



Yeshiva University
WURZWEILER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

WSSW Certificate Program Requirements

Certificate in Child Welfare Practice

The certificate, which is granted upon graduation, is open to any Wurzweiler student who is in good academic standing and demonstrates the following criteria:

1. Enrollment in child welfare specific MSW core courses (Foundation Practice I & II, Human Behavior I & II, Social Welfare Organization, and both Research courses)
2. Enrollment in specialized elective courses (see below)
3. One field placement in public or voluntary child welfare agencies
4. Commitment to the field of child welfare and a commitment to serving Latino and African American families
5. Awareness of the over-representation of children and families of color in the child welfare system
6. Incorporation of NYS Child Welfare Competencies into social work practice

Elective Courses:

Certificate in Child Welfare Practice students are required to take three of the following electives:

SWK 6684 Child and Family Welfare
SWK 6685 Social Work Practice with Trauma & Interpersonal Violence
SWK 6691 Alcohol, Drugs, and Addictions
SWK 6704 Social Work Practice with Children

Please contact Dr. Mason at masonse@yu.edu for more information.

Certificate in Social Work Practice with the Military

The certificate, which is granted upon graduation, is open to any Wurzweiler student who is in good academic standing and demonstrates the following criteria:

1. Enrollment in MSW core courses (Foundation Practice I & II, Human Behavior I & II, Social Welfare Organization, and both Research courses)
2. Enrollment in specialized elective courses (see below)
3. One specialized field work placement in an agency that serves the military such as VA hospitals, Vet Centers, and Family Readiness facilities
4. Commitment to meet the needs of service members, his/her caretakers, and family as a student and upon graduation
5. Development of clinical skills in working with service members who are at risk for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
6. Acknowledgement of the significant role that soldiers and veterans play in keeping this country safe, as well as an acknowledgement of their special health/mental health needs and the need to improve services to this growing segment of the population

Elective Courses:

Certificate in Social Work Practice with the Military students should take three of the following electives:

SWK 6810 Social Work Practice with the Military

SWK 6702 Coping with Loss

SWK 6685 Social Work Practice with Trauma and Interpersonal Violence

SWK 6821 Clinical Practice with Military Families

Please contact Dr. Beder at beder@yu.edu for more information.

Certificate in Gerontology

The certificate, which is granted upon graduation, is open to any Wurzweiler student who is in good academic standing and demonstrates the following criteria:

1. Enrollment in MSW core courses (Foundation Practice I & II, Human Behavior I & II, and Social Welfare Organization) that infuse content on aging into their syllabi
2. Enrollment in specialized elective courses (see below)
3. One field placement in an agency serving older adults

Elective Courses:

Certificate in Gerontology students are required to take the following three electives:

SWK 6686 Social Gerontology
SWK 6702 Coping with Loss
SWK 6820 Social Work Practice in Palliative Care

Please contact Dr. Wilmore-Schaeffer at wilmores@yu.edu for more information.

Certificate in Gerontology: Specialty in Palliative Care Practice

This certificate specialty, which is granted upon graduation, is open to any Wurzweiler student who participates in the Gerontology Certificate Program and meets the requirements for this specialty. Palliative social work has been emerging over the past decade or so as an important growth area for health care social work. An outgrowth of hospice social work – providing psychosocial care to clients and families facing life-limiting illness, most commonly in the community – palliative social work has been broadened to include new models of (primarily) hospital-based psychosocial care for people with serious illness. Palliative social workers may work in hospitals, hospices, long-term care facilities, and home or community health care. This arena has presented new and growing opportunities for social workers in health care. Students must demonstrate the following criteria:

1. Participation in the Gerontology Certificate Program
2. Enrollment in 3 of 4 specified electives
3. Second-year fieldwork in an approved hospice or hospital palliative care program

Elective Courses:

Palliative Care Practice Specialty students should take three of the following electives:

SWK 6820 Social Work Practice in Palliative Care
SWK 6686 Social Gerontology
Either – SWK 6702 Coping with Loss or SWK 6241 Social Work in Health Care

Fieldwork:

Students will complete second-year fieldwork assignments in an approved hospice or hospital-based palliative care program, or in a long-term care or community setting with a dedicated palliative care program.

Please contact Dr. Gary Stein at glstein@yu.edu for more information.

Certificate in Jewish Communal Service

This certificate, which is granted upon graduation, is open to any Wurzweiler student who is in good academic standing and demonstrates the following criteria:

1. Enrollment in MSW core courses (Foundation Practice I & II, Human Behavior I & II, Social Welfare Organization, and both Research courses)
2. Enrollment in specialized elective courses (see below)
3. One field placement in a Jewish communal agency in the NY metropolitan area or in students' home communities
4. Commitment to professional excellence in the field of Jewish communal service in either direct practice or leadership positions in the Jewish community
5. Dedication to the Jewish community and passion for vibrant Jewish life
6. Participation in an educational enrichment seminar

Elective Courses:

Certificate in Jewish Communal Service students should take three of the following electives:

SWK 6136 Jewish Response to Communal Needs
SWK 6191 Major Concepts in Jewish Cultural History
SWK 6180 Organizational Structure of the American Jewish Community
(or)
SWK 6145 The Changing American Jewish Family

Please contact Dr. Andron at sandron@yu.edu for more information.