Does the MSW Program have a specific focus for the program?
★Our MSW program has a concentration in clinical practice with a focus on practice with children and families that is based on a firm generalist practice foundation.

What is a generalist foundation?
★The foundation curriculum is grounded in a generalist practice model and enables students to gain knowledge about human development, biopsychosocial problems, family dynamics, environmental factors that influence individual and family functioning, and the skills to build strengths-based collaborative relationships with diverse client systems. The foundation practicum exposes students to methods of prevention and intervention in multiple contexts including in-home and out-of-home settings and prepares students to create change on multiple systems levels (individual, family, group, and community).

What does the program mean by clinical practice with a focus on practice with children and families?
★The advanced curriculum builds on the generalist foundation and equips students with the specialized knowledge and skills for effective clinical practice with individuals, families, couples and groups affected by complex life changes and challenges, including mental disorders and other behavioral disturbances. The concentration in Clinical Social Work with a focus on practice with Children and Families enables students to master the competencies required for state licensure to provide clinical services to clients in the environments, communities, and social systems that affect their lives. These services consist of assessment; diagnosis; treatment, including psychotherapy and counseling; client-centered advocacy, supervision, consultation and evaluation. The concentration further adds specific knowledge and skills around clinical practice with a focus on work with children and families. The advanced clinical practicum provides in-depth clinical experience in agencies that specialize in students’ chosen areas of interest under the umbrella of clinical practice with a focus on practice with children and families and include mental health and substance dependence treatment programs, schools, family service and child protective agencies, hospitals, hospices and medical clinics. Over the course of their MSW training, students will learn to use interpersonal process and their self-reflective abilities to prepare developmentally-based formulations and intervention approaches with children, adults and families.

How long does it take to complete the program?
★Students without a previous social work degree can apply for the traditional program which can be completed in two years full time or four years part time.
★Students with a BSW (or BA in social work) from an accredited program, can apply for the advanced standing program which can be completed in one year full time or two years part

How are classes offered?
★Our classes are mostly offered as hybrid classes (1/3 on-line and 2/3 face-to-face) with some classes totally on-line

When do classes meet?
★Classes meet on Monday and Thursday from 5:15 to 9:00 (two classes back to back).
★Full time student go two nights a week and part time students generally go one night.

Are there field placements?
★Yes, you complete 2 field experiences/field placements/practicums.
★The foundation experience is 400 hours and the advanced practicum is 500 hours.
★Field Placements are completed in area social work agencies and generally happen during the day but we are working on some limited options for evenings.

Do I need special equipment or computer skills for the on-line part of the program?
★No, a standard Mac or PC with good internet access and basic software is all that you need.
★Basic software includes: word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, web browsing and iTunes along with basic computer skills to use this software.