

SOCIAL WORK (SOWK)

SOWK 668 - Special Topics in Social Work (1-3 Credits)

Study of special populations, settings, and/or problems encountered by social workers and other human service professionals, and interventions and skills for dealing with them. May be repeated as content varies by title.

SOWK 678 - Transforming Health Care for the Future (1 Credit)

Foundation for beginning health professions students to gain an understanding of the complexities of the health care system through experiential activities conducted in interprofessional teams and the importance of interprofessional collaboration in order to improve the system.

Cross-listed course: PUBH 678

SOWK 679 - Addressing Childhood Obesity through Community Approaches (2 Credits)

Approaches for prevention of childhood obesity, using perspectives from public health, social work, exercise science, pharmacy, medicine, and behavioral nutrition. Training to teach diet/physical activity lessons in elementary school settings.

Cross-listed course: HPEB 679

SOWK 701 - Professional Development Bridge (3 Credits)

Bridge course designed to prepare newly enrolled Advanced Standing MSW students for their Advanced Practice year of study for the MSW program. Students must hold a BSW from a CSWE- accredited BSW program and be admitted to the University of South Carolina Graduate School and the College of Social Work's Master's Program as an Advanced Standing Student.

SOWK 702 - Writing for Professional Social Work Practice (3 Credits)

Prepare students to write effectively for professional practice in social work.

SOWK 703 - Richland County Sheriff's Department School Practicum (1 Credit)

This seminar is part of a collaborative school social work/law enforcement practicum immersion study. Permission of the instructor and concurrent enrollment in an instructor-approved field practicum is required.

SOWK 704 - Nonprofit Leadership (3 Credits)

This course provides students with foundational knowledge for leading and managing nonprofit or nongovernmental organizations. The student will learn about governance, human resources, financial management, marketing, and planning and evaluation. In this class, the student will use theory to understand effective organizational practices in a modern era. This course counts as a practice elective.

SOWK 705 - Family Interventions and Family Therapy (3 Credits)

Social work practice with families, parents, and couples, focused on family interventions and family therapy with culturally diverse and vulnerable family populations. This course counts as a practice elective.

SOWK 707 - Trauma-Informed Practice with Children, Youth, and Families (3 Credits)

Integration of trauma into practice with children, youth, and families to recognize its prevalence, realize its impact, and respond sensitively and competently.

SOWK 708 - Trauma-Informed Practice with Adults and Older Adults (3 Credits)

Integration of trauma into practice with adults and older adults to recognize its prevalence, realize its impact, and respond sensitively and competently.

SOWK 709 - Collective Trauma and Recovery (3 Credits)

Designed to focus on trauma-informed, trauma responsive, and culturally sensitive engagement, assessment, intervention, and advocacy regarding collective experiences of trauma such as natural and environmental disasters, mass shootings, community violence, and war.

SOWK 712 - Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (3 Credits)

Study of institutions, communities, and organizations as social systems relevant to social work practice.

SOWK 714 - Diversity and Social Justice Issues for Social Work Practice (3 Credits)

Diversity, strengths, needs, and responses of oppressed populations from a social justice perspective, with emphasis on experiential learning and implications for social work practice at all system levels.

SOWK 716 - Human Behavior and the Social Environment II (3 Credits)

A systems approach is used to study the family and individual development. Cultural and structural variability are emphasized.

SOWK 718 - Systems Analysis of Social Work Practice (3 Credits)

Integration and application of social work theories, skills, and values in preparation for the transition to professional practice.

Prerequisites: Full-time, Part-time, and Advanced Standing students: C or higher in SOWK 779, SOWK 783, and SOWK 792 or SOWK 793.

SOWK 722 - Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families and Small Groups (3 Credits)

Methods of social work intervention with individuals, families and groups within the social environment.

SOWK 724 - Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups (3 Credits)

Advanced study of social work intervention with groups, including treatment, educational, self-help and mutual aid. This course qualifies as a Practice Elective.

SOWK 726 - Supervision and Case Consultation (3 Credits)

An in-depth study of modalities for overseeing the delivery of direct services in social agencies. This course qualifies as a Practice Elective.

SOWK 727 - Social Work in an Educational Setting (3 Credits)

Examination of school social work services from a multi-level, ecological approach including the community, the school, the family, and the students. This course qualifies as a Practice Elective.

SOWK 728 - Social Work Case Management (3 Credits)

Practice of social work case management with a special emphasis on case management for vulnerable populations. This course qualifies as a Practice Elective.

SOWK 729 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapies (3 Credits)

Knowledge and skills for practice with cognitive behavior therapies. This course qualifies as a Practice Elective.

SOWK 730 - Trauma-informed Social Work Practice (3 Credits)

Integration and infusion of meaning of trauma into one's practice so as to recognize its prevalence, realize its impact, and respond sensitively and competently. This course qualifies as a Practice Elective.

SOWK 731 - Motivational Interviewing for Social Work Practice (3 Credits)

Motivational interviewing strategies and advanced practice competencies within a variety of social work practice settings. This course qualifies as a Practice Elective.

SOWK 732 - Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities (3 Credits)

Social work practice in organizations and communities, especially skills in problem identification and solving.

SOWK 735 - Advanced Social Work Practice with Individuals (3 Credits)

Advanced social work practice with individuals focused on engagement, assessment, intervention planning and implementation, and practice evaluation for diverse clients.

Prerequisites: C or higher in SOWK 722 and SOWK 732.

SOWK 737 - Overview of Social Work Practice with the Military, Veterans, and their Families (3 Credits)

Foundation knowledge for practice with military and their families including information about military culture, values. An overview of military knowledge and history essential for working with this population, information about problems unique to the military, and the identification of treatment and community resources.

SOWK 738 - Military Mental Health and the Impact of Trauma (3 Credits)

Designed to provide state-of-the-art information about problems and disorders encounter by veterans and military personnel, including information about the signature injuries associated with current and past conflicts, as well as information about problems encountered in family life.

SOWK 739 - Intervention Strategies in Military Behavioral Health (3 Credits)

Knowledge about intervention strategies with military members, veterans of the military and their families, including important knowledge to help social workers interface effectively with other medical and behavioral health professionals.

SOWK 740 - International Social Work and Social Justice (3 Credits)

This course provides a framework for understanding social work and social justice issues with an emphasis on vulnerable populations in the areas of survival, protection, and promotion of human rights in China, India, the Middle East, Africa, and Central and South America.

SOWK 742 - Social Welfare Policy Analysis (3 Credits)

Analysis of social welfare policies, including their development, implementation, and evaluation.

SOWK 743 - Immigration Policy (3 Credits)

This course examines immigration policy in the contemporary U.S. context. It explores current policy debates in light migration research and theory, and aims to address the following questions: Why do people migrate? How do they adapt once they arrive? How does immigration impact receiving societies?

SOWK 744 - Grant Writing (3 Credits)

Planning and program development through grant writing that can be generalized to any setting and relevant to social, community, and economic development as well as other areas of social work practice.

SOWK 746 - Community Mental Health (3 Credits)

Course develops skills for effective social work practice within dynamic and multifaceted mental health settings. Substantive areas include role play, research informed practice and practice informed research, and reflective/reflexive practice. The primary goal is to produce practitioners capable of influencing mental health related practice paradigms, programs, services, interventions, and policies. This course qualifies as a Practice Elective.

SOWK 748 - Crisis Intervention (3 Credits)

This course introduces students to crisis theory and intervention models for response to a variety of individual, family, and community crises. This course focuses on crisis theories, the tasks associated with crisis care, methods of intervention and the responses to specific crises.

SOWK 749 - Evidence Based Parenting Interventions Child & Adolescent Social, Emotional, & Behavioral Challenges (3 Credits)

Examines theories of practice and parenting interventions with strong empirical evidence for supporting positive youth development and preventing or ameliorating child and adolescent social, emotional, and behavioral challenges among diverse youth and parents.

SOWK 751 - Youth and Substance Use (3 Credits)

Students are introduced to the unique dynamics of substance use among adolescent populations. Students gain foundational knowledge about adolescent development, substance use trends and prevalence among adolescent populations. Risk and protective factors are explored that impact adolescent substance use, and systems of care for this unique group.

SOWK 752 - Social Work Intervention in Substance Abuse (3 Credits)

Knowledge and skills for substance abuse treatment for clients from diverse backgrounds with a focus on empirically based methods from a social work practice. This course qualifies as a Practice Elective.

SOWK 755 - Advanced Social Work Practice with Organizations (3 Credits)

Advanced social work practice with organizations, including advanced knowledge, skills, values, and theories to engage, assess, intervention, and evaluation organizations.

Prerequisites: C or higher in SOWK 722 and SOWK 732.

SOWK 756 - Social Work Practice and Developmental Disabilities (3 Credits)

Explores values, addresses psychosocial issues and examines assessment and intervention tools important for practice with persons with disabilities, their families and the community.

SOWK 758 - Family Dynamics and Substance Abuse (3 Credits)

An examination of the dynamics of substance abuse and addictions including classification of drugs, models of addiction, etiology, assessment and diagnosis and evidence-based treatment practices. Family dynamics, special populations (e.g., women, African Americans, Military), and process addictions (e.g., gambling, sexual addiction, eating disorders) are also covered.

SOWK 759 - Psychopathology and Psychodiagnostics for Social Work Practice with Children and Adolescents (3 Credits)

This course introduces students to etiology, assessment, and diagnosis of child and adolescent mental health within the social work person-in-environment framework to understand the critical biopsychosocial influences on incidence and manifestation of the most commonly presented disorders and the differential effect of these factors on diverse and at-risk populations.

SOWK 760 - Psychopathology and Psychodiagnostics for Social Work Practice with Adults and Older Adults (3 Credits)

This course introduces students to etiology, assessment, and diagnosis of adult and older adult mental health within the social work person-in-environment framework to understand the critical biopsychosocial influences on incidence and manifestation of the most commonly presented disorders and the differential effect of these factors on diverse and at-risk populations.

SOWK 762 - Loss, Grief, and Social Work Intervention (3 Credits)

Losses encountered throughout the life cycle, normal and pathological grieving, and intervention techniques.

SOWK 764 - Independent Study (3 Credits)

For advanced graduate students.

SOWK 765 - Sexuality Issues for Social Work Practice (3 Credits)

Sexuality in the context of social functioning and its relationship to problems encountered by social work practitioners. Emphasis on problems of sexual oppression.

SOWK 766 - Advanced Social Work Practice with Families (3 Credits)

Advanced generalist social work practice with diverse family systems across the life span, focused on engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation processes.

Prerequisites: C or higher in SOWK 722 and SOWK 732.

SOWK 768 - Special Topics in Social Work (1-3 Credits)

An in-depth study of selected issues, social concerns, and application of behavioral implications for practice. May be repeated as content varies by title.

SOWK 769 - Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Child Abuse and Neglect (3 Credits)

Current knowledge about child abuse and neglect, including typologies, etiology, effects, and current practice interventions.

SOWK 771 - Psychosocial Approaches to Gerontology (3 Credits)

Introduction to gerontology from the fields of demography, psychology, sociology, social welfare, and economics.

Cross-listed course: PSYC 700

SOWK 772 - Programs and Services for Older Adults (3 Credits)

Examination of the policy/planning issues relating to older adults, including current trends in services, base for social service development, and evaluation of services for older adults.

SOWK 775 - Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups (3 Credits)

Advanced social work practice with treatment and task groups, with a focus on engagement, assessment, intervention, evaluation, and policy practice.

Prerequisites: C or higher in SOWK 722 and SOWK 732.

SOWK 776 - Advanced Social Work Practice with Communities (3 Credits)

Advanced generalist social work practice on a community system-level with a focus on engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation.

Prerequisites: C or higher in SOWK 722 and SOWK 732.

SOWK 777 - Advanced Theory for Social Work Practice (3 Credits)

A theoretical background for specialized advanced social work practice incorporating social and behavioral science as a framework for analyzing evidence-based approaches for social work interventions.

Prerequisites: Full-time and Part-time Programs: C or better in SOWK 712, SOWK 714, SOWK 716, SOWK 781, and SOWK 791; Advanced Standing Program: None.

SOWK 778 - Advanced Analysis of Social Policy, Programs, and Services (3 Credits)

Overview of the structure and functions of programs, policies, and systems in a specialized area of practice, including the history of policy development, the current policy environment, and the role of social workers and the social work profession in shaping and implementing policy in this area.

Prerequisites: C or better in SOWK 777, SOWK 779, and SOWK 783.

SOWK 779 - Advanced Social Work Interventions (3 Credits)

Advanced direct practice in a specialized area with a focus on engagement, assessment, intervention planning and implementation, and practice evaluation for diverse client systems at multiple levels. Instructor permission required for non-MSW program students.

Prerequisites: Full-time and Part-time Programs: SOWK 722, SOWK 732, SOWK 742, SOWK 777, SOWK 782; Advanced Standing Program: SOWK 777.

SOWK 781 - Field Instruction I: Generalist Social Work Practice (3 Credits)

An agency-based study of the community social welfare system and the social agency's place in delivery of services; a beginning involvement in agency practice.

SOWK 782 - Field Instruction II: Generalist Social Work Practice (1-3 Credits)

An agency-based study of the community social welfare system and the social agency's place in delivery of services; a beginning involvement in agency practice.

Prerequisites: Full-time and Extended-time Programs: C or better in SOWK 781.

SOWK 783 - Field Instruction III: Advanced Social Work Practice (1-3 Credits)

The third unit of field instruction is designed to support students' integration of knowledge learned while taking advanced year practice courses. This is a pass or fail course.

Prerequisites: Full-time and Extended-time Programs: C or higher in SOWK 722, SOWK 732, SOWK 742, and SOWK 782; Advanced Standing Program: None.

SOWK 784 - Field Instruction IV: Advanced Social Work Practice (1-3 Credits)

The fourth unit of field instruction is designed to support students' integration of knowledge learned while taking advanced year practice courses. This is a pass or fail course.

Prerequisites: Passing grade in SOWK 783.

Prerequisite or Corequisite: C or higher in SOWK 718.

SOWK 791 - Social Work Research Methodologies (3 Credits)

Examination of social work research contexts, designs, and strategies.

SOWK 792 - Evaluation of Social Work Practice (3 Credits)

Examines measurement tools, evaluation designs, and advanced practice skills that can be used to evaluate social work practice with clients.

Prerequisites: Full-time and Part-time Programs: C or higher in SOWK 791; Advanced Standing Program: None.

SOWK 793 - Evaluation of Social Work Programs (3 Credits)

Examines methods that can be used to evaluate social work programs, policies, and practice.

Prerequisites: Full-time and Part-time Programs: C or higher in SOWK 791; Advanced Standing Program: None.

SOWK 800 - Intellectual Foundations of Social Welfare and Social Work I: Historical Roots (3 Credits)

Examines across disciplines the theoretical and empirical foundations for social welfare and social work in historical, economic, social, and political contexts prior to the 20th century.

SOWK 801 - Intellectual Foundations of Social Welfare and Social Work II: Modern Developments (3 Credits)

Examines across disciplines the theoretical and empirical foundations of social welfare and social work in historical, economic, social, and political contexts from the early 20th century to the present.

Prerequisites: B or better in SOWK 800.

SOWK 802 - Intellectual Foundations of Social Welfare and Social Work III: Conceptual Model-Building (3 Credits)

Examines the process of developing theory-based welfare and social work scholarship from a variety of research approaches, focusing on conceptual model-building.

Prerequisites: B or better in SOWK 800 and SOWK 801.

SOWK 803 - History of the Profession of Social Work (3 Credits)

Examines the theoretical and empirical foundations of the profession of social work in historical, economic, social, and political contexts from the early 20th century to the present.

SOWK 804 - Understanding and Using Social Science Theory (3 Credits)

Introduces the concept of theory and its relation to empirical investigation. Introduces middle range social science theories widely used for research in social work and social welfare.

SOWK 805 - Knowledge for Social Change: Ontology, Epistemology, and Methodology in Social Science Research (3 Credits)

Overview of a range of approaches to understanding what we can know as social scientists (ontology) and how we can know it (epistemology), and a deep dive into how these approaches play out in 1) understandings of scientific inquiry and core methodological concepts, 2) qualitative and quantitative methodological choices, and 3) the researcher's role and positionality in advancing change-oriented knowledge claims.

SOWK 806 - Conducting a Systematic Literature Review for Publication (3 Credits)

Step-by-step approach to conducting a systematic review of scientific literature and summarizing findings in the format of a journal manuscript for potential publication.

SOWK 811 - Qualitative Methods of Inquiry for Social Work Research (3 Credits)

Foundations of qualitative methods in social research with emphasis on intensive interviewing and grounded theory.

SOWK 822 - Measurement and Instrument Design (3 Credits)

Advanced study to evaluate and design measurement and instrumentation in social work research. Restricted to social work doctoral students.

Prerequisites: SOWK 891, SOWK 892.

SOWK 830 - Community - Engaged Research for Social Welfare and Social Change (3 Credits)

Doctoral-level course covering conceptual foundations and key processes and skills of community-engaged research for understanding and promoting social welfare and social change. Emphasis on engagement with community, collaboration, challenges, and ethics. Assignments include practical community-engaged research experience.

SOWK 831 - Leadership for Social Change (3 Credits)

Examines theoretical and practical foundations of providing leadership for social change through organizations, communities, public policies, and social norms.

SOWK 850 - Social Work Doctoral Professional Seminar (1-2 Credits)

Examines issues related to making a successful transition from doctoral student to professional social work scholar. May be repeated for credit.

SOWK 872 - Social Work Education Practicum (0 Credits)

A wide range of supervised classroom, field, and other learning experiences designed to prepare the student for work as a social work educator.

Prerequisites: SOWK 871.

SOWK 889 - Doctoral Social Work Practicum (0 Credits)

Students acquire practical research experience, based on an individualized learning contract, under the supervision of a faculty member.

SOWK 890 - Analysis of Social Work Data (3 Credits)

Approaches to the organization, analysis, interpretation, and utilization of data sets available from social agency records or from existing empirical research.

SOWK 891 - Advanced Analysis of Social Work Data (3 Credits)

Analysis of complex data sets from social services agencies and other research sources.

Prerequisites: B or better in SOWK 890 or equivalent introductory statistics course approved by the Doctoral Program Committee.

SOWK 892 - Design and Critical Analysis of Social Work Research (3 Credits)

Advanced study of research methods commonly employed in the development of knowledge for social work practice and education. Critique of published social work research using a standardized critique model.

SOWK 894 - Planning and Design of Dissertation Research (1 Credit)

A seminar designed to provide intensive faculty supervision and peer consultation to the doctoral student in the preparation of the dissertation proposal. Repeatable- 2 credits required for the doctoral program.

Prerequisites: SOWK 890, SOWK 891, SOWK 892, SOWK 811.

SOWK 899 - Dissertation Preparation (1-12 Credits)

Prerequisites: SOWK 894.