
Generic Foundation
Liberal arts base: social work knowledge base, biological, socio-cultural, psychological, human development, systems, and ecological perspective; social work and social welfare history; social work mission and purpose; focus on person in environment; professional use of self; social work values; basic communication and interpersonal helping skills; cultural competency; commitment to social action and social change; strengths perspective within problem-solving approach; and understanding of human relationships.

Generalist
Perspective: informed by socio-behavioral/ecosystems knowledge; ideologies that include humanism and empowerment; methodology open; client-centered and problem focused; direct and indirect intervention; research based.

Competencies: 1) engage in interpersonal helping; 2) manage change process; 3) utilize multilevel intervention modes; 4) perform multiple practice roles; and 5) examine/assess own practice.

Concentration
Advanced social work practice skills & knowledge in an area of concentration
Practice emphasis based on:
♦ Frameworks & perspectives (conceptual framework built upon relevant theories)
♦ Populations-at-risk
♦ Practice contexts/perspectives
♦ Intervention methods/roles
♦ Traditional values

Advanced Generalist
Population groups & common base transferable among settings problem areas.
In addition to generalist perspective and competencies, practitioner will: 1) apply critical thinking skills; 2) demonstrate professional use of self; 3) understand strategies of change that advance solid justice; 4) apply knowledge of bio-psycho-social variables; 5) analyze impact of social policy; 6) communicate effectively; and 7) seek organizational change.