

Social Work

Graduation Guidelines for Specialty Emphases

Marriage and Family Emphasis (8 Credits)

Students completing an emphasis in Marriage and Family will:

- Learn therapeutic models for working with children, couples, and families.
- Gain understanding of common problems with children, adolescents, couples, and families.
- Practice specific interventions in working with children, adolescents, couples, and families.

Some jobs you might expect to obtain with this area of emphasis include the following: Marriage and Family Counselor, Child/Adolescent Therapist, Mental Health Clinician.

- *SOWK649 Advanced Family Therapy (2)
- *SOWK626 Therapy With Children & Adolescents (2)
- *SOWK640 Interventions in Martial Conflict (2)
- *SOWK646 Trauma & Advanced Crisis Intervention (2)
- SOWK410 Children & Families at Risk (2) §
- SOWK545 Counseling & Spirituality (2)
- SOWK440 Assessment & Treatment of Victims of Violence (2) §
- SOWK460 Death & Grief in Contemporary Society (2) §
- SOWK624 Evidence-based Therapies (2)
- SOWK675 Topics: Dealing with Difficult People (2)

* Required 3 out of 4 for emphasis, last 2 credits your choice.

§ Swing course

Mental Health Emphasis (8 Credits)

Students completing an emphasis in Mental Health will:

- Learn and apply therapeutic models in addressing client concerns.
- Study evidence-based therapeutic models and specific interventions for treatment of common mental disorders.
- Complete a treatment plan based on assessment and diagnosis for clients.

Some jobs you might expect to obtain with this area of emphasis include the following: Mental Health Clinician, Family Counselor, Hospital Social Worker, Addictions Therapist.

- *SOWK624 Evidence-Based Therapies (2)
- *SOWK628 Treatment of Adult Mental Disorders (2)
- *SOWK646 Trauma & Advanced Crisis Intervention (2)
- *SOWK675 Topics: Psychopharmacology (2)
- *SOWK626 Therapy with Children & Adolescents (2)

* Required 4 out of 5 for emphasis

§ Swing course

Administration & Development Emphasis (8 Credits)

Students completing an emphasis in Administration and Development will:

- Develop administrative capabilities necessary in the public and private sector.
- Learn and practice specific leadership techniques for managing programs and people.

Some jobs you might expect to obtain with this area of emphasis include the following: Social Services Director, Program Administrator, Social Work Supervisor.

- *SOWK638 Leadership in Social Work (2)
- *SOWK655 Organizational/Community Assessment (2)
- *BSAD530 Management of Not-for-Profit Organizations (3)
Prerequisite: BSAD355 or permission of instructor
- *SOC1535/BHSC648 Grant-writing (2)
- SOCI520 Concepts of Community Development (2)
- SOWK520 Web & Media for Not-for-Profit Organizations (2)
- SOWK475 Topics: Dealing with Difficult People (2) §
- PSYC515 Org. & Human Resources (2)

* Required 3 out of 4 for emphasis, last 2 credits your choice.

§ Swing course

School Social Work Emphasis (8 Credits)

Students completing an emphasis in School Social Work will:

- Learn and practice specific therapeutic tools and measures in working with children and adolescents.
- Study childhood disorders and therapeutic models in addressing these within a school system setting.

Some jobs you might expect to obtain with this area of emphasis include the following: School Social Worker, Case Manager, Guidance Counselor.

- *SOWK620 School Social Work (2)
- *EDPC644 Psychological Testing (3)
- *EDPC525 Psychology & Education of Exceptional Children (3)
- SOWK410 Children & Families at risk (2) (Suggested additional course)

* Required 3 out of 3 for emphasis.

Christian Ministry Emphasis (8 credits)

Students completing an emphasis in Christian Ministry will:

- Prepare for various forms of ministry in which clinical and administrative skills in social work and theology are needed.
- Integrate both theological and social work knowledge, values and skills into a multifaceted approach to Christian service, thereby enhancing their usefulness as instruments of the Holy Spirit.
- Become sensitive to nontraditional ministry opportunities through exposure to theories and practice skills related to counseling approaches, person-in-environment, social and economic justice, human rights, and global perspectives from a Christian worldview.

Some jobs you might expect to obtain with this area of emphasis include the following: Church-based services coordinator, faith-based community organizer, Family life educator.

Pastoral Care:

Eight credits can be taken from the following courses:

- *SOWK545 Counseling & Spirituality (2)
- †CHMN503 Marriage, Family & Interpersonal Relationships (3)
- †CHMN508 Tools for the Pastor's Spouse (2-3)
- †CHMN526 Conflict Management in the Church (2-3)
- †CHMN540 Church and Urban Community (2-3)
- †CHMN553 The Church and Social Issues (2-3)

Youth Ministry:

Eight credits can be taken from the following courses:

- *SOWK545 Counseling & Spirituality (2)
- †CHMN619 Religious Experience in Adolescence (2-3)
- †CHMN626 Ministry to At-Risk Youth (2-3)
- †CHMN636 Seminar in Youth Ministry (2-3)

*Required for emphasis, last 6 credits your choice.

†Seminary course

International Social Work Emphasis

Students completing an emphasis in International Social Work will:

- Develop an understanding of global social problems, issues, and social structures.
- Study critical topics such as human rights, globalization, climate change, and how they affect clients' bio-psycho-social wellbeing.
- Learn about social work and human services in other countries.
- Learn to effectively serve culturally diverse clients in the USA and abroad.

Some jobs you might expect to obtain with this area of emphasis could be found in the areas of:

- Counseling and aiding refugees and/or migrant workers;
- Facilitating international adoptions;
- Developing, managing and staffing international service-delivery programs;
- Researching international issues with a focus on improving people's quality of life and addressing injustices.

Track 1 – International Study Tour Experience (8-11 Credits)

Prerequisite Courses

____SOWK648 Program Planning, Budgeting, Fund Raising & Grantmanship (1)Summer

____SOWK655 Organizational & Community Needs Assessment (1) Summer

Required Courses

____SOWK537 International Social Work (2) Spring

____SOWK578 Study Tour (6-9) Summer

Track 2 – International Field Experience (9 Credits)

Required Courses

____SOWK537 International Social Work (2) Spring

____SOWK648 Program Planning, Budgeting, Fund Raising & Grantmanship (2)

____SOWK655 Organizational & Community Needs Assessment (2)

____ECON525 Global Macroeconomic Analysis (3) Fall

Prerequisite: ECON225 Fall, Spring

Aging and Social Work (8 Credits)

Students completing an emphasis in Aging and Social Work will:

- Understand and discuss the experience of the elderly from various theoretical perspectives.
- Learn effective interventions for practice with the aging population.
- Understand settings for working with the aging population.

____ *SOWK424/524 Social Gerontology (2) Fall

____ *SOWK667 Interventions in Gerontology (2) Spring

____ *SOWK460 Death & Grief in Contemporary Society (2) Fall

____ ^FDNT476 Nutrition and Aging (2) Fall \$

____ SOWK545 Counseling & Spirituality

____ SOWK675 Topics: Dealing with Difficult People

*Required for emphasis, last 2 credits your choice

^Pre-requisite: FDNT230 § Swing course