

Brothers, Sheila

From: Farrell, Herman
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 4:47 PM
To: Brothers, Sheila; McCormick, Katherine
Cc: Ford, Janet
Subject: Re: MSW - Change in Concentrations

The SAASC convened on Friday, February 2, 2018 to consider a proposal from the College of Social Work involving changes to the Master of Social Work involving the elimination of two concentrations (Community and Social Development; Clinical Social Work) and the creation of a new concentration (Advanced Generalist Social Work).

Attendance: Dan Morey, Dan Howe, Shawn Caudill, Brad Hubbard, Rebecca Kellum, Herman Farrell (Chair); Annie Davis Weber (ex officio)

Discussion:

Dan Morey served as the facilitator of the discussion and noted that the change involved, essentially, the transformation of the program from two concentrations to one. Dr. Janet Ford, the contact person for the proposal noted that the rationale for the change, as set forth in the proposal, is in part to conform with accreditation requirements, but also “to allow students to have more flexibility to pursue training in their chosen areas of specialization and level of practice.” There were no questions or concerns expressed by the committee.

Vote:

A motion was made and seconded that the SAASC approve the proposal from the College of Social Work involving changes to the Master of Social Work.

The committee voted 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

College:	Social Work	Department:	Social Work
Current Major Name:	Master of Social Work	Proposed Major Name:	Same
Current Degree Title:	Master of Social Work	Proposed Degree Title:	Same
Formal Option(s):	Community and Social Development (CSD) Concentration, Clinical Social Work (CSW) Concentration (the Army MSW program is following the the Clinical Social Work Concentration for the first cohort of students)	Proposed Formal Option(s):	Advanced Generalist Social Work (the current concentrations will no longer exist and the Army MSW program's second cohort will follow the Advanced Generalist model but will limit its elective options to advanced clinical social work electives)
Specialty Fields w/in Formal Option:		Proposed Specialty Fields w/in Formal Options:	
Date of Contact with Associate Provost for Academic Administration ¹ :	n/a		
Bulletin (yr & pgs):	2017/Social Work pp 1-4	CIP Code ¹ :	44.0701
Today's Date:	Sept. 6, 2017		
Accrediting Agency (if applicable):	Council on Social Work Education		
Requested Effective Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> Semester following approval.	OR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific Date ² : Fall 2018 semester for the first semester courses for the 60 hour students and Fall 2019 semester for the advanced generalist coursework to be offered
Dept. Contact Person:	Janet Ford	Phone:	7-6660
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2. CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

		<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1.	Number of transfer credits allowed (Maximum is Graduate School limit of 9 hours or 25% of course work)	15	15
2.	Residence requirement (if applicable)	N/A	N/A
3.	Language(s) and/or skill(s) required	English	English
4.	Termination criteria	Graduate School criteria or recommendation by Practicum Review	Same

¹ Prior to filling out this form, you MUST contact the Associate Provost for Academic Administration (APAA). If you do not know the CIP code, the APAA can provide you with that during the contact.

² Program changes are typically made effective for the semester following approval. No changes will be made effective until all approvals are received.

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		Committee	
5.	Plan A Degree Plan requirements ³ (thesis)	N/A	<i>N/A</i>
6.	Plan B Degree Plan requirements ³ (non-thesis)	Exam	<i>Exam</i>
7.	Distribution of course levels required (At least one-half must be at 600+ level & two-thirds must be in organized courses.)	N/A	<i>N/A</i>
8.	Required courses (if applicable)	60 hours/39 for advanced standing	<i>60 hours/30 for advanced standing</i>
9.	Required distribution of courses within program (if applicable)	6 hours of electives	<i>9-12 hours of electives</i>
10.	Final examination requirements	Comprehensive Exam	<i>Comprehensive Exam</i>
11.	Explain whether the proposed changes to the program (as described in sections 1 to 10) involve courses offered by another department/program. <u>Routing Signature Log must include approval by faculty of additional department(s).</u>		
	N/A		
12.	List any other requirements not covered above?		
	N/A		
13.	Please explain the rationale for changes. If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements.		
	<p>The current and proposed program models are attached on a separate page, along with the lists of courses that are proposed to be discontinued, added, or changed (see Addendum 1). Some of the proposed changes relate to accreditation requirements from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) to more clearly address the required competencies. Most of the changes in the program are proposed to keep abreast of changes in the field of social work education, to better prepare graduates to work effectively with clients in agencies and within their communities to respond to the changing needs of clients and communities, and to allow students to have more flexibility to pursue training in their chosen areas of specialization and level of practice. The proposed changes in advanced standing credit hours and elective hours will allow the MSW program at UK to be more competitive with MSW programs in Kentucky and in the region. Some changes are in response to evaluation data from alumni, social service supervisors and administrators, and community partners in the off-site locations in Eastern Kentucky. The changes proposed for the foundation level courses are to ensure that 60 hour students in the MSW program have the same generalist social work practice content and values that are required in the BASW program as specified by CSWE. Students completing these courses are prepared to practice in entry level social work positions (see Addendum 2). The changes in the advanced courses reflect a move from two very specific areas of concentration (Community and Social Development or Clinical Social Work) to an Advanced Generalist curriculum that provides advanced coursework in policy and practice at the individual, organizational and community level to all students and challenges them to build upon their foundation knowledge and skills and apply them to populations (e.g., children, families, elderly, refugees, people with mental health and/or substance abuse issues, etc.) or areas of specialty practice (school social work, clinical social work, substance abuse treatment, gerontology, military social work) and levels of practice (direct practice, agency administration, community development) of their choosing. Some courses that are currently required by either the CSW or CSD concentration will become elective courses. Having 9 hours of elective coursework in the advanced curriculum will also allow students more options to pursue their specific areas of interest and/or complete certificates that have been offered but have required more credit</p>		

³ If there is only one plan for the degree, plans involving a thesis (or the equivalent in studio work, etc.) should be discussed under Plan A and those not involving a thesis should be discussed under Plan B.

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hours for students to complete them in addition to their MSW degree. Feedback from current and former students, graduates, and employers support these changes. While it is expected that the majority of students (and the Army/UK MSW program) will choose electives that prepare them for clinical social work positions, students who have other career goals in the field of social work will have more flexibility to explore those options (see Addendum 3).

Addendum 1: Students who are currently in the 60 hour program and those students admitted to the Advanced Standing cohort in Fall 2018 will complete the coursework for the current Community and Social Development (CSD) or Clinical Social Work (CSW) concentrations. The full-time and part-time models for those cohorts will be offered until the students graduate from the programs they started when they enrolled. Students who fall out of step with their cohorts will have until Spring 2020 to complete the current concentration programs. After that date, equivalent courses will be available for some courses; others may require independent study options. Note: Students admitted to the MSW program with Advanced Standing must have earned a bachelor's degree (BASW or BSW) within the past 5 years from an undergraduate program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). They must have also earned a GPA of 3.0 overall; 3.5 for their social work courses. Under the current curriculum, they are given credit for 21 hours; they must complete 39 hours of graduate coursework (9 more graduate hours than are required for Advanced Standing students in other MSW programs throughout the state).

Addendum 2: The proposed MSW program will start with the foundation course changes for new 60 hour students admitted starting in Fall 2018. The foundation courses in the proposed MSW program will increase from 21 to 27 hours of required coursework and will retain 3 hours of elective coursework. The changes to the foundation coursework are: 1) Adding SW 625 Introduction to Social Work: Professional Behavior and Ethics--this course will serve as the introductory course for the MSW students entering the profession and will replace the current SW 635 Introduction to Professional Ethics in Social Work. 2) Dropping SW 601 Theory-informed Practice with Families, adding SW 620 Understanding Theory in Social Work Practice, and modifying SW 600--currently Theory-informed Practice with Individuals, it will become Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families. Faculty and students have found the current SW 600 and SW 601 to have a great deal of overlap in the content related to engagement, assessment, intervention, and theory application. Putting the practice elements into one course that addresses individuals within and outside the family environment is more in line with social work practice and allows for more content and application of theory to be included in the SW 620 course. This alignment is also more equivalent to what is offered in the BASW program both at UK and other programs. 3) Adding two new courses that expand the foundation level coursework to address the foundations of social work practice with SW 621 Understanding Poverty, Inequality, and Injustice: Foundations of Practice, and SW 636 Social Work Practice within Organizations and Communities I. These additions address competencies required by CSWE as standard content for foundation practice. The other foundation courses (SW 630 Social Work Policy, SW 650 Research Methods in Social Work, SW 602 Theory-informed Practice with Groups, and SW 640 Foundation Practicum) have moderate or minimal changes. The changes proposed for the foundation level courses are to ensure that 60 hour students in the MSW program have the same generalist social work practice content and values that are required in the BASW program as specified by CSWE. Students completing these courses are prepared to practice in entry level social work positions.

Addendum 3: The proposed Advanced Generalist Curriculum will begin implementation in Fall 2019, when the first cohort of 60 hour students will have completed the foundation curriculum. Students who are eligible for Advanced Standing will be admitted to the Advanced Generalist Program starting in Fall 2019 (the same eligibility criteria as for current Advanced Standing students will apply). Under the proposed curriculum, they will be given credit for 30 hours of coursework and will be required to complete 30 hours of graduate coursework (the same number required for other MSW programs in Kentucky). The proposed changes in advanced standing credit hours and elective hours will allow the MSW program at UK to be more competitive with MSW programs in Kentucky and in the region. The "bridge" courses currently required for both 60 hour and Advanced Standing students will be modified. The "bridge" courses were SW 702 Substance Misuse, Violence, and Risk Management and SW 722 Psychopathology for Social Work Practice. Requirement of those courses was included as part of the 60 hours for foundation students, but added 6 hours of required courses for students in the Advanced Standing program. Their inclusion was originally intended to require students in the CSD concentration

to have general knowledge of the substance abuse and mental health issues that are associated with many social and policy issues—perhaps an earlier recognition of the need for a more Advanced Generalist focus. In the proposed MSW curriculum, SW 722 has been modified to include substance abuse and risk assessment content—it is to be required in the Advanced Generalist curriculum. A modified version of SW 702 will become an elective course for students wanting a specialty in substance abuse treatment.

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General Information:

Proposal Name: Master of Social Work Program

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Associate Dean

INSTRUCTIONS:

Identify the groups or individuals reviewing the proposal; note the date of approval; offer a contact person for each entry; and obtain signature of person authorized to report approval.

Internal College Approvals and Course Cross-listing Approvals:

Reviewing Group	Date Approved	Contact Person (name/phone/email)	Signature
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College of Social Work Faculty	8/21/17	Ann Vail, Interim Dean / 7-3887 / ann.vail@uky.edu	<i>Ann Vail</i>
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External-to-College Approvals:

Council	Date Approved	Signature	Approval of Revision ⁴
Undergraduate Council			
Graduate Council	9/21/17	Roshan Nikou	
Health Care Colleges Council			
Senate Council Approval		University Senate Approval	

Comments:

⁴ Councils use this space to indicate approval of revisions made subsequent to that council's approval, if deemed necessary by the revising council.