



**NORTHERN MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY**
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

MSW PROGRAM

Advanced Standing Option

Students who have completed a BSW from a CSWE accredited program should apply for advanced standing.

Students admitted under Advanced Standing will complete the 36-credit program in one calendar year, or three semesters total, beginning in summer semester.

The summer semester will focus on consolidating entry-level social work competencies and linking them to the concentration curriculum beginning in fall semester. Beginning in fall semester, students will begin concentration courses in either Clinical or Advanced Generalist practice.

As with the second year of the Regular Standing program, students will specialize courses and field placements in their chosen area of concentration.

Field Placement

Students should enter the advanced standing field placement prepared to work with a wide variety of settings and populations as generalist practitioners.

Beginning in fall semester, advanced standing students will begin a 500 hour field placement in their area of concentration.

The concentration field placement builds off generalist skills and knowledge, as well as the values and ethics of the profession, in order to develop more specialized skills and knowledge.

Field placements will be selected based on each student's concentration, unique interests and professional goals, and the agencies ability to provide practice opportunities.



Clinical Concentration

Clinical students will develop entry-level proficiency in therapeutic counseling skills, including mental health therapy and diagnostics, while continuing to exercise competencies gained in the first year of the program.

Students will work with the field coordinator to select a field placement in a particular area of clinical interest, including mental health with adults, children and families, and co-occurring disorders.

Advanced Standing Track Grid: Clinical

Total Track Credits = 36

Summer		Fall		Winter	
Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits
SW 519 Advanced Standing Clinical Methods	3	SW 611 Advanced Clinical Methods with Individuals	3	SW 612 Advanced Clinical Methods with Families and Groups	3
SW 519 Advanced Standing Indirect Practice Methods	3	SW 13 Psychopathology	3	SW 641 Clinical Evaluation Methods	3
SW 549 Advanced Standing Research Methods	2	SW 681 Concentration Field Placement I	4	SW 682 Concentration Field Placement II	4
SW 569 Advanced Standing Human Rights	2	Elective	3	Elective	3
Total Credits	10	Total Credits	13	Total Credits	13



Advanced Generalist Concentration

In the Advanced Generalist concentration, students will develop specialized skills and knowledge in generalist interventions across all systems levels.

These students will also work with the field coordinator to select a placement site that emphasizes an area of advanced generalist practice that supports their professional interests and goals.

Advanced Standing Track Grid: Advanced Generalist

Total Track Credits = 36

Summer		Fall		Winter	
Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits
SW 519 Advanced Standing Clinical Methods	3	SW 611 Advanced Clinical Methods with Individuals	3	SW 612 Advanced Clinical Methods with Families and Groups	3
SW 519 Advanced Standing Indirect Practice Methods	3	SW 621 Policy and Program Planning	3	SW 622 Community Organizing	3
SW 549 Advanced Standing Research Methods	2	SW 681 Concentration Field Placement I	4	SW 682 Concentration Field Placement II	4
SW 569 Advanced Standing Human Rights	2	Elective	3	Elective	3
Total Credits	10	Total Credits	13	Total Credits	13

Elective Options:

AIS 535 Using Scholarly Library Resources in Support of Graduate Research	2
ED 551 Child Development and Learning: Birth through Kindergarten	4
ED 554 Inclusive Learning Environments: Birth to Kindergarten	4
ED 562 Introduction to Learning Disabilities	3
ED 566 Classroom Management: Methods for Students with Learning Disabilities	3
NAS 404 Research and Engagement in Native American Studies	4
NAS 484 Inclusion in the Classroom	4
NAS 485 Native American Education	4
NAS 488 Native American Community Engagement	4
PA 516 Organizational Theory	4
PA 521 Grant Writing for Public Administrators	2
PA 526 HRM in Public and Nonprofit Management	4
PA 562 Program Evaluation for Public and Nonprofit Agencies	2
PSY 445 Positive Psychology	4
PSY 453 Affective Neuroscience	4
PSY 457 Psychopharmacology	4
PSY 504 Behavioral Neuroscience	4
PSY 541 Advanced Developmental Psychology	4
PSY 561 Cognition: Advanced Theory and Methods	4
SW 523 Death, Dying and Grief	4
SW 531 Clinical Trauma Methods	3
SW 536 Prevention of Substance Use Disorders	3
SW 537 Substance Abuse Disorders and Treatment	3
SW 595 Special Topics in Social Work	1-4

All 600 level SW prefix courses



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