ANIMAL-ASSISTED SOCIAL WORK (AASW)

CERTIFICATE
SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

DELIVERY METHOD
Each class is primarily online with one day in-person experiential requirement where students provide animal-assisted services to community agencies

START TERMS
Summer, Fall or Spring

COMPLETION TIME
2-3 semesters (half-a-year)

NUMBER OF CREDITS
9 credits

One of only two MSW programs in the nation to offer a specialized certificate in Animal-Assisted Social Work. Animal-Assisted services provide physical, psychological, and social benefits for those served by social workers.

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 the functioning of those they serve.

The certificate courses can also be applied to the MSW degree if students later decide to complete the 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**

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

- Official undergraduate degree transcript(s) and any graduate transcripts
- 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 is not available for this program.

SCAN QR code for more information

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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