LEARN MORE TODAY

To prepare for an exciting new avenue of professional social work, contact:

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WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

- Facilitating health and behavioral health changes
- Health literacy for social workers
- Common disease etiology and trajectory
- Integrated health care approaches
- Conducting team-based assessments and interventions
- Inter-professional consultation
- Effective communication with medical professionals
- Structure and finance of the U.S. health care system
- Health care policy for vulnerable, high risk populations and health disparities
- Social work roles at various levels of care
- Health care administration
- Health information management
- Models of care
- Electronic medical records (EMR)
- Specialized areas of practice, including:
  - Addiction services
  - Chronic disease self-management
  - Palliative and end-of-life care
  - Integrated health and behavioral health practice
  - Early childhood development

THE CAPSTONE PROJECT

The Capstone Project will offer students the opportunity to integrate and apply learning in order to demonstrate mastery of social work knowledge, skills, practice behaviors, ethics and values related to practice in health care settings. Students will be presented with an advanced case study and will develop a presentation, which illustrates their assessment and intervention in micro, mezzo and macro levels of health care practice.

APPLYING KNOWLEDGE TO PRACTICE

The program’s virtual learning environment includes a series of simulations where students interact with patients, health professionals and families in order to apply learning to situations experienced across the continuum of social work roles in health care. These online simulations will challenge you to conduct assessments, consider the implications of policy upon practice, and develop, implement and revise intervention strategies as part of an integrated health care team.

COMPUTING REQUIREMENTS

Any new or recently purchased Windows, Macintosh or Linux system should work properly on the University campus network. Students’ systems must have a working camera and microphone. A high-speed Internet connection is recommended for proper connectivity. Binghamton University does not endorse any particular vendor, but does provide information regarding special purchase programs for students. The University does not sell or lease computer equipment for students. For additional information regarding computing requirements, see the ITS Help Desk’s Student FAQ at binghamton.edu/its/faq/student-faq.html.

PREPARE FOR EMERGING JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) presents new, and significant, opportunities for health care social workers across the continuum of health care settings in the U.S. health care system. In order to meet the increased need for health care social workers as a result of the ACA, the Department of Social Work in the College of Community and Public Affairs at Binghamton University offers a specialized program for Social Work in Health Care. This program is available to both current graduate students and licensed social workers as part of workforce development across New York State.

THE ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The Social Work in Health Care Program uses a virtual learning environment to prepare social workers for this unique arena of professional practice. Online learning allows busy students greater flexibility in scheduling. Course material, including presentations, demonstrations, interviews and simulations are available to you 24/7. Instructors’ presentations use interactive technology to create a dynamic learning experience. In addition to online materials, each course will host office hours and a minimal number of “live” sessions in which instructors and students may interact, discuss course content and complete activities — all in a virtual classroom you can access from home.

CURRICULUM

The program is comprised of five course requirements:
1. U.S. Health Care System
2. Social Work Practice in Health Care
3. Applied Topics in Health Care
4. Elective
5. Capstone Project