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Program Title			

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Social Work, Master of Social Work

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Online/Web-based

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

No

On-line/Web-based Information

Reason for offering

Web-based Program

There are currently eight undergraduate and three graduate social work programs offered in Arkansas, with no online program options available. Providing an online Master of Social Work (MSW) Advanced Standing Program at the University of Arkansas will potentially increase significantly to the diversity and number of students able to complete this valuable degree in the most affordable way possible. Residents in our rural state will benefit from increased access to our graduate social work program, which allows the MSW student the flexibility to continue working while studying for a master's degree in social work and also allows learning in place, all across Arkansas. In many small communities a Licensed Master Social Worker is a valuable asset that is often inaccessible for low to moderate income individuals and families, those with unreliable transportation, those who are mentally or physically ill, and others who experience pain and loss.

MSW Advanced Standing Programs are specifically designed for students who have successfully completed a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from an accredited program within the last six years. This one-year program provides advanced level courses to social workers with a bachelor's degree, allowing these individuals to quickly begin serving their communities at a higher level, while earning a better living for their families. With a master's degree in social work, students could see an estimated increase in salary of \$15,000 per year. As of November 2014, there were 507 licensed BSW level social workers residing in Arkansas who could immediately apply to take advantage of this opportunity for advancement.

This online degree option will become even more valuable going forward. With eight undergraduate programs in the state, the number of new BSW graduates continues to grow. There are only three MSW programs in Arkansas to serve this expanding pool of BSW graduates potentially seeking a master's degree. The real limits of "bricks and mortar" resources at the three universities offering MSW degrees makes an online program a feasible and cost effective way to serve the growing demand for admission.

An online program will not only be cost effective for the University of Arkansas, but will benefit students as well. Students live and attend Universities all across the state. Many BSW graduates are living and working in areas not close to any of the three Arkansas graduate programs. Working BSW social workers are often non-traditional students who have jobs and families to support. These circumstances mean that moving to attend graduate school is often cost prohibitive for many students. Continuing to live and work in current hometowns while attending graduate school online is an innovative way to help students progress in their careers in an affordable way.

Maximum Class Size 20
for Web-based
Courses

Course delivery
mode

Method(s)
Blended Delivery Methods

Describe Blended
Delivery Methods

this is NA. This is a change that was made several years ago.

Class interaction
mode

Method(s):
Other

Specify Other
Interaction Methods

Blackboard Learning Management System with Collaborate; email

Percent Online
100%

Provide a List of
Services Supplied by
Consortia Partners or
Outsourced
Organization

No services are supplied by consortia partners or outsources to outside organizations.

Estimate Costs of the see attached budget
Program over the below
First 3 Years

List Courses Taught
by Adjunct Faculty

Upload
Memorandum of
Understanding Forms
(if required)

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

Admission Requirements: Admission to the University of Arkansas Graduate School as well as admission to the School of Social Work M.S.W. program is required. Admission requirements for **all of the M.S.W. programs** ~~program~~ include: a baccalaureate degree with a liberal arts perspective from an accredited college or university (official transcripts must be **provided**). ~~A provided); a minimum 3.00 undergraduate GPA on a four-point scale; 2.75-2.99 for conditional admission;~~ a personal statement of motivation for and experiences supporting admission to the MSW program; a social needs paper that discusses a current social need that is of concern and interest to the applicant; three professional reference letters (faculty, employers, supervisors); a basic statistics course; and computer literacy demonstrated through prior course **work**. ~~work.~~

Admission to the Advanced Standing Program (on campus or on line). ~~Applicants with a GPA between 2.75-2.99 for the last 60 hours of their first undergraduate degree are required to complete the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Millers Analogies Test (MAT) and to submit GRE/MAT scores to the Graduate School. In addition to the above requirements, for admission to the Advanced Standing program, applicants must have a bachelor's degree in social work, received during the past six years, from a school accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Applicants must have a Bachelor of Social Work from a CSWE accredited University in~~ **the past six years. If the** bachelor's degree was earned over ~~six six~~ years ago, ~~the the~~ applicant may submit ~~a a~~ petition for exception, demonstrating ~~a a~~ significant history ~~of of~~ social work employment and continuing **education. Applicants must have a minimum 3.00 undergraduate GPA on a**

four-point scale for the last 60 hours of the first bachelor's degree. Applicants are exempt from taking the GRE or MAT. education:

Admission to the two and three year programs. A minimum 3.00 undergraduate Applicants with a GPA on a four-point scale between 2.75-2.99 for the last 60 hours of the their first bachelor's degree. Two undergraduate degree are required to complete the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Millers Analogies Test (MAT) and three year students may be considered for conditional admission with a 2.75-2.99 GPA with to submit GRE/MAT scores to the submission of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Millers Analogies Test (MAT) to the graduate school.. Graduate School:

Two-year Program Option: This option is available for students without a baccalaureate degree from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Students in the two-year option must successfully complete a total of 63 credit hours. The following are required Foundation courses:

<u>SCWK 4073</u>	Social Work Research and Technology I	3
<u>SCWK 4093</u>	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
<u>SCWK 4103</u>	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
<u>SCWK 4153</u>	Social Welfare Policy	3
<u>SCWK 4333</u>	Social Work Practice I	3
<u>SCWK 4343</u>	Social Work Practice II	3
<u>SCWK 4733</u>	Social Work Practice III	3
<u>SCWK 5003</u>	Foundations of Culturally Competent Social Work Practice	3
<u>SCWK 5013</u>	Bridge Course: Evidenced Based Social Work	3
<u>SCWK 5412</u>	Foundation Field Seminar	2
<u>SCWK 5434</u>	Foundation Field Internship	4

The following are required Advanced courses:

<u>SCWK 5073</u>	Social Work Research and Technology II	3
SCWK 6000L	Thesis Laboratory	0
<u>SCWK 6003</u>	Advanced Social Work Practice Using the MSLC Perspective	3
<u>SCWK 6442</u>	Advanced Field Seminar I	2
<u>SCWK 6444</u>	Advanced Field Internship I	4
<u>SCWK 6452</u>	Advanced Field Seminar II	2
<u>SCWK 6454</u>	Advanced Field Internship II	4

Three-year Extended Program Option: This option is available for students without a baccalaureate degree from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Students in the three-year extended program must successfully complete a total of 63 credit hours. The following are required foundation courses:

<u>SCWK 4073</u>	Social Work Research and Technology I	3
<u>SCWK 4093</u>	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
<u>SCWK 4103</u>	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
<u>SCWK 4153</u>	Social Welfare Policy	3
<u>SCWK 4333</u>	Social Work Practice I	3
<u>SCWK 4343</u>	Social Work Practice II	3

SCWK 4733	Social Work Practice III	3
SCWK 5003	Foundations of Culturally Competent Social Work Practice	3
SCWK 5013	Bridge Course: Evidenced Based Social Work	3
SCWK 5412	Foundation Field Seminar	2
SCWK 5434	Foundation Field Internship	4

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SCWK 6000L	Thesis Laboratory	0
SCWK 6003	Advanced Social Work Practice Using the MSLC Perspective	3
SCWK 6442	Advanced Field Seminar I	2
SCWK 6444	Advanced Field Internship I	4
SCWK 6452	Advanced Field Seminar II	2
SCWK 6454	Advanced Field Internship II	4

Please note that the three-year extended program accepts students every other year (e.g. Fall 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, etc.)

Advanced Standing Option: Students with a baccalaureate degree from a program accredited by CSWE are eligible to apply for Advanced Standing. This option requires a total of 39 credit hours including [SCWK 5013](#), [SCWK 5442](#), [SCWK 5444](#), and the advanced course work listed above for the two- and three-year options.

Students may complete the advanced standing option on campus or online.

Electives:1 Each student is required to successfully complete three electives (9 credit hours). Electives are chosen in consultation with and with approval from the student's major faculty adviser. Students may enroll in electives outside the School of Social Work, with faculty adviser approval.

Each student is required to successfully complete a population-specific practice course (3 credit hours) from either [SCWK 6233](#) or [SCWK 6243](#). Students may choose to take the other population-specific practice course as an elective.

Graduate social work electives include:

SCWK 5143	Global Social and Economic Justice and Oppression	3
SCWK 5153	Children, Youth, and Family	3
SCWK 5163	Social Work Management, Administration and Supervision	3
SCWK 5173	Advanced Practice with Families and Couples	3
SCWK 5183	Advanced Practice with Individuals	3
SCWK 5193	Advanced Practice and Policy in Aging	3
SCWK 5213	Advanced Practice in Behavioral and Mental Health	3
SCWK 5253	Spirituality and Social Work Practice	3
SCWK 5343	Advanced Practice with Groups	3

1 Elective topics often change from semester to semester based on faculty expertise and student interest.

Therefore, it is not possible to guarantee specific electives.

Other Requirements: M.S.W. students are required to complete a capstone paper and presentation. The capstone project is a research experience in the area of practice/program evaluation, guided and evaluated by a panel of faculty and senior social work practitioners from the community. Students may choose instead,

with faculty approval, to complete a thesis. The thesis option is guided by the student's thesis committee, resulting in a final paper and oral defense. Both options are completed in conjunction with the three-hour Research and Technology course. Only those choosing the thesis option must enroll in thesis hours in their advanced year.

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
Separated the admissions requirements for the Advanced Standing and the two/three year programs. Removed thesis lab from list of courses.	Separated admissions requirements for clarity and removed thesis lab because it's no longer required.

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Reviewer Comments

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (06/26/18 11:09 am): Changed effective date from fall 2018 to fall 2019.

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