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Graduate Programs—PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

DEPARTMENT: SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

COLLEGE: COLLEGE FOR DESIGN AND SOCIAL INQUIRY

PROGRAM NAME: MSW PROGRAM CATALOG UPDATE

EFFECTIVE DATE
 (PROVIDE TERM/YEAR)

PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REQUESTED CHANGE(S) AND OFFER RATIONALE BELOW AND/OR ATTACHED:

THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK REQUESTS AN UPDATE TO THE MSW PROGRAM DESCRIPTION IN THE CATALOG. THIS REQUESTED UPDATE IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK'S REAFFIRMATION/REACCREDITATION WITH THE COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION. THE FOLLOWING REQUESTED CHANGES TO THE CATALOG WERE REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK FACULTY ON 9/27/2013.

- UPDATE FIELD EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
- UPDATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCED STANDING (AS) STUDENTS

A DESCRIPTION OF THE CHANGES IS ATTACHED.

THE REQUEST FOR NEW LANGUAGE IN OUR ADMISSION REQUIREMENT FOR AS STUDENTS IS A RESULT ON OUR ACCREDITING BODY REQUIREMENT AT AS 3.2.3 THAT READS AS FOLLOWS:

AS 3.2.3 –BSW GRADUATES ENTERING MSW PROGRAMS ARE NOT TO REPEAT WHAT HAS BEEN MASTERED IN THEIR BSW PROGRAMS. MSW PROGRAMS DESCRIBE THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES USED FOR AWARDED ADVANCED STANDING. THESE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SHOULD BE EXPLICIT AND UNAMBIGUOUS. ADVANCED STANDING IS AWARDED ONLY TO GRADUATES HOLDING DEGREES FROM BACCALAUREATE SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMS ACCREDITED BY CSWE, THOSE RECOGNIZED THROUGH ITS INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK DEGREE RECOGNITION AND EVALUATION SERVICE, OR COVERED UNDER A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK ACCREDITORS.

THE FAU SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK DOES NOT HAVE AN MOU WITH ANY INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK ACCREDITING AGENCY.

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Consult and list departments that might be affected by the change and attach comments.
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Date:
10-23-13
10/23/13
10/25/13
11/13/13
11-21-13

Email this form and syllabus to UGPC@fau.edu one week before the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting so that materials may be viewed on the UGPC website prior to the meeting.

MSW Program Description Changes for Catalog

All proposed additions/changes are in Bold and Italics.

1. **Field Education Requirements:** The proposed changes update the field orientation format to allow for mandatory online field orientations, outline internship hour requirements and limitations of placements related to scheduling, include information related to inter-professional program participation, and outline limitations of internships for those with criminal convictions.

CURRENT CATALOG	Field Education Requirements
	<p>Prior to applying to Field Education, students must exhibit appropriate professional behavior in the academic setting. Students found to be out of compliance with the NASW Code of Ethics will not be permitted to enter the field. Academic credit for previous work experience will not be given in lieu of the Field Education internship.</p> <p>Students must attend a mandatory field orientation the spring/summer semester prior to entering the field and meet individually with field faculty. See www.fau.edu/ssw for complete eligibility criteria.</p> <p>The internship for Foundation students involves 16 hours per week of generalist practice under the direction of an agency-based field instructor and attendance at a three-hour-per-week integrative seminar. The internship for Advanced Standing students consists of approximately 20 hours per week of advanced clinical practice under the direction of an agency-based field instructor and attendance at a three-hour-per-week integrative seminar. Part-time students have the option to begin their internship at the beginning of Summer 3 and complete 16 hours per week through the following spring semester.</p> <p>Due to the limited number of agencies that can provide evening and weekend hours for internships, the School of Social Work cannot guarantee that an appropriate internship can be found unless students can devote weekday-daytime hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) to their internships.</p> <p>Criminal background checks and/or substance abuse testing may be required by the field agency prior to or during Field Education. Prior criminal history, limited daytime hours and/or positive substance abuse test results can jeopardize placement in a field internship and the student may be unable to obtain a social work degree. M.S.W. students with any type of felony conviction will not be placed in an internship. Any student who receives a positive substance abuse test result will be mandated to have a substance abuse assessment at the FAU Student Counseling Center and will be required to comply with any recommendations if they wish to continue in the social work program.</p> <p>Students who abandon or leave their internship without permission from the field educator or faculty may be asked to leave</p>

the Social Work program.

**PROPOSED
CATALOG**

Field Education Requirements

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Students will review a mandatory field orientation the spring/summer semester prior to entering the field and meet individually with field faculty. See www.fau.edu/ssw for complete eligibility criteria.

The internship for Foundation students involves 16 hours per week of generalist practice under the direction of an agency-based field instructor and attendance at a three-hour-per-week integrative seminar. The internship for Advanced Standing students consists of approximately 20 hours per week of advanced clinical practice under the direction of an agency-based field instructor and attendance at a three-hour-per-week integrative seminar. Part-time students have the option to begin their internship at the beginning of Summer 3 and complete 16 hours per week through the following spring semester.

Due to the limited number of agencies that can provide evening and weekend hours for internships *as well as appropriate social work activities and supervision after hours*, the School of Social Work *requires students set aside a minimum of 8 weekday-daytime hours* (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) to their internships each week. *Foundation MSW students (part-time and full-time) participate in an inter-professional program with the Colleges of Medicine and Nursing that requires daytime hours.*

Criminal background checks and/or substance abuse testing may be required by the field agency *and the School of Social Work* prior to or during Field Education. *Prior criminal conviction may negatively impact the ability of the School of Social Work Field Education to place the student with an agency for the purpose of completing a field education and thus the student may be unable to obtain a social work degree. Within the state of Florida a felony history may make an individual ineligible to become a licensed social worker.*

Any student who receives a positive substance abuse test result will be mandated to have a substance abuse assessment at the FAU Student Counseling Center and will be required to comply with any recommendations if they wish to continue in the social work program.

Students who abandon or leave their internship without permission from the field educator or faculty may be asked to leave

the Social Work program.

2. Admission Requirements for Advanced Standing Students: Proposed changes include CSWE-recommended language for BSW recognition for Advanced Standing requirements.

CURRENT CATALOG	Admission Requirements for Advanced Standing Students The Advanced Standing Program is available to a limited number of applicants who have completed their Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) degree within the last five years. The B.S.W. must have been earned from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)-accredited program.
PROPOSED CATALOG	Admission Requirements for Advanced Standing Students The Advanced Standing Program is available to a limited number of applicants who have completed their Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree within the last five (5) years. The BSW must have been earned from a CSWE-accredited program, or an equivalent program recognized through CSWE's international Social Work Degree Recognition and Evaluation Service, or covered under a memorandum of understanding with international social work accreditors.