

# Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work with specialization in Administration of Social Programs and Social Policy

## 45 credits

### Specific Program Admission Requirements

1. A Master's Degree in Social Work or human behavior discipline, such as psychology and counseling.
2. A Master's Degree from another discipline, with an approved graduate course on social policy analysis, social work with individuals, families, groups or community.
3. An interview.
4. This program will not award transfer credits to students who have partially completed their degrees in other institutions.

### Program Description

The program provides preparation and development for professionals in advanced social work administration practice in social change and innovation for institutions, community leaders, and entrepreneurs. The student will develop characteristics of both practitioners and scholars by applying practical solutions to large-scale social challenges that directly affect vulnerable, marginalized or otherwise disadvantaged populations. The graduate student will become an effective social change leader through rigorous inquiry and the use of methodological tools associated with leading, managing, social policy integration, innovation and change. The graduates will have competencies that would allow them to seek management or executive leadership positions that advance their careers in social work, human services, and social policymaking scenarios.

### Program Objectives

1. Analyze and integrate the competencies and ethical principles of social work into professional practice.
2. Use advance social work theories into the administration practice and social policymaking.
3. Apply advance knowledge in the conceptualization, design, development and evaluation of social programs and social policies.
4. Demonstrate effective leadership management and planning skills in the administration of social work programs.
5. Generate new knowledge through the research process and apply findings in social work practice and social policy.
6. Demonstrate social work competencies:
  - a. Ethical and Professional Behavior Competency
  - b. Diversity and Difference in Practice
  - c. Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice Competency
  - d. Engage in Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice
  - e. Engage in Policy Practice
  - f. Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
  - g. Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
  - h. Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
  - i. Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities

Program sequence will be available at the time of enrollment.

The language of instruction and program delivery modality are subject to availability.

### Notes:

1. \* SWGR 843 is an optional course for those students requiring more time for the dissertation.
2. Students must comply with state and local education certification requirements for the degree, as applicable.
3. This program will not award transfer credits to students who have partially completed their degrees in other institutions.
4. Doctoral students admitted prior to spring 2023, who did not complete a statistics course at the graduate level, are required to enroll in an approved graduate statistics course prior to enrolling in doctoral research courses.

### Program Curriculum

Core / Professional Courses		
Course	Title	Credits
SWGR 801	Philosophical Foundations of Social Work	3
SWGR 802	Justice and Social Policy	3
SWGR 803	Social Policy and Organizational Behavior in North and Latin America	3
SWGR 804	Social Work Theory and Practice: Programs Administration and Social Policy	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>
Specialization Courses		
Course	Title	Credits
SWGR 820	Social Services Management	3
SWGR 821	Human Resources Management	3
SWGR 822	Management and Budgeting in Government and Social Organizations	3
SWGR 823	Executive Leadership: Models and Strategies	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>
Research Courses		
Course	Title	Credits
SWGR 811	Epistemology in Social Work Research	3
SWGR 812	Social Work Quantitative Research	3
SWGR 813	Social Work Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>
Guided Elective Courses (Select two courses – 6 credits)		
Course	Title	Credits
SWGR 830	Compendium for Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups and Communities	3
SWGR 831	Strategic Planning in Organizations and Community	3
SWGR 832	Social Programs Evaluation: Theory and Practice	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>
Comprehensive Exam and Dissertation		
Course	Title	Credits
SWGR 840	Dissertation Seminar	3
SWGR 841	Comprehensive Exam	0
SWGR 842	Doctoral Dissertation	3
SWGR 843	Doctoral Dissertation Continuation*	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total credits</b>		<b>45</b>