



## THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

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### Certificate in Military Social Work Practice

The School of Social Work offers MSSW students the opportunity to graduate with a certificate in Military Social Work Practice. 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, and 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 practicum placement. All coursework counted toward earning a certificate must be taken at the graduate level at the School of Social Work or through approved out-of-department classes. The student is responsible for documenting that all requirements for the certificate have been successfully completed. Throughout enrollment in the certificate program, the certificate coordinator will provide ongoing support, including guidance on course selection, practicum alignment, and progress tracking to ensure students stay on track toward completion.

#### **Approved Practicum Placement**

Certificate students may complete their practicum in settings that serve or engage with their population of interest, including specialized agencies or broader organizations offering relevant services. Military Social Work certificate students will complete one official practicum focused on military-related social work. The placement is a key educational 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 practicum experience. Securing a final practicum placement is a competitive process. Students must confirm with the certificate coordinator that their placement meets the requirements of the certificate program. Because of external factors, such as funding, placement is competitive and not guaranteed at any specific agency. Regardless of placement, all students gain valuable experience through specialized coursework, practicum opportunities, and faculty mentorship, preparing them for effective practice across various social work environments.

#### **Additional Proposed Coursework**

Certificate students in the Clinical concentration would select three of their five choices from the suggested course options on page two. Students in the APP concentration would select three of their four choices from the suggested course options on page two. Other courses may be approved as offered, through consultation with the certificate coordinator.

#### **Professional Development**

Certificate students are required to engage in a minimum of 20 hours of professional development



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during the course of their graduate program, either through conference attendance, training participation and/or research project participation that relates to Military Social Work. Professional development hours must be approved by the certificate coordinator prior to the certificate being awarded and may not count toward the fulfillment of requirements of another course or program at the School.

#### Process

Students will fill out an application for the certificate program, which can be found at <https://socialwork.utexas.edu/academics/mssw/certificate-programs/>.

#### Certificate Coordinator

For more information, please contact Professor Tammy Linseisen: [tlinseisen@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:tlinseisen@mail.utexas.edu).

Social Work Coursework		
Anchor course: Social Work with Military Personnel and Families		
APP Selectives*	Clinical Selectives*	Electives*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program Evaluation</li><li>• Collaborative Leadership through Public, Private Partnerships</li><li>• Social Work Leadership in Human Service Systems</li><li>• Advanced Policy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assessment and Treatment of Traumatized Populations (<i>recommended</i>)</li><li>• Treatment of Children &amp; Adolescents</li><li>• Grief Counseling</li><li>• Motivational Interviewing</li><li>• Crisis Intervention</li><li>• Child and Adult Attachment</li><li>• Theory and Methods of Family Intervention</li><li>• Coexisting Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders</li><li>• Cognitive Behavior Therapy</li><li>• Neurobiology and Social Work Practice</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social Work Practice with Abused &amp; Neglected Children &amp; Their Families</li><li>• Loss and Grief</li><li>• Mindfulness and Social Work Practice,</li><li>• Communication Skills in Interdisciplinary Settings</li><li>• Restorative Justice</li><li>• Social Construction of Disability</li><li>• Contemporary Issues in Domestic Violence</li><li>• Practicum Immersion</li><li>• Substance Use and Social Work Practice</li><li>• Social Work Practice with Older Adults</li></ul>
* These are not exhaustive lists. Additional courses, including out-of-department 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.		