

## Master of Social Work Department of Adult Mental Health and Wellness Curriculum Snapshot

The Master of Social Work (MSW) degree requires completion of **60 graduate level academic units** within the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, including **15 units** of generalist coursework and **45 units** of department coursework. The following course sequence represents the requirements for the **Adult Mental Health and Wellness** department.

### 2-Year Program (4 Semesters)

#### Year 1

##### First Semester (Fall)

SOWK 506: Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3 units)  
SOWK 536: Policy and Advocacy in Professional Social Work (3 units)  
SOWK 544: Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups (3 units)  
SOWK 546: Science of Social Work (3 units)  
SOWK 589A: Applied Learning in Field Education (3 units)

**Total Semester Units: 15**

##### Second Semester (Spring)

SOWK 635: Research and Evaluation for Social Work with Adults (3 units)  
SOWK 637: Assessing Wellness to Improve Recovery in Integrated Care (3 units)  
SOWK 638: Policy in Integrated Care (3 units)  
SOWK 630: Diversity, Social Justice, and Culturally Competent Practice (3 units)  
SOWK 588: Integrative Learning for Social Work Practice (2 units)  
SOWK 589B: Applied Learning in Field Education (3 units)

**Total Semester Units: 17**

#### Year 2

##### Third Semester (Fall)

SOWK 643: Social Work Practice in Integrated Care (3 units)  
SOWK 644: Explanatory Theories of Health and Mental Health (3 units)  
SOWK 6XX: Elective or Track Course\* (3 units)  
SOWK 698A: Integrative Learning for Advanced Social Work Practice (1 unit)  
SOWK 699A: Advanced Applied Learning in Field Education (4 units)

**Total Semester Units: 14**

##### Fourth Semester (Spring)

SOWK 647: Advanced Practice with Complex Social Work Cases (3 units)  
SOWK 6XX: Elective (3 units)  
SOWK 6XX: Elective or Track Course\* (3 units)  
SOWK 698B: Integrative Learning for Advanced Social Work Practice (1 unit)  
SOWK 699B: Advanced Applied Learning in Field Education (4 units)

**Total Semester Units: 14**

**Total Program Units: 60**

### 3-Year Program (6 Semesters)

#### Year 1

##### First Semester (Fall)

SOWK 506: Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3 units)  
SOWK 536: Policy and Advocacy in Professional Social Work (3 units)

**Total Semester Units: 6**

##### Second Semester (Spring)

SOWK 546: Science of Social Work (3 units)  
SOWK 6XX: Elective (3 units)

**Total Semester Units: 6**

#### Year 2

##### Third Semester (Fall)

SOWK 544: Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups (3 units)  
SOWK 589A: Applied Learning in Field Education (3 units)

**Total Semester Units: 6**

##### Fourth Semester (Spring)

SOWK 635: Research and Evaluation for Social Work with Adults (3 units)  
SOWK 637: Assessing Wellness to Improve Recovery in Integrated Care (3 units)  
SOWK 638: Policy in Integrated Care (3 units)  
SOWK 588: Integrative Learning for Social Work Practice (2 units)  
SOWK 589B: Applied Learning in Field Education (3 units)

**Total Semester Units: 14**

#### Year 3

##### Fifth Semester (Fall)

SOWK 643: Social Work Practice in Integrated Care (3 units)  
SOWK 644: Explanatory Theories of Health and Mental Health (3 units)  
SOWK 6XX: Elective or Track Course\* (3 units)  
SOWK 698A: Integrative Learning for Advanced Social Work Practice (1 unit)  
SOWK 699A: Advanced Applied Learning in Field Education (4 units)

**Total Semester Units: 14**

##### Sixth Semester (Spring)

SOWK 630: Diversity, Social Justice, and Culturally Competent Practice (3 units)  
SOWK 647: Advanced Practice with Complex Social Work Cases (3 units)  
SOWK 6XX: Elective or Track Course\* (3 units)  
SOWK 698B: Integrative Learning for Advanced Social Work Practice (1 unit)  
SOWK 699B: Advanced Applied Learning in Field Education (4 units)

**Total Semester Units: 14**

**Total Program Units: 60**

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**\*Military Social Work Track**

The Military Social Work Track offers the opportunity for students to customize their education by selecting two electives in the area of military social work. **The Military Social Work Track is not required to earn the MSW degree.**

However, students who choose this track will substitute two of their three electives for two of the courses below during their final academic year of the MSW program:

SOWK 633: Theories and Concepts of Military Social Work  
SOWK 641: Clinical Practice with Service Members and Veterans  
SOWK 656: National Military Immersion in Washington, DC (optional)  
SOWK 6XX: Global Military Immersion Course (optional)

**Sample Electives**

SOWK 612: Assessment and Diagnosis of Mental Disorders  
SOWK 615: Brief Therapy and Crisis Intervention  
SOWK 616: Clinical Practice with Older Adults  
SOWK 617: Substance Related and Behavioral Addictive Disorders  
SOWK 618: Systems of Recovery from Mental Illness  
SOWK 653: Social Work with Older Adults  
SOWK 663: Clinical Practice with Couples  
SOWK 666: Domestic Violence  
SOWK 674: Human Sexuality in Clinical Social Work Practice  
SOWK 682: Spirituality, Religion, and Faith in Clinical Practice  
SOWK 692: Loss, Grief, and Bereavement  
SOWK 694: Group Psychotherapy in Mental Health Settings