MILITARY AND VETERAN COMMUNITIES

Description

Responding to the needs of military personnel, veterans, and their families presents unique challenges. Social work professionals are in essential roles in the treatment of military and veteran populations in military, veteran, educational, and community organizations.

The Military and Veteran Communities specialization prepares MSW graduates to engage in practice, policy, outreach, and advocacy as well as preventive, treatment and rehabilitative services to service members, veterans, couples, and their families.

Focal areas provide military social workers with the knowledge and skills of evidence-informed strategies for working with service members, veterans, and military families who have needs that differ from civilians, including the stressors of military life, deployment and combat exposures.

Military social workers provide assistance, treatment, and care coordination in the transition from military to civilian or veteran status, including community outreach, brief interventions, and referral for military personnel, student veterans, couples, children, and adolescents. In collaboration with other professionals, military social workers develop procedures, programs, and policies to improve the quality of life for their military clients and communities from a strengths-based perspective.

The Military and Veteran Communities specialization prepares graduates to work in a wide range of military, veteran, and community settings such as military bases (i.e., Treatment Facilities, Family Advocacy, Substance Abuse and Family Service programs), Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, Community-Based Outpatient Clinics, and mental health, health, advocacy, and rehabilitation services.