

ONLINE FINANCIAL SOCIAL WORK (FSW) CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

March 2021 - September 2021

DESCRIPTION:

UMSSW's Financial Social Work Initiative (FSWI) is launching its online version of the Financial Social Work (FSW) Certificate Program through UMSSW's Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Office in March 2021! It will meet an identified need for greater financial capability and empowerment knowledge on the part of social workers who practice in non-profit and other social service agencies, as well as in schools, medical settings, and justice and court settings, and beyond.

In FSWI's work and research over the past 10 years, social workers and human service organizations have expressed a significant, ongoing need for financial social work (FSW) training and skill-building strategies to enable them to intervene appropriately and effectively with financially distressed individuals, families, and communities. Beyond providing resources, however, social workers must have sophisticated knowledge about issues in typical daily financial life, such as credit, debt, budgeting, and working towards identified financial goals. Social workers who work with clients on their complex financial struggles and how these intersect with other psychosocial stressors must be knowledgeable about and familiar with financial issues and behaviors, and feel comfortable in addressing these directly and effectively. From a macro, policy perspective as well, social workers who work within FSW must also be well versed in historical and current policy issues that influence and affect people's paths towards greater financial stability; conversely, those policies that hinder financial stability and/or that perpetuate economic injustice must also be understood.

The FSW Certificate Program will run over multiple sessions from March 2021 to September 2021. The online formatting design of the FSW Certificate Program will enable rich class discussion and learning through interaction among the macro and clinical practitioners from across the nation. Besides key educators, the program will feature guest speakers from this important, emerging area. In addition, 3 hours of ethics content will be included and will go towards satisfying requirements for ethics CEUs.

COURSE SCHEDULE:

Each session will occur sequentially in half-day segments. The dates are:

- March 4 and 5, 2021
- April 1 and 2, 2021
- May 6 and 7, 2021
- June 3 and 4, 2021
- July 1 and 2, 2021
- August 5 and 6, 2021
- September 2 and 3, 2021

TOTAL NUMBER OF CEUS: 42

Failure to attend the appropriate number of classes will result in a participant being dismissed from the Certificate program. Participants are allowed to miss **one** class throughout the program. Any missed class time will result in a reduction of CEUs.

Payment Cost and Schedule: \$1,200.00

Applicants can choose to pay for the entire program or enter our complimentary four-payment schedule below. First payment is non-refundable and no refunds will be awarded after the second session. **Total cost of the program is \$1,200.00.**

Payment Due Date	Payment
Payment One: March 1, 2021	\$300 Non-refundable
Payment Two: April 1, 2021	\$300
Payment Three: May 1, 2021	\$300
Payment Four: June 1, 2021	\$300

Please make checks payable to: UMSSW-CPE

I do hereby affirm that all statements made herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. By signing this form, I am stating that I understand and will adhere to the standards outlined.

Signature

Print Name

Date

Applications are being accepted now until January 31, 2021. You will be notified of acceptance by February 19, 2021.

Please **e-mail** your completed application package to:

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