



**NORTHERN MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY**

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

MSW PROGRAM

Regular Standing Option

OVERVIEW

Students who have completed an undergraduate degree in a field other than social work should apply for regular standing.

Students admitted under Regular Standing will complete the 50-credit program beginning in fall semester over the course of two academic years, with four total semesters.

During the first year, students will focus on developing competency in generalist practice, developing proficiency in a variety of skills, knowledge, values and emotional and cognitive processes.

During the second year of the program, students will choose between the Clinical or Advanced Generalist concentration.

Field Placement

Students will complete two field placements during the regular standing program.

During the first year, students will complete a 400-hour field placement focused on generalist practice.

During the second year, students will complete a 500-hour field placement in their chosen concentration. The knowledge base that students get during the program will prepare students to practice social work in a wide variety of settings and populations.

Students will develop the ability to work with all service levels, from practice with individuals and families, through community organizing and interaction with social policy. Field placements will be selected based on the agencies ability to provide practice opportunities at many practice levels, assisting students in developing generalist practice skills and knowledge, as well as in the student's concentration.



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.

Regular Standing Track Grids:

Clinical

Total Track Credits = 50

Fall 1 (Generalist Year)		Winter 1 (Generalist Year)	
Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits
SW 511 Direct Methods with Individuals	3	SW 512 Direct Practice Methods with Couples, Families and Groups	3
SW 521 Leadership in Communities and Organizations	3	SW 551 Policy Practice	3
SW 541 Social Work Research Methods	3	SW 561 Human Rights	3
SW 581 Field Placement I	3	SW 581 Field Placement I	3
Total	12	Total	12

Fall 2 (Concentration Year)		Winter 2 (Concentration Year)	
Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits
SW 611 Clinical Methods with Individuals	3	SW 612 Clinical Methods with Families and Groups	3
SW 613 Psychopathology	3	SW 641 Clinical Evaluation Methods	3
SW 681 Concentration Field Placement I	4	SW 682 Concentration Field Placement II	4
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	13	Total	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.

Regular Standing Track Grids: Advanced Generalist

Total Track Credits = 50

Fall 1 (Generalist Year)		Winter 1 (Generalist Year)	
Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits
SW 511 Direct Methods with Individuals	3	SW 512 Direct Practice Methods with Couples, Families and Groups	3
SW 521 Leadership in Communities and Organizations	3	SW 551 Policy Practice	3
SW 541 Social Work Research Methods	3	SW 561 Human Rights	3
SW 581 Field Placement I	3	SW 581 Field Placement I	3
Total	12	Total	12

Fall 2 (Concentration Year)		Winter 2 (Concentration Year)	
Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits
SW 611 Clinical Methods with Individuals	3	SW 612 Clinical Methods with Families and Groups	3
SW 621 Policy and Program Planning	3	SW 621 Community Organizing	3
SW 681 Concentration Field Placement I	4	SW 682 Concentration Field Placement II	4
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	13	Total	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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