

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

WEB-HYBRID OPTION



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Application Deadline:
March 15

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Coursework (Online & Weekend Format)

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Timeline & Field Practicums

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Web-Hybrid Program of Study

Year 1 SUMMER (Foundation—1 hour)

SOWK 6100 Introduction to Professional SW Education - 1 hour

Year 1 FALL (Foundation – 7 hours)

SOWK 6201 Human Behavior in Social Environment I - 3 hours

SOWK 6301 Generalist Practice I - 3 hours

SOWK 6303 Practice Skills Lab - 1 hour

Year 1 SPRING (Foundation – 8 hours)

SOWK 6004 Social Work Practice with Groups - 2 hours

SOWK 6202 Human Behavior in Social Environment II - 3 hours

SOWK 6302 Generalist Practice II - 3 hours

Year 2 FALL (Foundation – 7 hours)

SOWK 6500 Research and Evaluation Methods in Social Work - 3 hours

SOWK 6600 Practicum I - 3 hours

SOWK 6610 Practicum Seminar I - 1 hour

Year 2 SPRING (Foundation – 7 hours)

SOWK 6400 Social Welfare Policy, Problems and Services - 3 hours

SOWK 6700 Practicum II - 3 hours

SOWK 6710 Practicum Seminar II - 1 hour

Year 2 SUMMER (Concentration - 5 hours)

Choose One from the following Electives: 2 hours

SOWK 7750 Social Work Practice in Child & Family Settings

SOWK 7800 Social Work Practice in Health Settings

SOWK 7830 Social Work Practice in Mental Health

SOWK 7850 Social Work Practice in Schools

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SOWK 7000 Independent Study in Social Work

SOWK 7700 Gerontology

SOWK 7810 Psychopathology & Assessment for Non-Medical Helpers

SOWK 7820 Issues in Substance Abuse

SOWK 7840 Seminar on Loss and Bereavement

SOWK 7860 Grant Writing in Human Services

SOWK 7870 Social Work Practice with Neglecting & Abusing Families

SOWK 7880 Forensics

SOWK 7890 Spirituality in Social Work Practice

***Some elective courses will be available during the fall & spring.**

Web based students should take all electives in the summer.

Year 3 FALL (Concentration – 13 hours)

SOWK 7310 Time-limited Approaches to Multilevel Practice - 3 hours

SOWK 7320 Advanced Practice in Organizations/ Communities - 3 hours

SOWK 7400 Policy in Rural Areas - 3 hours

SOWK 7611 Advanced Practicum I - 4 hours

Year 3 SPRING (Concentration – 12 hours)

SOWK 7300 Advanced Practice in Rural Areas I - Individuals - 3 hours

SOWK 7500 Advanced Research and Program Evaluation - 3 hours

SOWK 7612 Advanced Practicum II - 4 hours

SOWK 7630 Professional Seminar - 2 hours

Total Hours: 60 in 3 years

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November 1

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Web-Hybrid Spring Option Program of Study

Year 1 SPRING (Foundation—9 hours)

SOWK 6100 Introduction to Professional SW Education - 1 hour
SOWK 6004 Social Work Practice with Groups - 2 hours
SOWK 6202 Human Behavior in Social Environment II - 3 hours
SOWK 6302 Generalist Practice II - 3 hours

Year 1 SUMMER (Foundation – 7 hours)

SOWK 6201 Human Behavior in Social Environment I - 3 hours
SOWK 6301 Generalist Practice I - 3 hours
SOWK 6303 Practice Skills Lab - 1 hour

Year 1 FALL (Foundation – 7 hours)

SOWK 6500 Research and Evaluation Methods in Social Work - 3 hours
SOWK 6600 Practicum I - 3 hours
SOWK 6610 Practicum Seminar I - 1 hour

Year 2 SPRING (Foundation – 7 hours)

SOWK 6400 Social Welfare Policy, Problems and Services - 3 hours
SOWK 6700 Practicum II - 3 hours
SOWK 6710 Practicum Seminar II - 1 hour

Year 2 SUMMER (Concentration - 5 hours)

Choose One from the following Electives: 2 hours
SOWK 7750 Social Work Practice in Child & Family Settings
SOWK 7800 Social Work Practice in Health Settings
SOWK 7830 Social Work Practice in Mental Health
SOWK 7850 Social Work Practice in Schools
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SOWK 7700 Gerontology
SOWK 7810 Psychopathology & Assessment for Non-Medical Helpers
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SOWK 7870 Social Work Practice with Neglecting & Abusing Families
SOWK 7880 Forensics
SOWK 7890 Spirituality in Social Work Practice

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SOWK 7320 Advanced Practice in Organizations/ Communities - 3 hours
SOWK 7400 Policy in Rural Areas - 3 hours
SOWK 7611 Advanced Practicum I - 4 hours

Year 3 SPRING (Concentration – 12 hours)

SOWK 7300 Advanced Practice in Rural Areas I - Individuals - 3 hours
SOWK 7500 Advanced Research and Program Evaluation - 3 hours
SOWK 7612 Advanced Practicum II - 4 hours
SOWK 7630 Professional Seminar - 2 hours

Total Hours: 60 in 2.5 years

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

ADVANCED STANDING



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March 15

Academically superior students with an undergraduate degree in social work from a CSWE accredited BSW program may apply for the advanced standing option. To be admitted with advanced standing status, the undergraduate work must have been completed within the last 5 years. Advanced standing applicants can apply for the on-campus or web-hybrid option and attend either full or part-time.

Special Admission Requirements

Advanced standing applicants must meet all regular requirements for admission. Additionally, at least two of the applicant's three reference letters must be completed by undergraduate faculty members from the BSW Program. The faculty will examine the student's BSW transcript, the accreditation status of the undergraduate institution, and if necessary, BSW course syllabi, in order to determine whether the foundation content is transferable to the VSU MSW Program.

Timeline & Field Practicums

When admitted to the program, advanced standing students must attend the summer session and complete a foundation portfolio. A practicum is required to complete the program (approximately 18 hours per week for two semesters). Field placements are geographically limited.

Advanced Standing - Program of Study

Year 1 SUMMER (Concentration – 3 hours)

SOWK 6000 Orientation to Advanced Generalist Practice - 2 hours
SOWK 6100 Introduction to Professional SW Education - 1 hour
Optional Summer Elective

Year 1 FALL (Concentration – 15 hours)

SOWK 7310 Time-limited Approaches to Multilevel Practice - 3 hours
SOWK 7320 Advanced Practice in Organizations/ Communities - 3 hours
SOWK 7400 Policy in Rural Areas - 3 hours
SOWK 7611 Advanced Practicum I - 4 hours
Choose One from the following Electives: 2 hours
SOWK 7750 Social Work Practice in Child & Family Settings
SOWK 7800 Social Work Practice in Health Settings
SOWK 7830 Social Work Practice in Mental Health
SOWK 7850 Social Work Practice in Schools

Year 1 SPRING (Concentration – 15 hours)

SOWK 7300 Advanced Practice in Rural Areas I - Individuals - 3 hours
SOWK 7500 Advanced Research and Program Evaluation - 3 hours
SOWK 7612 Advanced Practicum II - 4 hours
SOWK 7630 Professional Seminar - 2 hours
Choose One from the following Electives: 3 hours
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SOWK 7880 Forensics
SOWK 7890 Spirituality in Social Work Practice

****Some elective courses are available in summer semester***

Total Hours: 33 in 3 semesters

Advanced Standing (1 1/2 year) Program of Study

Year 1 SPRING (Concentration – 9 hours)

- SOWK 6000** Orientation to Advanced Generalist Practice - 2 hours
- SOWK 6100** Introduction to Professional SW Education - 1 hour
- SOWK 7300** Advanced Practice in Rural Areas I - Individuals - 3 hours
- SOWK 7500** Advanced Research and Program Evaluation - 3 hours

Year 1 SUMMER (Concentration – 5 hours)

Choose One from the following Electives: 2 hours

- SOWK 7750** Social Work Practice in Child & Family Settings
- SOWK 7800** Social Work Practice in Health Settings
- SOWK 7830** Social Work Practice in Mental Health
- SOWK 7850** Social Work Practice in Schools

Choose One from the following Electives: 3 hours

- SOWK 7000** Independent Study in Social Work
- SOWK 7700** Gerontology
- SOWK 7810** Psychopathology & Assessment for Non-Medical Helpers
- SOWK 7820** Issues in Substance Abuse
- SOWK 7840** Seminar on Loss and Bereavement
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- SOWK 7870** Social Work Practice with Neglecting & Abusing Families
- SOWK 7880** Forensics
- SOWK 7890** Spirituality in Social Work Practice

Year 1 FALL (Concentration – 13 hours)

- SOWK 7310** Time-limited Approaches to Multilevel Practice - 3 hours
- SOWK 7320** Advanced Practice in Organizations/ Communities - 3 hours
- SOWK 7400** Policy in Rural Areas - 3 hours
- SOWK 7611** Advanced Practicum I - 4 hours

Year 2 SPRING (Concentration – 6 hours)

- SOWK 7612** Advanced Practicum II - 4 hours
- SOWK 7630** Professional Seminar - 2 hours

**Some elective courses are available in summer semester*

Total Hours: 33 in 1.5 years

Advanced Standing (2 year) Program of Study

Year 1 SUMMER (Concentration – 3 hours)

- SOWK 6000** Orientation to Advanced Generalist Practice - 2 hours
- SOWK 6100** Introduction to Professional SW Education - 1 hour

Year 1 FALL (Concentration – 6 hours)

- SOWK 7310** Time-limited Approaches to Multilevel Practice - 3 hours
- SOWK 7320** Advanced Practice in Organizations/ Communities - 3 hours

hours

Year 3 SPRING (Concentration – 6 hours)

- SOWK 7300** Advanced Practice in Rural Areas I - Individuals - 3 hours
- SOWK 7500** Advanced Research and Program Evaluation - 3 hours

Year 2 SUMMER (Concentration – 5 hours)

Choose One from the following Electives: 2 hours

- SOWK 7750** Social Work Practice in Child & Family Settings
- SOWK 7800** Social Work Practice in Health Settings
- SOWK 7830** Social Work Practice in Mental Health
- SOWK 7850** Social Work Practice in Schools

Choose One from the following Electives: 3 hours

- SOWK 7000** Independent Study in Social Work
- SOWK 7700** Gerontology
- SOWK 7810** Psychopathology & Assessment for Non-Medical Helpers
- SOWK 7820** Issues in Substance Abuse
- SOWK 7840** Seminar on Loss and Bereavement
- SOWK 7860** Grant Writing in Human Services
- SOWK 7870** Social Work Practice with Neglecting & Abusing Families
- SOWK 7880** Forensics
- SOWK 7890** Spirituality in Social Work Practice

Year 2 FALL (Concentration – 7 hours)

- SOWK 7400** Policy in Rural Areas - 3 hours
- SOWK 7611** Advanced Practicum I - 4 hours

Year 2 SPRING (Concentration – 6 hours)

- SOWK 7612** Advanced Practicum II - 4 hours
- SOWK 7630** Professional Seminar - 2 hours

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The on-campus Master of Social Work Program at Valdosta State University is designed to meet the needs of students who wish to complete a MSW degree in a traditional face-to-face format. Students are admitted as a cohort and progress through the program together. Program faculty are committed to the highest standards for MSW preparation and work to build a challenging and supportive classroom environment.

Timeline & Coursework (Evenings)

The on-campus program can be completed in 2 years with full-time study or slowed down to 3 or 4 years. Students in the on-campus program meet in the evenings starting at 5:00 pm. The full-time program requires three nights a week in class plus practicum.

Field Practicums

MSW students must complete two practicum placements. Each placement is for two semesters and requires 16-18 hours per week in a community agency. Field placements are currently limited to the 41-county region served by VSU and may require travel.

Full Time - Program of Study

Year 1 FALL (Foundation – 15 hours)

SOWK 6100 Introduction to Professional SW Education - 1 hour
SOWK 6201 Human Behavior in Social Environment I - 3 hours
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SOWK 6303 Practice Skills Lab - 1 hour
SOWK 6500 Research and Evaluation Methods in Social Work - 3 hours
SOWK 6600 Practicum I - 3 hours
SOWK 6610 Practicum Seminar I - 1 hour

Year 1 SPRING (Foundation – 15 hours)

SOWK 6004 Social Work Practice with Groups - 2 hours
SOWK 6202 Human Behavior in Social Environment II - 3 hours
SOWK 6302 Generalist Practice II - 3 hours
SOWK 6400 Social Welfare Policy, Problems and Services - 3 hours
SOWK 6700 Practicum II - 3 hours
SOWK 6710 Practicum Seminar II - 1 hour

Year 2 FALL (Concentration – 15 hours)

SOWK 7310 Time-limited Approaches to Multilevel Practice - 3 hours
SOWK 7320 Advanced Practice in Organizations and Communities - 3 hours
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SOWK 7830 Social Work Practice in Mental Health
SOWK 7850 Social Work Practice in Schools

Year 2 SPRING (Concentration – 15 hours)

SOWK 7300 Advanced Practice in Rural Areas I - Individuals - 3 hours
SOWK 7500 Advanced Research and Program Evaluation - 3 hours
SOWK 7612 Advanced Practicum II - 4 hours
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Total Hours: 60 in 2 years

Part Time (3 year) - Program of Study

Year 1 FALL (Foundation – 8 hours)

- SOWK 6100 Introduction to Professional SW Education - 1 hour
- SOWK 6201 Human Behavior in Social Environment I - 3 hours
- SOWK 6301 Generalist Practice I - 3 hours
- SOWK 6303 Practice Skills Lab - 1 hour

Year 1 SPRING (Foundation – 8 hours)

- SOWK 6004 Social Work Practice with Groups - 2 hours
- SOWK 6202 Human Behavior in Social Environment II - 3 hours
- SOWK 6302 Generalist Practice II - 3 hours

Year 2 FALL (Foundation – 7 hours)

- SOWK 6500 Research and Evaluation Methods in Social Work - 3 hours
- SOWK 6600 Practicum I - 3 hours
- SOWK 6610 Practicum Seminar I - 1 hour

Year 2 SPRING (Foundation – 7 hours)

- SOWK 6400 Social Welfare Policy, Problems and Services - 3 hours
- SOWK 6700 Practicum II - 3 hours
- SOWK 6710 Practicum Seminar II - 1 hour

Year 3 FALL (Concentration – 15 hours)

- SOWK 7310 Time-limited Approaches to Multilevel Practice - 3 hours
- SOWK 7320 Advanced Practice in Organizations/ Communities - 3 hours
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- SOWK 7611 Advanced Practicum I - 4 hours

Choose One from the following Electives: 2 hours

- SOWK 7750 Social Work Practice in Child & Family Settings
- SOWK 7800 Social Work Practice in Health Settings
- SOWK 7830 Social Work Practice in Mental Health
- SOWK 7850 Social Work Practice in Schools

Year 3 SPRING (Concentration – 15 hours)

- SOWK 7300 Advanced Practice in Rural Areas I - Individuals - 3 hours
- SOWK 7500 Advanced Research and Program Evaluation - 3 hours
- SOWK 7612 Advanced Practicum II - 4 hours
- SOWK 7630 Professional Seminar - 2 hours

Choose One from the following Electives: 3 hours

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Part Time (4 year) - Program of Study

Year 1 FALL (Foundation – 8 hours)

- SOWK 6100 Introduction to Professional SW Education - 1 hour
- SOWK 6201 Human Behavior in Social Environment I - 3 hours
- SOWK 6301 Generalist Practice I - 3 hours
- SOWK 6303 Practice Skills Lab - 1 hour

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- SOWK 6202 Human Behavior in Social Environment II - 3 hours
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Year 2 FALL (Foundation – 7 hours)

- SOWK 6500 Research and Evaluation Methods in Social Work - 3 hours
- SOWK 6600 Practicum I – 3 hours
- SOWK 6610 Practicum Seminar I - 1 hour

Year 2 SPRING (Foundation – 7 hours)

- SOWK 6400 Social Welfare Policy, Problems and Services - 3 hours
- SOWK 6700 Practicum II - 3 hours
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- SOWK 7310 Time-limited Approaches to Multilevel Practice - 3 hours
- SOWK 7320 Advanced Practice in Organizations/ Communities - 3 hours

Year 3 SPRING (Concentration – 6 hours)

- SOWK 7300 Advanced Practice in Rural Areas I - Individuals - 3 hours
- SOWK 7500 Advanced Research and Program Evaluation - 3 hours

Year 4 FALL (Concentration – 9 hours)

- SOWK 7400 Policy in Rural Areas - 3 hours
- SOWK 7611 Advanced Practicum I - 4 hours

Choose One from the following Electives: 2 hours

- SOWK 7750 Social Work Practice in Child & Family Settings
- SOWK 7800 Social Work Practice in Health Settings
- SOWK 7830 Social Work Practice in Mental Health
- SOWK 7850 Social Work Practice in Schools

Year 4 SPRING (Concentration – 9 hours)

- SOWK 7612 Advanced Practicum II - 4 hours
- SOWK 7630 Professional Seminar - 2 hours

Choose One from the following Electives: 3 hours

- SOWK 7000 Independent Study in Social Work
- SOWK 7700 Gerontology
- SOWK 7810 Psychopathology & Assessment for Non-Medical Helpers
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