



Certificate in Mental Health, Addiction, and the Family

OUR PROGRAM AND ITS CULTURE

The Certificate in Mental Health, Addiction and the Family centers around the evidence that healing is the most robust in a relational context. This certificate is unique to Tulane University School of Social Work. Our program is a rigorous combination of coursework, certificate related field placements, and our signature Journal Club/Community meetings component. The Journal Club/Community meetings component is designed to give the student opportunities to network and discuss certificate related topics.

The Certificate is affiliated and funded by the Porter Cason Institute (PCI). PCI is the result of a large private contribution from a Tulane MSW alumnus for the purpose of training. Funds from PCI allow us to augment training with lectures from local and national experts as well as provide advanced training of professionals in our community.

The culture of this certificate is developing creativity and courage in both your time at Tulane and in your career. Social work is both an art and a science. We teach the science and provide a place for you to come to understand and develop your own unique art within ethical and evidence based interventions. Throughout your career you will hone your understanding of the science, art and creativity required of an exceptional social worker. We view it as one of our primary objectives to give you the courage to be comfortable in uncomfortable moments and to give space for truth and healing that may emerge as you develop this comfort.

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ADVANTAGE OF THE CERTIFICATE IN MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION, AND THE FAMILY

- Opportunities for mentorship by national experts
- Opportunities for work on community projects
- Try on your “Clinical Self” and your “Community Self”
(A laboratory for Courage and Creativity)
- Mental Health, Addiction, and the Family are ALWAYS part of any Social Work career... it is inescapable!

“If you don’t heal the wounds of your childhood, you bleed into the future...” - Oprah Winfrey



FOCUS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATE

- Healing in a Relational Context
- Elective Classes that qualify for the Certificate
(2 of your 3 Electives):
 - 7010 Family Trauma
 - 7300 Clinical Intervention with Children and Adolescents
 - 7345 Psychopathology & DSM
 - 7360 Contemporary Practice with Couples & Families
 - 7365 Clinical Practice in Addiction and Substance Abuse
 - 7370 Introduction into Behavior Pharmacology
- Core MSW curriculum papers: One (1) major & one (1) minor assignment to include certificate related material
- Attend each semester’s Journal Club meeting **or if an online student-** One community meeting or educational opportunity related to the certificate (approved ahead of time) with a 1 page reflection each semester.
- Certificate related field placement with one certificate related objective included in field work plan
- Portfolio of all your certificate related work turned in 2 weeks prior to graduation.

WHAT YOUR COURSE STUDY MAY LOOK LIKE:

MSW Curriculum : 16-Month Full-Time

The full-time MSW program requires around 15 credit hours per semester over 16 consecutive months for a total of 60 credit hours. Each student completes 15-credit hours of field practicum, which equates to three semesters of 316 hours of actual field work each semester.

Semester 1—16 Credits

SOWK 7110	Professional Foundations	1
SOWK 7120	Social Work History and Policy	3
SOWK 7130	Diversity and Social Justice: Theory and Practice	2
SOWK 7140	Introduction to Organizations and Community Practice	2
SOWK 7210	Theories of Human Behavior Across the Life Course I	2
SOWK 7310	Intro to Direct Social Work Practice	3
SOWK 7410	Research for Evidence-Based Social Work Practice	3

Semester 2—15 Credits

SOWK 7220	Theories of Human Behavior Across the Life Course II	2
SOWK 7230	Community Organizing & Policy Advocacy: Theories and Practice	3
SOWK 7320	Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups	3
SOWK 7420	Program Evaluation	2
SOWK 7520	Field Practicum and Seminar 1	5

Semester 3—16 Credits

SOWK 7330	Advanced Clinical-Community Practice	5
SOWK 7430	Data Analysis and Interpretation	3
SOWK 7530	Field Practicum and Seminar 2	5
	Potential Certificate Elective	

Semester 4—13 Credits

SOWK 7440	Capstone Seminar	2
SOWK 7540	Field Practicum and Seminar 3	5
	Potential Certificate Elective	
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MSW CURRICULUM: ADVANCED STANDING

The full –time MSW program requires around 15 credit hours per semester over 12 consecutive months for a total of 44 credit hours. Each student completes 15-credit hours of field practicum, which equates to three semesters of 316 hours of actual field work each semester.

Contemporary Practice with Couples and Family.



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Interview:

Contact Parker Sternbergh or Jessica St. Pierre with any questions and to schedule an interview.



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