HWC

Social Welfare

HWC 500: Field Education I
Placement in practice settings under supervision of a licensed M.S.W. Students will be graded S/F. Must be taken concurrently with HWC 513.
4-6 credits, S/F graded

HWC 501: Field Education II
A continuation of HWC 500. Students will be graded S/F. Must be taken concurrently with HWC 514. Prerequisites: HWC 500 and 513.
4-6 credits, S/F graded

HWC 502: Field Education III
Placement in advanced social work practice settings. Supervision provided by a licensed M.S.W. Students will be graded S/F. Must be taken concurrently with HWC 515 and 516. Prerequisites: HWC 502, 515 and 516
4-6 credits, S/F graded

HWC 503: Field Education IV
A continuation of HWC 502. Students will be graded S/F. Must be taken concurrently with HWC 517 and 518. Prerequisites: HWC 502, 515 and 516
4-6 credits, S/F graded

HWC 507: Master’s Project
Students complete a master's project under the sponsorship of a faculty member. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Advanced Practice Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 508: Continuation of Master’s Project
A continuation of HWC 507 for students who did not finish their Master's Project during the term in which they had registered for it. Students will be graded S/F. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Advanced Practice Elective. Prerequisite: HWC 507
S/F graded

HWC 520: Advanced Social Work Practice with the Aged
This course examines concepts and strategies for working with the elderly at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels of intervention. It presents and critically analyzes a variety of approaches in working with the elderly and their families. Interventions with the well elderly living in the community, the elderly who suffer some disabilities but who are still living in the community and the elderly who are institutionalized are examined. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Advanced Practice Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 521: Ethnic Sensitive Social Work Practice
Provides a theoretical framework and focuses on the development of the skills necessary to provide effective culturally sensitive social work services to diverse individuals, families, groups and communities. The special problems faced by groups traditionally devalued and oppressed are examined. Emphasizes skills in working for institutional change and social justice. Co-scheduled with HWC 321. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Enrichment Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 524: Children and Adolescents Who Grieve
Focuses on issues related to bereavement in children and young people. Children and adolescents who struggle with the crises of loss is a special population that is often overlooked. Students explore the emotional response of young people who grieve. Mental health professionals that provide treatment to this population must acquire specialized knowledge and skills to assist in healing wounded children. Upon completion, students will have gained an increased understanding of the developmental implications of loss in childhood, assessment of bereavement, and treatment interventions specific to bereaved children and adolescents. Co-scheduled with HWC 324. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Enrichment Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 529: Complementary and Alternative Medicine
Human service workers are often required to discuss issues of health and healing. Many individuals, by virtue of their culture, experiences and/or choice, often adhere to a combination of nontraditional and traditional beliefs regarding healthcare. This course familiarizes students with those methods and beliefs most often found in specific cultures. Students will develop an appreciation of each practice in order to interact with clients from a strengths perspective and will gain an international perspective on healthcare modalities. Co-scheduled with HWC 329. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Enrichment Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 530: Case Management in Human Services
Case management has grown dramatically in the human service field over the last twenty years in response to the growing service needs of individuals and families facing complex life situations and issues. Examines both the macro level and micro level issues facing case managers and agencies as they provide quality services to often oppressed populations. Co-scheduled with HWC 330. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Enrichment Elective.
2 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 533: Family Intervention in Health and Mental Health
This course focuses on family and marital problems. Environmental, social, economic, psychological and institutional pressures that affect family functioning are examined. Emphasis is placed on intervention skills. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Advanced Practice Elective.
2 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 540: Social Issues in Popular Culture
Movies have been a useful medium that can illustrate current social issues and family dynamics as well as policy and research dilemmas. Each week a film with a central practice/research/policy issue provides the basis for a lecture and class discussion. Topics focus on a variety of social issues such as family dynamics, bereavement, adoption, domestic violence, abuse, residential placement, policy and research. Co-scheduled with HWC 340. Enrichment Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 541: Youth and Violence
Examines the etiology of youth at risk for violence, using ecological and interpersonal perspectives. Family, school and community risk factors are outlined as well as assessment, intervention and treatment issues. Successful prevention programs are highlighted. Enrichment Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 542: Social Work with Children: The Social Worker’s Role
This course is designed to provide an understanding of the special issues and...
concerns surrounding work with children. Professional dilemmas and guidelines to aid practice are identified. Special issues involved in work with young children are highlighted. Although the focus is on direct work with children, a family-centered approach is presented. Practitioner roles, the impact of service settings, policy and legislation affecting this area of practice are reviewed as is the knowledge base that serves to guide practice, including formulations of practice theory and empirical research findings. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 546: Working with Adult Children of Alcoholics and Substance Abusers
This course focuses on adult children of alcoholic parents and how parents' illness affects their children's social, emotional, and educational development from infancy to adulthood and into old age. Survival roles of children in alcoholic families and how these affect adult functioning are discussed. Examining the continuing effect family alcoholism has on adult children and the intervention strategies used in treatment. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 548: Adolescent Development and Health Promotion
The effect on adolescent development of physiological changes, relationships with peers and family, and societal expectations are examined. Emphasis is on the development of assessment and engagement skills for working with adolescents and their families to help counteract adolescent self-destructive behavior and promote well-being. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 549: Overview of Social Work with Special Populations
This course examines the issues that social workers must consider when working with traditionally disenfranchised populations. Emphasis will include micro and macro issues when intervening with gay and lesbian individuals, members of diverse racial and ethnic groups, and women, as well as others. The historic as well as contemporary experiences of these individuals' interactions with the health and human service delivery system will be explored. Co-scheduled with HWC 349. Enrichment Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 552: Lesbians and Gay Men: Issues in Health Care
This course is an examination of the critical impact that healthcare policies and services have on lesbians and gay men in American society. Issues related to access to care, discrimination, services, health insurance, healthcare resources within geographical areas and the health status of lesbians and gay men are examined. It focuses on the issues that lesbians and gay men encounter in their interactions with the healthcare system. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Enrichment Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 553: Chemical Dependency in Special Populations
This course covers alcoholism and substance abuse with populations that have been traditionally devalued and oppressed. It focuses on development of skills and sensitivity to the needs of ethnic groups, women, the elderly, the mentally ill and LGBTQ people who are chemically dependent. Policy and practice issues related to these populations are considered. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Enrichment Elective.

2 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 556: Proposal Writing in the Health and Human Service Fields
This course provides a comprehensive study of the principles and methods used to prepare program, training, research, demonstration and other types of proposals. Extensive workshop practice in developing appropriate writing skills and in locating and accessing funding sources is included. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 558: Human Services Administration
An introduction to the practice of administration of public and non-profit agencies, theories of management including alternative decision-making models, understanding of organizational structure and process, external and internal functions including interagency collaboration and personnel and financial management, affirmative action and ethical issues. The course combines theory with case examples, practical exercises and other experiential learning modes. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 559: Mental Health Evidence-Based Practice for Social Workers
This course develops the knowledge and skills necessary for working with individuals with a diagnosis of serious mental illness using recovery-oriented evidence-based practices. This course is designed for M.S.W. students and M.S.W. mental health practitioners. The course familiarizes students with evidence-based practices, within a recovery-oriented paradigm, as a general approach to practice as well as specific evidence-based interventions to use for individuals with a diagnosis of serious mental illness. Students should have a basic knowledge of serious mental illness as pre- or co-requisite, however a review will be provided. Research literature is examined to determine the various levels of support for specific interventions and essential principles for translating research into practice. Appropriate treatment outcomes that reflect effective quality mental health practice are identified. Focus is on providing assessment and treatment to a diverse group of individuals with a diagnosis of serious mental illness. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Advanced Practice Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 561: Implications of Racism for Social Welfare
This course examines personal and institutional racism in the United States and the effect racism has on the delivery of services to individuals who do not fit the traditional "American model". It examines the historical relationship between racism and social welfare policies, programs and practice, and contemporary strategies for change. Co-scheduled with HWC 361. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Enrichment Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 563: Homelessness, Politics and Public Health
This course analyzes homelessness as an issue of social policy, including its history, recent causes and current demographics. It emphasizes the political and economic context that has made homelessness a major social problem. Co-scheduled with HWC 363. Enrichment Elective.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
HWC 568: The Workings of the Brain: Practice Issues for Social Workers
Addresses the organization, development and functions of the brain and how this influences how we think, feel and behave. Causes of organic changes in the brain such as substance abuse, disease and injury are addressed. Advances in neuroscience that have aided in diagnosis and social work practice are covered. Innovative treatment modalities such as EMDR, biofeedback and vagal nerve implants are presented. Strongly emphasizes the combination of science and practice issues. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Advanced Practice Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 569: Childhood Sexual Abuse and Long-Term Sequelae: Assessment and Intervention
This course focuses on the assessment and clinical intervention with adults who were sexually abused in childhood. Treatment for eating disorders, substance abuse, self-injurious behavior, sexual dysfunction, PTSD and dissociative identity disorder (DID) are addressed as well as other health related issues emanating from the trauma of childhood sexual abuse. Cultural, legal, political, and ethical dilemmas are also examined. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Advanced Practice Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 575: Child Welfare: An Overview
This course covers the impact of historical and contemporary developments within the field of child welfare. It examines the evaluation of child welfare services and the role of child care workers. It also examines out-of-home care, foster care, group home care and institutional care within the context of traditional public/voluntary structure of services and the social/political context. Services in relation to the changing roles of the family and emergence of child care are covered. Co-Scheduled with HWC 375. Enrichment Elective.
2 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 577: Program Evaluation
This course provides an in-depth analysis of the technical requirements of program evaluation and the organizational and political constraints that influence the evaluation process. Techniques in the design and implementation of evaluation research in the health and human services fields are covered. Advanced Practice Elective. Prerequisites: HWC 511 and 512
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 580: Overview of Family Violence
This course is an overview of the phenomenon of family violence in the United States including child abuse, intimate partner violence (IPV) and elder abuse. Incidence and prevalence regarding each form of family violence will be reviewed as well as etiology, current evidence-based treatment modalities and competing political ideologies. Particular focus will be on the current research for each type of family violence and policy directives that emanate. This course also explores theories of etiology, including patriarchy, intergenerational family dynamics and substance abuse. It examines programmatic approaches and programs for batterers and prevention strategies. Co-scheduled with HWC 380. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Enrichment Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 581: Public Health and Community Health Intervention
This course examines many of the critical public health issues of today. Students gain an understanding of the concepts underlying social epidemiology and develop an appreciation of the ways in which the health status of different populations in this country is differentially impacted. Community health planning strategies (e.g. health promotion and health education) are examined. Advanced Practice Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 582: Organizational Dynamics and Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Care
This course examines some of the traditional, as well as newer, models through which healthcare services are delivered. Particular emphasis is given to the issue of access to health services as well as the location of the professional social worker within these systems. Students gain the ability to conceptualize many of the critical ethical and legal issues impacting the field today. Advanced Practice Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 584: Community Analysis and Health Promotion
Explores diverse concepts of community, analyzes a range of community structures, processes and power relationships. Investigates contemporary models, strategies and tactics of community organizing and health promotion in the United States and in selected other countries and emphasizes efforts made by poor people, ethnic minorities of color and women to organize and mobilize community groups and movements. Highlights group and community analysis and organization skills. Advanced Practice Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 588: Qualitative Health Research Methods
The class works as a team on a joint project. Topics include problem formulation, instrument construction, sampling strategy, interviewing, data transcription and data analysis. Advanced Practice Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 589: Biostatistics
This course is an introduction to the analysis and interpretation of quantitative data using bio-statistical methods. It examines three interrelated issues: the nature of quantitative data and their relationship to social, psychological and biological concepts, the different ways data can be presented to help others understand research questions and the answers to those questions, and the basic and intermediate bio-statistical techniques available for analyzing data. Focuses on how data relate to research questions that are of interest to workers in the healthcare field. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Advanced Practice Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 590: HIV/AIDS
This course focuses on the central aspects of the HIV/AIDS Pandemic, including the state of medical knowledge, HIV/AIDS and the law, prejudice and discrimination, AIDS activism and organizing, grief/death/dying, psychosocial issues, redefining the medical model, homophobia, racism, sexism and ableism in research, treatment and policy, IV drug use, drug treatment and other related issues. Upon completion of this course, students will have met the educational requirements established by the HIV Primary Care Medicaid Provider Agreement. This requirement is needed to conduct HIV pre-and post-test counseling in hospitals and clinic settings. Co-scheduled with HWC 390. This course meets the requirement for an elective in the Healthcare Specialization. Enrichment Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 592: Community Building in Higher Education
This course introduces the Student-Community Development Model as an integrated
application of social work, community organization and social work practice modalities. The class works together on a joint project that aims to create community on campus. Open only to students in the SCD Specialization. Advanced Practice Elective. 2 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 593: Student - Community Development Seminar I
This course examines how political, socio-economic, cultural and health issues impact higher education. How these systems influence and shape student community wellness on the college campus is emphasized. Contemporary higher education organizational structures, planning modalities and intervention strategies are examined. Open only to students in the SCD Specialization. Advanced Practice Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 594: Student - Community Development Seminar II
A continuation of HWC 593, explores intervention strategies, organizational structures and planning parameters utilizing campus-based case studies. It examines the role of change agents within the campus life-arena. Open only to students in the SCD Specialization. Advanced Practice Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 595: Independent Study
Independent study with an individual faculty member. Designation as enrichment or advanced practice elective is determined with faculty sponsor.
1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated 3 times FOR credit.

HWC 598: Issues in Higher Education
This course examines current issues which arise in institutions of higher education utilizing alternative conflict management and mediation models to provide the framework to examine a variety of social issues on college campuses. It explores such issues as diversity, violence, substance abuse and mental health. Enrichment Elective.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 599: Maintenance of Matriculation
For students who are maintaining matriculation while engaging in consultation with faculty regarding completion of courses and/or the Master’s Project. Students will be graded S/F.
1 credit, S/F graded
May be repeated 6 times FOR credit.

HWC 600: Statistics I
Provides instruction in the computation, interpretation, and application of data analytic procedures used in social research. Discusses procedures such as descriptive statistics, chi-square, and t-tests, while examining their relevancy for analyzing issues in social work practice. Fall Term.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 601: Statistics II
Introduces students to multivariate techniques used in the analysis of various kinds of data. Analysis of Variance, Multiple Regression Analysis, Logistic Regression Analysis, and Log-Linear Regression Analysis, as well as more advanced techniques, such as path analysis and survival analysis, are discussed.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 602: Research Methods I
Presents an overview of the variety of research methodologies utilized in social science and social work, with the goal of providing students with the knowledge and competencies needed to develop and conduct their own research. The course will lead to a sophisticated understanding of the research process including the formulation of research questions, hypothesis development and testing, and choice of research method, involving both quantitative and qualitative methods. Material on quantitative designs will include experimental and quasi-experimental designs, data collection methodologies, scaling, instrument development, and sampling procedures. Material on qualitative designs will address focus groups interviews, key informant interviews, participant observation, unobtrusive observation, text and content analysis, and the use of archival and historical data. Special attention is given to ethical and political issues in the conduct of research.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 603: Research Methods II
A continuation of HWC 602 Research Methods I.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 604: Naturalistic and Qualitative Research
Considered is the application of alternative research methods for different questions. The distinction between quantitative and qualitative approaches and methods in the analysis of qualitative data is explored.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 606: Research Practicum I
Students undertake significant and methodologically rigorous research involving design, implementation, analysis, and dissemination of a research project. The substantive areas will include health, mental health, or substance abuse. School of Social Welfare faculty, affiliated faculty members from the Health Sciences Center and University social science departments, and principal investigators in community research projects will serve as preceptors. Students will spend ten hours each week for two semesters in a practicum setting. Students have a supervised hands-on, practical experience with an ongoing research project. Typical activities include data analysis, interpretation of results, research report writing, subject recruitment and screening, instrument development, or data collection. The primary objective is to strengthen students' ability to synthesize various phases and components of social research. A focus is on articulating linkages among the research questions, the data gathered to address these questions, the techniques selected for manipulating and analyzing the data, and the interpretation of findings. Students are encouraged to pursue publication stemming from the practicum. While the research practicum may not necessarily expose students to the specific population or problem of greatest interest to them, the skills or competencies mastered can prepare students methodologically to carry out their dissertation research plans.
3 credits, S/U grading

HWC 607: Research Practicum II
A continuation of HWC 606 Research Practicum I.
3 credits, S/U grading

HWC 608: Social Welfare Policy Analysis I
An analytical approach to public policy formulation in the areas of health, mental health, and substance abuse involving the impact of environmental forces on policy content. Considered are the effects of various institutional arrangements and political processes as well as inquiry into the consequences of various contemporary public policies. Tools and frameworks of policy analysis are examined. Policy alternatives and policy development and implementation are also considered.
3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 609: Social Welfare Policy Analysis II
A continuation of HWC 608 Social Welfare Policy Analysis I. Prerequisite: HWC 608.
Spring
HWC 610: Organizational Theory and Social Welfare Administration
The focus is on theories and methods available to planners and administrators who function in complex organizational settings. Decision making, political and economic factors, information systems, value conflicts, and adaptations of rational models to emerging realities will be studied. Health and mental health programs will be utilized as exemplars.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 611: Knowledge Building in Social Work: The Philosophy of Applied Social Research
An examination of the major currents of thought that shape the meta-theoretical, theoretical, and methodological issues related to knowledge building in social work. The impact of pragmatic philosophy on the current “science versus non-science” debate within social work is reviewed. Special attention is given to epistemological approaches and their relation to qualitative and quantitative research strategies.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 612: Theories of Social Work
An examination of some basic epistemological issues followed by a consideration of conceptual frameworks potentially useful in studying social work practice. Attention will be focused on recent intellectual contributions to social work literature that enlighten professional practice, purpose, and function, as well as historical developments. Students will utilize a critical analytic perspective to assess the state of the art in social work practice theory. Special emphasis will be directed to the program areas of health, mental health and substance abuse, and formulations related to social change. Issues and priorities for research will be considered.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 613: Seminar in Social Work Education
Focus is on the place of social work education in the university with attention to issues of current concern such as the integration of professional education with the scholarly research focus of other academic disciplines. Consideration will be given to educational program structure, content, curriculum development, evaluation, and teaching methodologies. Students will be required to teach a course in the B.S.W. or M.S.W. curriculum under mentorship of a senior faculty member.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 614: Teaching Practicum
The teaching practicum is a supervised experience in teaching at the master's or undergraduate level in the School of Social Welfare, or in some aspect of academic administration, such as curriculum development, project planning, and/or proposal development. The educational practicum is typically available to doctoral students in the third year. An individualized plan will be developed for implementing the teaching practicum. Practica may include teaching a section of a required graduate/undergraduate course, working as a teaching assistant with a faculty member, and/or co-teaching and working with the curriculum committees and area sequences in curriculum development.

3 credits, S/U grading

HWC 615: Dissertation Seminar I
Students are expected to survey the current state of the art in their area of interest and to develop a written prospectus on a question suitable for dissertation research. In the second semester, students will refine dissertation proposals through presentation and critique in the seminar. Specific techniques and alternatives in studying a variety of dissertation questions are compared.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 616: Dissertation Seminar II
A continuation of HWC 615 Dissertation Seminar I.

3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 679: Special Topics in Policy Research
Discusses timely policy research issues such as violence as a public health problem, aging, racism, gender, AIDS, poverty and international social work. Topics vary each term as faculty develop specific modules that address one or more of these topics.

Offered Spring, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

HWC 695: Independent Study

HWC 699: Dissertation Research on Campus
Dissertation research under direction of advisor.

Prerequisite: Advancement to candidacy (G5).
Major portion of research must take place on SBU campus, at Cold Spring Harbor, or at the Brookhaven National Lab.

Fall, 1-9 credits, S/U grading