Certificate in Health Care Social Work

The Steve Hicks School of Social Work offers MSSW students the opportunity to graduate with a certificate in Health Care Social Work. This certificate program prepares both Clinical and APP students to be health care social work practitioners in diverse health and wellness settings, including integrated health and preventative health care programs. Course work emphasizes culturally appropriate practice, leadership, advocacy and policy and will be grounded in interprofessional education and interprofessional collaboration.

Certificate Requirements
The Health Care Social Work certificate program is composed of one anchor course, Social Work and Health Care, elective and selective coursework, 20 hours of professional development and an approved field placement. The student is responsible for documenting that all requirements for the certificate have been successfully completed.

Approved Field Placement
Certificate students will participate in one official field placement that is focused on health care or health care-related social work practice and is a key component, providing students with hands-on learning and an opportunity to apply and integrate classroom-based knowledge. This placement may occur in the student’s first or final field experience. Securing a final field placement is a competitive process.

Additional Proposed Coursework for Certificate
Students in the Clinical concentration would select 3 of their 5 choices from the suggested course options on page 2. Students in the APP concentration would select 3 of their 4 choices from the suggested course options on page 2. Other courses may be approved as offered.

Professional Development
Students will engage in professional development opportunities through attendance and participation in university and community-sponsored lectures, seminars, conferences, interprofessional simulations and research project participation as appropriate or as required per instructor (a minimum of 20 hours in these endeavors during the course of their graduate program).

Process
Students will complete an application for the certificate program and return it to the Certificate Coordinator. The application can be found at https://socialwork.utexas.edu/dl/files/academic-programs/mssw/certificate-program-application.pdf

Certificate Coordinator
For more information, please contact Professor Dede Sparks at dspark@austin.utexas.edu.
### SOCIAL WORK COURSEWORK *

**APP Selectives**
- Program Evaluation
- Grant Development

**Electives**
- Transformative Teams in Healthcare**
- Loss and Grief
- Community Participatory Research in Health Disparities
- Transition of Youth with Special Healthcare Needs in Policy and Practice
- Global Health
- Treatment of Substance Use Disorders
- Making Systems Work for People with Disabilities
- Mindfulness and Social Work Practice
- Global Health
- Psychosocial Oncology Practice & Research
- Spanish for Social Workers
- Communication Skills in Interdisciplinary Settings
- Social Work Practice with Older Adults

**Clinical Selectives**
- Cognitive Behavior Therapy
- Coexisting Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders
- Neurobiology & Social Work Practice
- Assessment & Treatment of Traumatized Populations
- Grief Counseling
- Motivational Interviewing
- Solution Focused Brief Therapy
- Crisis Intervention
- Attachment

### POSSIBLE OUT-OF-DEPARTMENT OR CROSS-LISTED COURSEWORK OPTIONS*

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*These are not exhaustive lists. Additional courses may be presented to the Certificate Coordinator for approval. Additionally, not all courses may be offered in all semesters and seats are not guaranteed.

**Transformative Teams is strongly recommended as an elective choice**