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**ONLINE DELIVERY OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE FORM**

**(More than 50% Online)**

(Also requires Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) approval)

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**[x ] Graduate Council**

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**Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs** |

1. **Contact Person** (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)

Dr. Cheryl Knight.

1. **Name of Existing Certificate(s) or Degree(s):**

MSW Program

1. **Proposed Effective Date:**

Summer I 2023

1. **Reason for online delivery of the Program:**

Current trends in social work education indicate a growing need and desire among social work students for online MSW programs. In fact, as a social work department we have noted a significant loss of MSW candidates from our own BSW program to online programs in other states. In addition, it is believed that an online MSW program at Arkansas State University would better accommodate the needs of our current MSW students, as well as, attract potential candidates from anywhere in the United States. We acknowledge the continued need for qualified social workers in our communities, especially rural areas; and at the same time, understand that many of our students are non-traditional and/or need to work full-time and are primary care-takers of family members. Employment for Master’s Social Work occupations increased 13% in the region, from 2016 to 2020, and is projected to grow 11.3% by 2030. In the last 12 months, 1,416 Master’s Social Work related job openings were posted in Arkansas and 32,391 in the region. The intent of an online MSW program at A-State is to not only meet these needs but to help ensure the sustainability of our program.

1. **Percentage of courses to be offered online (50-99%, or 100%):**

100%

1. **Will this Program be offered through Global Initiatives/AP?**

No

1. **Provide the current and proposed curriculum (course number/title) with the courses that are or will be offered via distance technology underlined. Mark\* courses that will be taught by adjunct faculty.**

The same courses that are currently offered in the traditional MSW program will be offered in the proposed MSW online program. However, please note that while there is one MSW Program, we have 2 separate tracks within the program – Advanced Standing (offered to students who have a BSW from an accredited program and a minimum GPA in their last 60 hours of a 3.2) and a Standard Standing (students without a BSW degree and with a minimum GPA in their last 60 hours of a 3.0). If approved, the MSW online will begin Summer I 2023, students that begin the Standard Program in Fall 2022 will be transitioned into the online MSW Program in Summer I 2023.

**Advanced Standing Degree Plan**

 **Summer I (Semester 1) Summer II (Semester 2)**

SW 6003 Psychopathology 3 SW 6013 Social Work Ethics 3

 Or Or

SW 6013 Social Work Ethics 3 SW 6003 Psychopathology 3

\*Elective: SW 5323 SA 3 \*Elective: SW 6323 SA 3

**Total 3 or 6 if elective completed Total 3 or 6 if elective is completed**

 **Fall (Semester 3) Spring (Semester 4)**

SW 6083 Trauma-Focused Practice 3 SW 6063 Social Work Rural Policy Analysis 3

SW 6023 SW Evaluation and Research 3 SW 6093 Service and Leadership in SW 3

SW 6033 Practice w/ Individuals 3 SW 6053 Practice w/ Groups & Families 3

SW 6803 Advanced Field I (300 hours) 3 SW 6813 Advanced Field II (300 hours) 3

\*Elective 3 \*Elective 3

**Total 12 or 15 if elective completed Total 12 or 15 if elective completed**

**\*Students are required to take 6 hours of electives but they can be taken at any point in the program. The \* serves as a place marker for the electives**

**Basic Disaster Life Support (If not previously completed 0 credit hours) Degree Total 36**

**Standard Degree Plan**

 **Fall (Semester 1) Spring (Semester 2)**

SW 5003 HBSE I 3 SW 5333 HBSE II 3

SW 5023 Foundation of SW Practice I 3 SW 5043 Foundation of SW Practice II 3 ADJUNCT

SW 5053 Social Welfare Policies /Services 3 SW 5063 Social Justice & Diversity 3 ADJUNCT

SW 5803 Foundation Field I (200 hours) 3 SW 5813 Foundation Field II (200 hours) 3

 **\*\***Elective 3

**Total 12 Total 12 or 15 if elective is completed**

**Summer I (Semester 3) Summer II (Semester 4)**

SW 6003 Psychopathology 3 SW 6013 Social Work Ethics 3

 Or Or

SW 6013 Social Work Ethics 3 SW 6003 Psychopathology 3

\*Elective: SW 5323 SA 3 \*Elective: SW 6323 3

**Total 3 or 6 if elective is completed Total 3 or 6 if elective is completed**

 **Fall Semester (Semester 5) Spring (Semester 6)**

SW 6083 Trauma-Focused Practice 3 SW 6063 Social Work Rural Policy Analysis 3

SW 6023 SW Evaluation and Research 3 SW 6093 Service and Leadership in SW 3

SW 6033 Practice w/ Individuals 3 SW 6053 Practice w/ Groups & Families 3

SW 6803 Advanced Field I (300 hours) 3 SW 6813 Advanced Field II (300 hours) 3

\*Elective 3 \*Elective 3

**Total 12 or 15 if elective is completed Total 12 or 15 if elective is completed.**

**\*Students are required to take 9 hours of electives but they can be taken at any point in the program. The \* serves as a place marker for the electives**

**Basic Disaster Life Support (If not previously completed) Degree Total 63**