Certificate in Military Social Work Practice

The Steve Hicks School of Social Work will be offering MSSW students the opportunity to graduate with a certificate in Military Social Work Practice as an integral part of a collaborative process to provide individualized services to this unique population. This certificate program will prepare both Clinical and APP students to be military social work practitioners. Military social workers assess, diagnose and treat patients with complex medical and mental health needs, provide assistance with transition from active duty to civilian life, work to prevent homelessness, provide case management services and crisis management with supportive services across the continuum of care. Cultural competence is critical to successful outcomes with this population, as many of the challenges faced and needs that arise are specifically related to outcomes due to their time and experiences in service.

Certificate Requirements
The certificate program in Military Social Work Practice is composed of one anchor course, Social Work with Military Personnel and Families, 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 military or military-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 will likely occur in the student’s first or final field experience. Securing one of these field placements 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 either in the areas of conference/trainings participation and/or 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 Tammy Linseisen at tlinseisen@mail.utexas.edu.
SOCIAL WORK COURSEWORK*

Potential APP Selectives
Program Evaluation
Strategic Partnerships
Social Work Leadership in Human Service Systems
Advanced Policy

Potential Clinical Selectives
Assessment and Treatment of Traumatized Populations (recommended)
Treatment of Children & Adolescents
Motivational Interviewing
Crisis Intervention
Child and Adult Attachment
Theory and Methods of Family Intervention
Coexisting Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
Neurobiology in Social Work Practice

Potential Electives
Social Work Practice with Abused & Neglected Children & Their Families
Loss and Grief
Mindfulness and SW Practice
Communication Skills in Interdisciplinary Settings
Restorative Justice
Social Construction of Disability
Contemporary Issues in Domestic Violence
Field Immersion
Treatment of Substance Use Disorders

*This is not an exhaustive list. Additional courses (including out of department) may be presented to the Certificate Coordinator for approval. Additionally, not all courses may be offered in all semesters and seats are not guaranteed.