

University of Southern Maine

School of Social Work

Verification of Graduate Content on Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence

Beginning January 1, 2020 an applicant for clinical licensure in Maine is required to demonstrate a minimum of 12 hours of coursework in family or intimate partner violence, including:

- Spousal or partner abuse addressing screening, referral and intervention strategies;
- Knowledge of community resources, cultural factors, evidence-based risk assessment and same-gender abuse dynamics

In the USM MSW program, this content is fulfilled through coursework taken as part of the educational requirements for licensure. In order to appropriately prepare practitioners for work with survivors and perpetrators of DV/IPV, and to ensure that our students have this content when they apply for their social work license, USM School of Social Work identifies where this content is taught in graduate level classes:

- **SWO 651 – Social Work Practice IV** (Individuals and Families) covers screening for survivors, evidence-based risk assessment, same-gender abuse dynamics, intervention strategies (models for working with children impacted by DV, treatment for victims/survivors, feasibility of couples therapy, and cultural factors (culturally sensitive language, understanding power dynamics, working with diverse cultures)

Total of 5 hours (+ 1 hour reading assignment)

- **SWO 603 – Social Work Practice III** (Groups) covers screening, evidence-based risk assessment and group interventions for male-identified and female-identified batterers, the DULUTH model and modified CBT interventions

Total of 5 hours (+ 1 hour reading assignment)

- **SWO 604 – Social Welfare Policy II** covers knowledge of community resources

Total 2 hours (+ 1 hour reading assignment)