Baylor School of Social Work

Gerontological Social Work Concentration Guidelines

The Gerontological Social Work Concentration is an option designed collaboratively by a student and a supervising faculty member to develop a student’s knowledge base more comprehensively in gerontological social work practice. The concentration will provide specific focus in the area of gerontological social work policy, practice, and research. It is intended to enhance the student’s area of specialized practice but does not replace it. Students completing requirements of the gerontological social work concentration receive a certification of completion at the time of the awarding of the MSW degree. This document certifies that the student has completed the learning requirements for a concentration with persons 55+, within at least one of the areas of specialized practice. The requirements for the concentration are the same for both Advanced Standing and Standard Degree option students.

Students apply for this concentration by completing the Concentration Application Form, documenting in each section of the assignment plan the ways in which papers, presentations, or projects focus on understanding behavior of and practicing competently with persons 55+ and the families, communities, and social policies with which they interact.

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**MSW Concentration Application Form**

**Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Faculty Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Concentration Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Concentration Plan:** Complete the Assignment Plan column in the following table with details for how course assignments will help you complete your Concentration.

| **Content Area** | **Course Work** | **Assignment Plan** |
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| Advanced Internship | SWO 5190/5790 or 5494/5490 (8 hrs)  |  |
| Advanced Practice Skill | SWO 5375 and 5378, or 5379 and 5376 or 5377 Advanced Practice (6 hrs) |  |
| Advanced Practice Theory | SWO 5335 or 5337 (3 hrs) theory, and SWO 5375/5378 or 5379 and 5376 or 5377 Advanced Practice (6 hrs) |  |
| Advanced Policy | SWO 5323 Administrative Practice in Social Work (3 hrs) or SWO 5337 or 5335 (3 hrs) |  |
| Advanced Administrative Practice | SWO 5323 Administrative Practice in Social Work (3 hrs) |  |
| Advanced Research | SWO 5182/5383 or 5282/5283 (4 hours) |  |
| Elective | A minimum of 2 approved graduate elective hours in the area of specialization |  |
| Continuing Education | The equivalent of 3 CEUs from workshops or conferences |  |
| Other | Student and faculty discretion |  |