

Clinical Courses at SSSW and LCSW Information

Silberman School of Social Work MSW Program

The Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College MSW program is based upon a common core of practice values, skills, and knowledge that result in professional competency. The MSW curriculum at Silberman reflects a commitment to human rights, cultural complexity, and social and economic justice. The curriculum includes Human Behavior and the Social Environment, Social Welfare Policy and Services, Social Work Practice Methods, Social Work Research, the Field Practicum and the Professional Seminar. Students are also required to take a year-long Social Work Practice Learning Lab and to select one of three practice methods: Clinical Practice with Individuals, Families, and Small Groups; Community Organizing, Planning and Development; or Organizational Management and Leadership.

LCSW Educational Requirements

Clinical Practice with Individuals, Families and Small Groups:

In addition to being fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the Silberman MSW program has been approved by the New York State Education Department as meeting the educational requirements needed to sit for the Licensed Master of Social Work exam and licensure in New York State, upon successful completion of degree requirements. In addition, the 12 credits of clinical content needed to pursue clinical licensure are included in our clinical method: clinical practice sequence (Clinical I, II and III) and Human Behavior III. This means that, upon completion of appropriate clinical supervision (approximately 3 years after graduation) a graduate of this method would be eligible to sit for the Licensed Clinical Social Worker exam and licensure in New York without needing to take additional credit-bearing courses.

Non-clinical methods:

Students in either Community Organizing, Planning and Development (COPD) or Organizational Management and Leadership (OML) methods who, after graduation are interested in acquiring their LCSW in NY State will need to submit their application for review to NY State Education Department (<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/sw/swbroch.htm>). NYSED will review your application including a transcript review of clinical requirements met and will indicate if you have met the requirements to take the clinical exam. If your clinical education requirements are not fulfilled, you will receive an email from the NYSED Continuing Education Department specifying the required content area and number of credit hours missing towards the 12 credits needed to fulfill your clinical education requirements. If needed, you will have the option to apply for non-matriculated courses at SSSW towards your LCSW education requirements.*

**For information on steps towards applying for non-matriculated courses at SSSW, please see Steps for SSSW Alumni to Fulfill LCSW Education Requirements*

Clinical Coursework:

As per NYSED, the 12 hours of clinical coursework towards your LCSW must include content that emphasizes the person-in-environment perspective and knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- diagnosis and assessment in clinical social work practice;
- clinical social work treatment; and
- clinical social work practice with general and special populations.

Again, if you are in a clinical method, you do not need to take additional electives. Below is a list of courses at SSSW that have counted towards clinical coursework in the past. Please note, course offerings often shift per semester so not all courses are available each year. The final approval process always involves a thorough review by the NYSED after you submit your LCSW application. (You can apply for your LCSW application once you have your LMSW and have an approved clinical position with supervision.) *Please note, courses in **blue** have no clinical pre-requisites and are open to non-clinical majors. Courses in **yellow** require a method course (Clinical I, CO I or OML I) prior to taking the course.*

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE
SSW 71350	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III (HB I & HB II prerequisites required)
SSW 71500	Seminar in Psychodynamics
SSW 72400	Clinical Practice 4 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
SSW 72400	Clinical Practice 4 - Trauma
SSW 72400	Clinical Practice 4 - Relational Therapy
SSW 72400	Clinical Practice 4 - Assessment - Child Mental Health
SSW 72500	Clinical Practice I for Non-Majors
SSW 73500	Group Work I for Non-Majors
SSW 77000	Alcoholism and Substance Abuse
SSW 79157	Social Work with Victims of Violence Against Women
SSW 79158	Human Sexuality
SSW 79171	Social Work Practice with Immigrants and Refugees
SSW 79186	Social Work and the Arts
SSW 79200	SW Practice Children & Adolescents
SSW 79400	Social Work Practice Family Treatment
SSW 79653	Clinical Practice in Child Welfare
SSW 79658	Psychosocial Approaches to Treatment of Mental Illness
SSW 79708	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
SSW 79660	Clinical Issues in Social Work Practice with Aging
SSW 79661	Social Work Practice in School Settings
SSW 79670	Work with Veterans and Military Service Members
SSW 79667	Core Concepts in Child Trauma
SSW 79665	Advanced Practice with Groups - Adolescence Focus
SSW 79715	Clinical Knowledge Social Work Managers (OML only)
SSW 79725	Foundations in SW Practice W/Groups & Families
SSW 79188	Spirituality and Healing
SSW 79720	Trauma & Resilience