-time completion rate N/A
- Graduation Rate 7

COSTS

- Total tuition and Fees for program completed in normal time \$8,223
- Total Estimated Costs for Books and Supplies for the entire program \$561
- Total Room and Board Charges for Living On Campus \$4,513

DEBT AT PROGRAM COMPLETION

- Number of Completers with Loan Debt, 2011-12
- Median Cumulative Debt: FEDERAL
- Median Cumulative Debt: PRIVATE
- Median Cumulative Debt: INSTITUTIONAL

JOB PLACEMENT

- Number of Completers placed in their Field
- Job Placement Rate