



MSW CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN ADDICTIONS STUDIES is designed for students to develop their professional skill base to work in the fields of substance abuse and mental health. This certificate satisfies partial educational and supervised practical training requirements to become a Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CAADC). Additional field and coursework beyond this certificate is required for the CAADC, so interested students are encouraged to contact the Michigan Certification Board for Addiction Professionals (MCBAP, mcbap.com). Students in either the Clinical Practice or Organization and Community Leadership areas of specialization are eligible to apply. Field work for this certificate may be completed in either the generalist or specialized practice year of the MSW curriculum.

CHANCE AT CHILDHOOD PROGRAM CERTIFICATE IN CHILD & FAMILY ADVOCACY is intended to cross-train law and graduate-level social work students interested in legal advocacy on behalf of abused, neglected, and at-risk children and families. This joint program is offered by the MSU School of Social Work and the MSU College of Law. This certificate program can be completed concurrently with the social work and law dual degree requirements. Students completing this program participate in an integrated seminar and specialized academic courses and gain hands-on practice and advocacy experience through a field placement/externship in which law and social work students work together in the same agency. This program is open to both Clinical Practice and Organization and Community Leadership students during their generalist year.

CHILD WELFARE CERTIFICATE is designed to recruit, develop, and retain a highly competent, ethical, and responsive professional child welfare workforce in Michigan. As a certificate recipient, a social work graduate will be given preference for potential employment with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Child Welfare Certificate students must complete a supervised, structured 480-hour field education placement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, a private child welfare agency, or a tribal child welfare program during their generalist social work practice field experience.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN CLINICAL PRACTICE WITH FAMILIES develops clinical skills in relational therapy with individuals, couples, and families in their social environments. These skills include thinking systemically, joining with individual and conjoint client systems, restructuring relationship dynamics and patterns, and resolving a broad range of presenting problems. This certificate satisfies partial educational requirements for the Limited License in Marriage and Family Therapy (LLMFT) in the state of Michigan. Students entering the specialized practice year in Clinical Practice are eligible to apply.

EVIDENCE BASED TRAUMA TREATMENT CERTIFICATE provides students the opportunity to develop competence in working with children and adolescents who have experienced trauma. Students take two courses, Core Concepts in Child and Adolescent Trauma and Treatment Applications in Child and Adolescent Trauma. Students participate in two days of Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) training and will be placed in a specialized placement with a field instructor who has completed training and consultation in the TF-CBT model. Additional learning is supported through integrated field seminars and participation in quarterly clinical consultation sessions. The certificate is open only to Clinical Practice

students in their specialized practice year. Efforts will be made to develop or identify placement resources in the communities where students wish to be placed.

LEVANDE PROGRAM IN GERONTOLOGY cultivates competence needed for gerontological social work practitioners and leaders. This certificate program covers theories, policies, and skills essential to serving elders in a variety of practice settings. Students will acquire clinical skills to meet the biopsychosocial and spiritual needs of older adults and family members, as well as develop macro practice skills to address aging-related challenges at the community and policy levels. Specific issues affecting older adults will be discussed, including Alzheimer's family caregiving, isolation and depression, coordination of care, abuse and neglect, and end-of-life care. Students learn how to find or develop evidence-based or innovative solutions to these issues in respectful and culturally appropriate ways. Both Clinical Practice and Organization and Community Leadership students may choose to participate in this program during their generalist or specialized practice year.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK is for students who wish to work as a school social worker upon graduation from the MSW Program or focus on work with school-age children and adolescents. Courses for the Certificate Program in School Social Work are all taught online. One year of field placement in schools is also required. Completing the requirements of this certificate program will also fulfill the eligibility requirements for a recommendation of temporary approval to work as a School Social Worker through the State of Michigan Department of Special Education. This certificate is open only to Clinical Practice students in their specialized practice year.

SOCIAL WORK IN HEALTH CARE CERTIFICATE focuses on aspects of care in the areas of health promotion, chronic illness, and injury or disability. Students address these areas through working in a two-semester field setting that promotes experience in interprofessional collaboration, biopsychosocial assessments, and practice skills specific to health care settings. Additionally, the student is required to take a 3-credit elective, Professional Social Work Practice in Health Care, offered every fall, and select an advanced social policy class with a health care focus. Completion of this certificate provides students with an opportunity to gain understanding and competence in the factors affecting social work in a health care delivery system. Both Clinical Practice and Organization and Community Leadership students may choose to participate in the program during either their generalist or specialized practice year.

COMBAT VETERANS CERTIFICATE is designed for students who are interested in working with service men and women who have been exposed to the trauma of war or military conflict. Through completion of three courses that use an innovative storytelling approach, students learn about military culture; the experience of war; common post-war challenges veterans face; the existing system of care; improving policies and programs to better meet veterans' needs; as well as intervention models that are effective in helping veterans heal from the wounds of war. Students accepted into this certificate program also complete a specialized field placement related to military social work during their specialized practice year. All three courses are online and accessible to students throughout the state. This certificate is open to both Clinical and Organization and Community Leadership students.



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Obtaining a certificate is an internal process within the MSU School of Social Work, provided as a means of demonstrating specialization and competence particular to a subject and practice area. In addition to meeting all degree requirements, students must meet specific course requirements as listed for each individual certificate program. General information about the certificate programs and the application process can be found at <https://socialwork.msu.edu/Programs/MSW/Certificate-Programs>.

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MSU SPECIALIZATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS

In addition to MSW Certificate Programs, Michigan State University offers numerous specializations and certifications that connect students to other disciplines or programs on campus. A full list of specializations can be found at: <https://reg.msu.edu/academicprograms/Programs.aspx?PType=SPCG>. A few that are particularly relevant to social work are:

- The **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CHICAGO/LATINO STUDIES** <https://reg.msu.edu/AcademicPrograms/ProgramDetail.aspx?Program=7720>
- The **GRADUATE SPECIALIZATION IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT** <https://reg.msu.edu/academicprograms/ProgramDetail.aspx?Program=4713>
- The **GRADUATE CERTIFICATION IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** <https://gradcert.engage.msu.edu/>

SOCIAL WORK STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

The School of Social Work offers study abroad programs, most with specific social work content. Find more information at this link: <https://www.socialwork.msu.edu/Students/Study-Abroad>.

GLOBAL HEALTH IN SOCIAL WORK AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES – DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Spring semester course (annual), 3 credit hours

MSU Spring break travel abroad to San Pedro de Macoris area of the Dominican Republic

Students study culture, health, and community care services in the Dominican Republic from an interdisciplinary health sciences perspective with a focus on social and emotional health care. The program combines online coursework with 10 to 12 days of travel over the MSU spring break. In-country learning will include time at a local children's home, historical-cultural site visits, and lectures by faculty from the Universidad Central del Este. Emphasis is on consideration of human rights, intercultural communications, the historical context of health, culture, and social justice as they relate to community social service provision. Students may enroll in one of three course options to join the program: SW 822, SW 891/OST 590, SW 491.

GLOBAL HEALTH IN SOCIAL WORK AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES – MEXICO

Summer semester course (every other year in even years), 3-6 credit hours

12 days travel abroad to Central Mexico, including Mexico City

Students study culture, health, and community care services in central Mexico from an interdisciplinary health sciences perspective with a focus on social and emotional health care.

In-country learning will include time at rural health clinics and a local children's home, historical-cultural site visits, and lectures by faculty from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). Emphasis is on consideration of human rights, thoughtful intercultural communications, the historical context of health, culture, and social justice as they relate to community social service provision. Students may enroll in one of three course options to join the program: SW 822, SW 891, SW 491.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL POLICY AND SOCIAL SERVICE DELIVERY – FINLAND

Summer semester course (every other year in odd years) – 6 credit hours
2 weeks travel in Finland (Helsinki, Tampere) and Estonia (Tallinn)

Students investigate comparative and applied social policy, practice, and international social work in the context of Finnish and United States social services provision. Content includes historical, economic, and governmental issues as they are relevant to understanding Finnish and U.S. social policy development; trends and shifts in education and policy regarding social work especially as it is affected by the European Union, U.S. federal- and state-level policy, and professional organizations; and service provision to those who need physical, behavioral, or social care—in institutions or in community settings—from birth to end of life. The course combines online coursework with two weeks travel. Students enroll in SW822 and SW 891.