

Simmons University - School of Social Work MSW Program Plan

For students entering January 2026

MSW Extended Plan with Certificate in Healthcare

Year 1		Year 2			Year 3	
SPRING	SUMMER*	FALL	SPRING	SUMMER*	FALL	SPRING
SW 403 Macro Social Work Practice (3)	SW 409 Dynamics of Racism & Oppression (3)	SW 446A Practicum Education (5)	SW 446B Practicum Education I (4)	SW 414 Assessment & Diagnosis (3)	SW 447A Practicum Education I (4)	SW 447B Practicum Education II (4)
SW 422 Substance Use and Social Work (3)	SW 441 Social Work Research (3)	SW 421A Social Work Practice (3)**	SW 421B Social Work Practice (3)**	Certificate Elective (3)	SW 424A Advanced Clinical Practice (3)**	SW 424B Advanced Clinical Practice (3)**
		SW 411 Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3)	SW 481 Social Work, Health and Health Care (3)		Certificate Elective (3)	SW 478 Social Work Practice in Health Care (3)
					SW 404 Social Welfare Policy (3)	SW 509 Evaluation in Social Work Practice (3)
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		Practicum Placement	Practicum Placement		Practicum Placement	Practicum Placement

***Students are required to follow course sequencing in the program plan.**

Any deviations must be approved by your Academic Advisor.

Students may only be enrolled in one certificate program. Students in this program are unable to specialize.

Students may take no more than TWO courses in the summer session. Students using financial aid need to take a minimum of 5 credits to be eligible during the summer semester. Please contact Student Financial Services (x2001) with financial aid questions.

******Students must stay in the same section (day, time, and professor) of Practice (SW 421 and SW 424) for both Fall and Spring semesters.

All students in Practicum must also be concurrently registered for a Practice class:

All students in Year I Practicum: SW-446A/B register for Social Work Practice: SW-421A/B

All students in Year II Practicum: SW-447A/B register for Advanced Practice: SW-424A/B

Certificate electives: (not all are offered each term)

SW444 Hope, Empowerment & Mental Illness

SW448 Sexual Orientation and Gender Affirming Social Work Practice

SW464 Understanding Suicide

SW472 Evidence-Based Practice

SW482 Domestic Violence and Family Welfare

SW483 Cognitive Behavioral Approaches and Treatment

SW485 Mindfulness and Social Work Practice

SW486 Essential Elements Tele-Health

SW487 Legal & Ethical Issues in Clinical Social Work Practice

SW511 Social Work Assessment and Treatment of Eating Disorders