

ANIMAL-ASSISTED SOCIAL WORK (AASW)

CERTIFICATE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS



DELIVERY METHOD

Face-to-Face instruction with synchronous/asynchronous online technologies

Will also visit agencies providing animal-assisted interventions

START TERMS

Summer, Fall or Spring

COMPLETION TIME

2-3 semesters (half-a-year)

NUMBER OF CREDITS

9 credits

DURATION OF PROGRAM

2-3 semesters (half-a-year)



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The increased knowledge of the benefits of human-animal interaction has led to greater demand for skilled practitioners who can address the many psychosocial needs of children and adults utilizing animal-assisted interventions.

Through specialized instruction, students will be prepared to utilize therapy and crisis response dogs in their professional practice settings to enhance functioning of those they serve.

The certificate courses can also be applied to the MSW degree if students later decide to complete the required course requirements.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Flexible hybrid format
- Hands-on training with therapy dogs
- Expert, licensed faculty with doctoral degrees
- Practical experience developing and providing animal-assisted interventions
- This certificate can be earned simultaneously with the MSW degree
- This certificate is for those currently in the MSW program or for practicing professionals and non-degree seeking individuals who wish to enhance their knowledge and expertise of animal-assisted intervention

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Required Courses

SOWK 740	Animal-Assisted Social Work	3
SOWK 744	Animal-Assisted Crisis Response	3
SOWK 742	Animal-Assisted Social Work with Kids	3
or SOWK 743	Animal-Assisted Social Work with Seniors	
Total Hours		9

IMPORTANT CURRICULUM GUIDE NOTES

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.

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Program is effective for Spring 2021

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and a non-refundable application fee:

1. Official undergraduate degree transcript(s) and any graduate transcripts.
2. Personal statement explaining applicant's career interests and goals related to animal-assisted social work.

TUITION

Information on current tuition can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.

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