



Master of Social Work Program

Summary of Program Options/Completion Pathways

Full-time (2 years- see page 2) and part-time (3-4 years*-see pages 3-5) options for students entering without a bachelor's degree in social work (48-57 credits- up to 9 credits of required courses within the generalist practice curriculum can be waived)**

- Generalist practice courses and field practicum (300-400 hours)- weekday (Elms main campus) and Saturday options for part-time (Springfield Technical Community College off-campus site)
- Specialized practice courses and field practicum (500-600 hours)- classes on weekends/weeknights on the Elms main campus (potential for certain electives to be online and/or in other master's programs). Opportunity to specialize in either **clinical/primary care (medical) social work** or **macro social work practice**
- Students must complete at least 900 total practicum hours to graduate with the MSW degree
- **Application deadline: July 15th for both full-time and part-time options**

**Students can take classes part-time on Saturdays or weekdays for the first 2 years, and switch to full-time for the specialized practice courses to complete the program in 3 years.*

Alternatively, students can take classes on weekdays full-time for the first year, and complete the specialized practice curriculum part-time over 2 years.

***Courses can be waived if the syllabus/course description aligns with required course(s), and if the student received a grade of "B" or better in the course(s). Practice courses cannot be waived for students entering the program with a bachelor's degree in a field other than social work.*

Advanced standing (full-time, 1 academic year, or part-time, 2 years) for students entering with a bachelor's degree in social work (see pages 6-7)

(24 credits for students who receive full advanced standing)

- Specialized practice courses and field practicum (500 hours)- classes on weekends/weeknights on the Elms main campus (potential for certain electives to be online and/or in other master's programs)
- Opportunity to specialize in either **clinical/primary care (medical) or macro social work practice**
- **Application deadline: June 1st for students who may be interested in the full-time advanced standing option; July 15th for part-time advanced standing.**

Curriculum Maps

Full-time, Foundation Year/Generalist Practice Students (entering without BSW degree) (2 years)

Year 1 (33 credits- weekday classes on the Elms Main Campus in Chicopee, MA):

<p><u>Fall Semester (15 weeks)</u> SWK 5002: SW Practice with Individuals and Families SWK 5003: Mental Health and Illness SWK 5007: SW Practice with Groups SWK 5104: Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Lifespan SWK 5105: SW Practice with Communities and Organizations</p>	<p><u>Spring Semester (15 weeks)</u> SWK 5005: Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Macro Theories SWK 5100: Social Work Research SWK 5101: Social Welfare Policy and Services SWK 5301: Generalist Practicum Seminar *SWK 5500A: Generalist Field Practicum</p>
<p><u>Summer Semester (15 weeks)</u> *SWK 5500B: Generalist Field Practicum</p>	

*At least 150-200 field practicum hours per semester

Year 2- Specialized Practice Year (students choose one area of specialization) (24 credits- classes on Saturdays/weeknights at the Elms Main Campus in Chicopee, MA; potential online electives):

Clinical/Primary Care (Medical) Social Work Specialization

<p><u>Fall Semester</u> SWK 5200: Assessment & Diagnosis in the Clinical Setting (Term 1- 8 sessions) (Saturdays, 9 am – 12 pm) SWK 5401: Clinical Practice in Healthcare (Term 2- 8 sessions) (Tuesdays, 5:30 pm- 8:30 pm) Elective *SWK 5321: Clinical Practicum and Seminar 1</p>	<p><u>Spring Semester</u> SWK 6100: Advanced Research Methods (8 sessions over 15 weeks) Elective** Elective *SWK 5322: Clinical Practicum and Seminar 2</p>
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Macro Social Work Practice Specialization

<p><u>Fall Semester</u> SWK 5403: Nonprofit Management (Term 1- 8 sessions) (Tuesdays, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm) SWK 5402: Macro Practice in Government (Term 2, 8 sessions) (Saturdays, 9 am – 12 pm) Elective *SWK 5331: Macro Practicum and Seminar 1</p>	<p><u>Spring Semester</u> SWK 6100: Advanced Research Methods (8 sessions over 15 weeks) Elective** Elective *SWK 5332: Macro Practicum and Seminar 2</p>
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*At least 250-300 hours of fieldwork required per semester for specialized practice, depending on the number of hours completed in the generalist field practicum

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Part-time, Foundation Year/Generalist Practice Students (entering without BSW degree)
Saturday option for generalist practice courses (4 years)

Year 1 (21 credits- classes on Saturdays at the **STCC Off-Campus Site in Springfield, MA**):

The top course listed for each term meets from 8:30 am- 12:30 pm (unless asynchronous online); the bottom course meets from 1 pm – 5 pm. Each term is 8 weeks.

<u>Fall Term 1</u> No courses	<u>Fall Term 2</u> SWK 5104: Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Lifespan (online) SWK 5002: SW Practice with Individuals and Families	<u>Spring Term 1</u> SWK 5101: Social Welfare Policy and Services SWK 5003: Mental Health and Illness	<u>Spring Term 2</u> SWK 5105: SW Practice with Communities and Organizations	<u>Summer Term</u> SWK 5005: Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Macro Theories SWK 5007: SW Practice with Groups
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Year 2 (12 credits):

<u>Fall Semester (8 sessions over 16 weeks)</u> SWK 5301: Generalist Practicum Seminar *SWK 5500A: Generalist Field Practicum	<u>Spring Semester (8 sessions over 16 weeks)</u> SWK 5100: Social Work Research *SWK 5500B: Generalist Field Practicum
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Years 3 and 4- Specialized Practice Year (students choose one area of specialization) (24 credits; 12 credits per year- classes on Saturdays/weeknights at the Elms Main Campus in Chicopee, MA; potential online electives):

Clinical/Primary Care (Medical) Social Work Specialization

<u>Fall Semester, Year 3</u> SWK 5200: Assessment & Diagnosis in the Clinical Setting (Term 1- 8 sessions) (Saturdays, 9 am – 12 pm) SWK 5401: Clinical Practice in Healthcare (Term 2- 8 sessions) (Tuesdays, 5:30 pm- 8:30 pm)	<u>Spring Semester, Year 3</u> Elective** Elective
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Weekday option for generalist practice courses (4 years)

Year 1: Weekday Elms Main Campus Option- 18 credits

Most courses meet on Mondays/Wednesdays or Tuesdays/Thursdays.

<u>Fall Semester (15 weeks)</u> SWK 5002: Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families SWK 5007: Social Work Practice with Groups SWK 5104: Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Lifespan (face-to-face or online)	<u>Spring Semester (15 weeks)</u> SWK 5005: Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Macro Theories SWK 5101: Social Welfare Policies and Services SWK 5105: Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations
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Year 2: Weekday Elms Main Campus Option- 15 credits

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