**Interdenominational Clergy Plan**

The Clergy Plan is a unique educational opportunity provided for clergy of all faiths and their spouses to become social workers, either within their religious communities or in related agencies.

This special educational plan is limited to clergy who are ordained (rabbis, priests, ministers) or certified (cantors, deacons, nuns) by their denominational faith and hold a bachelor’s degree or its equivalent. Individuals must be institutionally affiliated and provide service to their communities. Spouses of clergy are considered for admission if they hold a bachelor’s degree and function as clergy in that they perform a specific role in giving service to their communities.

With faculty approval, a student in the Clergy Plan may work out of the religious institution with which he or she is affiliated, provided that sufficient and appropriate social work opportunities, as well as acceptable supervision, are provided. A maximum of seven hours of field instruction per week may be accrued in this way, with supervision provided by Wurzweiler. The remaining 14 hours must then be completed in an agency. Arrangements for this field component will be made by the Field Instruction Office at the School. During the fall and spring semesters, clergy attend a specialized group seminar.

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