Graduate Certificate in Social and Behavioral Health with Military Members, Veterans, and Military Families

OVERVIEW

More than ever, social workers and other human service and health professionals need up-to-date information about the challenges veterans, military personnel, and their families encounter. The need for professionals trained in the specific problems associated with military members, veterans, and military families will continue to expand.

This graduate certificate program provides social workers and community partners with essential knowledge to meet the emerging needs of diverse military populations.

The Graduate Certificate in Social and Behavioral Health with Military Members, Veterans, and Military Families provides specific knowledge and skills necessary to interact in a military setting and in community settings where the needs of veterans and their families are met.

The program is designed to develop competency in the following areas:

- Understand the military and military culture.
- Understand the signature injuries associated with different military conflicts and those associated with military life.
- Understand and develop relevant skills in effective strategies for working with this diverse population.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Application Fee
- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution
- Résumé
- Letters of Recommendation
- All official post-secondary transcripts
- GRE scores (if applicable)
- TOEFL or IELTS (international applicants whose native language is not English)

Students currently enrolled in the Social Work program may request concurrent enrollment without an additional formal application. Those in other disciplines must submit an application with a reduced fee, all references and required paperwork will be accepted from their home program. Students may apply to transfer up to 9 credits for graduate work completed in another program. Transfer credits must be reviewed and approved by certificate director.

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The Certificate requires 18 credit hours of coursework. Four courses are required and two are electives based on the student’s personal interests and career objectives. These electives can be taken within the College of Social Work, or may be taken in other university units as approved by the Program Director.

All students are required to take:

- SOWK J737: Overview of Social Work Practice with the Military, Veterans, and their Families
- SOWK J738: Military Mental Health and the Impact of Trauma
- SOWK 739: Intervention Strategies with Military Populations
- SOWK J758: Dynamics of Substance Abuse

Note: All courses may not be offered each semester. Students should always contact the program director in writing, by phone, or by e-mail to discuss any course choices.

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