

University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service

and

University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Social Work

Concurrent Degree Program for MSW and MPS Degrees

I. Curricular Requirements

A student at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock or the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service may pursue the Master of Social Work (MSW) and Master of Public Service (MPS) degrees under a concurrent degree program which allows cross-credit for specified courses. The concurrent program offers a potential savings of credit hours in the total number of credit hours otherwise required for both degrees. A student in the concurrent program must complete all the requirements for the MSW degree as specified by the School of Social Work, and all requirements for the MPS degree as specified by the Clinton School of Public Service. The concurrent degree program is subject to the following conditions:

- A. In order to receive cross-credit, credit must be earned for the course in the degree program in which the course is offered. For instance, courses in the MPS program listed in Section V below will receive credit in the MPH program only if the student received credit for the course in the MPS program.
- B. In the MPS program, a student may receive credits for approved courses in the MSW program completed with a minimum passing grade of B. A list of the approved MSW courses is set out below.
- C. In the MSW program, a student may receive credits for approved courses in the MPS program completed with a minimum passing grade of B. A list of approved MPS courses is set out below.

II. Administrative Policies and Procedures

- A. The Clinton School of Public Service Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and the School of Social Work MSW Coordinator shall meet biannually, or more often as needed, to evaluate the concurrent degree program. They shall include other persons knowledgeable about the program. At this meeting, they shall consider matters such as current course offerings and coordination of course sequences, and make recommendations for amendments of the program to their respective faculties. Each of the above persons or their designee may approve a course or courses not on this list between biannual meetings if the course or courses are compatible with the goals of

the concurrent degree program, or the course is the substantial equivalent of an approved course. Any courses approved in this manner must be considered for permanent inclusion in the program after the next biannual meeting.

- B. A student enrolled in the concurrent degree program is subject to all administrative policies and procedures of each program during the period of enrollment in the concurrent program.
- C. A student must obtain admission separately to the MSW program and the MPS program.
- D. A student currently enrolled in one program may enter the concurrent degree program by obtaining admission to the other program and filing the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Concurrent Degrees.
- E. A student who has completed one degree may not enter the concurrent degree program to complete the other degree.
- F. A student who enters the concurrent degree program must select which program to pursue first and notify the other program in order that enrollment may be deferred. Concurrent enrollment in classes in both programs is normally permitted. Concurrent enrollment requires the written permission of the MSW Coordinator with the School of Social Work and the Associate Dean of the Clinton School of Public Service. The total credit hour load in both programs for concurrently enrolled students shall not exceed the normal maximum load in either program without the approval of the MSW Coordinator with the School of Social Work and the Associate Dean of the Clinton School of Public Service.
- G. Grade point averages and class standings in each program are determined without consideration of the credit hours accepted from the other programs.
- H. Except as modified by Sections I and II of this statement, a student must comply with all degree requirements established for each program including any time limit in which to complete the degree.

III. MSW Courses (Advanced Direct Practice Track) Approved for MPS Program

The following courses offered by MSW program may be used for up to 9 hours of credit in the MPS program:

SOWK 7390 - Diversity and Oppression	Counts as social change option	3
SOWK 8301 Advanced Direct Practice I	Counts as an MPS elective	3
SOWK 8390 Advanced Direct Practice III	Counts as an MPS elective	3

IV. MPS Courses Approved for MSW Courses (Advanced Direct Practice Track)

The following courses offered by the MPS program may be used for up to 9 hours of credit in the MSW Advanced Direct Practice Track program:

CSPS 7303 -Communication Processes and Social (Ex)Change	Counts as an MSW elective	3
CSPS 7335 - Field Research Methods	Counts as SOWK 7370 – Social Work Research Methods	3
CSPS 7315 - Data Analysis	May count as SOWK 8371 Statistics for Social Work	3

Students can use their internship site in Internship I and II in Advanced Direct Practice as their project site in CSPS 7322 Capstone Proposal and CSPS 7320 Capstone if the internship also meets all the requirements of the Capstone sequence. Students must enroll in CSPS 7322 Capstone Proposal, CSPS 7320 Capstone, SOWK 8507 Internship, and SOWK 8508 Internship II.

V. MPS Courses Approved for MSW Courses (Management and Community Practice Track)

The following courses offered by the MPS program may be used for up to 12 hours of credit in the MSW Management and Community Practice Track program:

CSPS 7303 -Communication Processes and Social (Ex)Change	Counts as an MSW elective	3
CSPS 7335 - Field Research Methods	Counts as SOWK 7370 – Social Work Research Methods	3
CSPS 7315 - Data Analysis	May count as SOWK 8371 Statistics for Social Work	3
CSPS 7334 - Program Evaluation	Counts as SOWK 8360 Evaluation Research	3

Students can use their internship site in Internship I and II in Management & Community Practice Project as CPSP 7320 Capstone site if the internship also meets all the requirements of the Capstone course. Students must enroll in CPSP 7320 Capstone, SOWK 8507 Internship, and SOWK 8508 Internship II.