

Degree Description

Successful completion of this program opens doors to employment or a better position in social welfare, governmental and community service agencies. Graduates can make significant contributions wherever people are employed to help others with social- and mental health-related situations.

This specialty emphasizes course work needed for employees or future employees in children/adolescent facilities. The curriculum addresses the needs and skills of persons in daily work with children/adolescents with emotional problems.

A grade of C or better is required for all mental health courses for graduation.

Semester I	Hours
PMHS 1291 Special Topics in Psychiatric/Mental Health Services	2 hours
SCWK 1321 Orientation to Social Service	3 hours
DAAC 1304 Pharmacology of Addiction	3 hours
DAAC 1317 Basic Counseling Skills	3 hours
SCWK 1303 Ethics for Social Service Professionals	3 hours
	14 hours

Semester II	Hours
PMHS 1267 Practicum - Psychiatric/Mental Health Services Tech	2 hours
SCWK 2307 Human Behavior and Social Environment	3 hours
CMSW 1309 Problems of Children and Adolescents	3 hours
CMSW 1323 The Exceptional Person	3 hours
CMSW 1353 Family Intervention Strategies	3 hours
SOC1 1301 Introduction to Sociology	3 hours
	17 hours

Total hours: 31 hours

Course Descriptions

PMHS 1291 Special Topics in Psychiatric/Mental Health Services

Topics address recently identified current events, skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes and behaviors pertinent to the technology or occupation and relevant to the professional development of the student. This course was designed to be repeated multiple times to improve student proficiency. The student will participate in an orientation to the Mental Health program and practicum classes. Activities will be conducted and assignments will be made during orientation. Semester Hours 2 (2 lec/1 lab)

SCWK 1321 Orientation to Social Service

Introduction to the basic concepts, information, and practices within the field of social services. Topics include the historical development of social services, populations served by social service workers, and review of current treatment and/or services. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

DAAC 1304 Pharmacology of Addiction

Emphasizes pharmacological effects of addiction, tolerance, dependence, cross addiction, drug interaction, withdrawal, and recovery. Describes the psychological and physiological effects of substance use and behaviors. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

DAAC 1317 Basic Counseling Skills

An overview of basic counseling skills. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

SCWK 1303 Ethics for Social Service Professionals

Ethical considerations based on social and human services standards. Includes comparison of ethical codes, confidentiality, dual relationships, guidelines for web counseling, ethical considerations dealing with broadcast media, diversity, and multiculturalism. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

PMHS 1267 Practicum - Psychiatric/Mental Health Services Tech

Practical, general workplace training supported by an individualized learning plan developed by the employer, college, and student. This course was designed to be repeated multiple times to improve student proficiency. Prerequisite: PMHS 1291 Semester Hours 2 (15 lab)

SCWK 2307 Human Behavior and Social Environment

Comprehensive analysis of human behavior and the social environment. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

CMSW 1309 Problems of Children and Adolescents

Examine common problems and evaluate effective intervention models of at-risk children and youth. Topics include: social, family, educational systems impact, juvenile delinquency, teen sexuality, and addictive behaviors. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

CMSW 1323 The Exceptional Person

Study of physical, intellectual, and learning disabilities, sensory deficits, and the exceptionally gifted individual throughout the lifespan. Includes educational approaches and an introduction to the continuum of service delivery systems for various disabilities and conditions. Semester Hours 3(3 lec)

CMSW 1353 Family Intervention Strategies

Study of family dynamics and current intervention strategies. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology

The scientific study of human society, including ways in which groups, social institutions, and individuals affect each other. Causes of social stability and social change are explored through the application of various theoretical perspectives, key concepts, and related research methods of sociology. Analysis of social issues in their institutional context may include topics such as social stratification, gender, race/ethnicity, and deviance. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)
