



## JOINT PROGRAMS IN SOCIAL WORK



### **Preliminary Information about the Joint Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work Program**

Thanks for your interest in the Joint Doctor of Philosophy (JPhD) program offered by North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University (NCAT and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG). **This program is expected to begin Fall 2019 and is currently pending SACSCOC (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges) approval.** As with any new program, there are many details to work out and we are diligently addressing them this fall. You will find below some responses to frequently asked questions that may help you as you consider applying to the program. As we get more detailed information, we will be posting it on our new website, which is in development.

#### **1. What options do the JPhD program offer?**

The JPhD program plans to offer full-time and part-time options for students.

**Full-time** students will take 9 credit hours (three classes) per semester in Academic Years 1 and 2. Full time students can complete coursework in 4 semesters during academic years.

**Part-time** students will take 6 credit hours per semester (i.e., two classes in fall and two classes in spring) and 6 hours (two classes) in the summer. The coursework can be completed in 4 semesters and 2 summers.

In the fall and spring semesters, both full-time and part-time students will be in two classes together to promote a collaborative and cohesive cohort. We will have a suggested plan of study at the information meeting (see below).

Following the completion of coursework, students must pass written and oral comprehensive exams and write and defend the dissertation proposal. At that point, the student is considered All But Dissertation (ABD) and will write and defend the dissertation while being enrolled in dissertation hours, which is part of the requirement to complete the degree.

#### **2. What does the JPhD program look like for a student living outside of Greensboro, NC?**

At this time, the JPhD program is not offered online. Students will be required to come to the campuses of NCAT and UNCG to take classes. We have not finalized a class schedule, but we anticipate a mixture of day and evening classes. We hope to have this more final in early spring 2019.

### **3. What is the residency requirement?**

As mentioned above, in order to complete classes, students must be able to come to campus. Once a student begins dissertation hours, residency is not required. There will be in-state and out-of-state tuition. You can find residency requirements on the university websites.

### **4. When is the deadline to apply?**

At this point, the application deadline is April 1, 2019. We realize this is later than other programs but during this year of establishing the program, we are unable to move this deadline to an earlier date. The application link will be made available once we have the website established.

### **5. What are the application requirements?**

- Application to the Graduate School and Application Fee
  
- Official copies of all undergraduate and graduate school transcripts. Preferred undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or above and graduate school grade point average of 3.5 or above
  
- Three academic or professional references that attest to the student's academic ability, nature of work performance, commitment to social work values, and ability to conduct scholarship
  
- GRE scores (taken within the last 5 years)
  
- Resume/Curriculum vita that demonstrates the student's:
  - a. Education
  - b. Substantive areas of expertise or interest
  - c. Professional positions
  - d. Teaching or training experiences
  - e. Research or grant experiences
  - f. Professional publications and presentations
  - g. Professional affiliations, honors, awards
  - h. Service
  
- Personal statement that includes the following:
  1. Describe your professional goals
  2. Describe your previous professional/academic experience and how that impacts your potential for engaging in doctoral-level scholarship
  3. Describe your interest in the Joint Ph.D. in Social Work Program
  4. Describe your research interest and tentative plan for research

- Include a sample of professional writing such as a research proposal, grant application, academic or professional report, or publication that demonstrates intellectual potential
- Note that interviews may be required

## **6. When is the information meeting?**

At this time, no additional information meetings for the spring are scheduled.

## **7. Will the program allow transfer credit hours or a degree other than social work?**

We are not allowing transfer credits at this time. We are requiring that applicants have an MSW from an accredited institution; however, there may be some exception to this in certain cases. If an applicant has a strong background in social work or social services without an MSW, we may consider the application. All applicants must have a graduate degree in order to apply.

## **8. What are the costs, and will there be financial aid?**

At this point, the two universities are working out the final costs of the program. We will have limited financial awards for students who are attending the program full time (9 hours per semester). We are hoping that there may be some other grant funded awards, but we do not have them at this time. Students should be able to apply for financial aid.

We estimate that tuition and fees will be between \$4,500 and \$5,500 per semester. For 6 credit hours (part time) the tuition and fees will be on the lower end of those figures. For 9 credit hours (full time) tuition and fees will be on the higher end.

## **9. Where do I obtain more information regarding the program?**

You may consult our website: <https://ncatuncgjpsw.org>. More information will be added there as it is available.

## JPhD Program Curriculum

### PhD in Social Work 48 credit hours

#### Required Courses (15 Hours)

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| SOWK/SWK 851 | Foundations and Theories of Multiculturally Informed Research in Social Work (3) |
| SOWK/SWK 853 | Quantitative Methods in Social Work (3)  |
| SOWK/SWK 854 | Qualitative Methods in a Multicultural Context (3)                               |
| SOWK/SWK 856 | Community-Engaged Research in Social Work (3)                                    |
| SOWK/SWK 885 | Issues and Trends in Social Work (3)   |

#### Additional Research Requirement (6 credit hours total)

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| SOWK/SWK 855 | Quantitative Data Analysis in Social Work (3) |
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At least one additional course from the following list (3 credit hours):

Students should work with Advisor and committee to select coursework to facilitate dissertation method needs. Additional methods courses taken beyond the required semester hours may count as part of elective requirements.

HHS 650 Applied Multiple Regression (4)

ERM 645 Culturally Responsive Approaches to Research and Evaluation (3:3)

ERM 680 Intermediate Statistical Methods in Education (3)

ERM 681 Design and Analysis of Educational Experiments (3)

ERM 682 Multivariate Analysis (3)

ERM 731 Structural Equation Modeling in Education (3)

ERM 732 Hierarchical Linear Modeling (3)

ERM 668 Survey Research Methods in Education (3)

ERM 728 Exploratory and Confirmatory Factor Analytic Methods for Scale Construction (3)

STA 571 Statistical Methods for Research I (3)

STA 572 Statistical Methods for Research II (3)

STA 575 Nonparametric Statistics (3)

STA 580 Biostatistical Methods (3)

STA 670 Categorical Data Analysis (3)

STA 676 Sample Survey Methods (3)

NUR 701 Statistical Applications for Nursing Research I (3)

NUR 702 Statistical Applications for Nursing Research II (3)

HDF 756 Advanced Research Design in Human Development and Family Studies (3) SOC 618 Advanced Data Analysis (3)

PSY 609 Statistical Methods in Psychology I (4)

PSY 610 Statistical Methods in Psychology II (4)

PSC 503 Survey Methods for Policy Research (3)

NUR 703 Qualitative Methods for Nursing (3)  
TED 738 Mixed Methods Research Design in Curriculum and Instruction  
ELC 767 Qualitative Data Collection and Analysis (3)  
ELC 664 Foundations of Interpretive Inquiry (3)

CST 602 Engaging Communication Research Methodology (3) ERM 750 Case Study Methods in Educational Research (3)

SES 770 Community Engaged Research and Practice (3:3)

SES 760 Single Subject Research Design (3)

LEST 815 Research design and Methodology (3)

LEST 860 Qualitative Research (3)

LEST 862 Quantitative Research (3)

COUN 709 Statistics and Research Methods (3)

COUN 770 Applied Research in Counseling

COUN 810 Descriptive & Inferential Statistics (3)

COUN 830 Design Methodology & Implementation (3)

COUN 865 Analysis of Qualitative Research (3)

ADED 716 Research in Adult Education (3)

### **ELECTIVES (12 CREDIT HOURS)**

In order to honor the student's individual professional goals and aspirations, the primary advisor will assist the student in selecting courses that fulfill the student's professional interests and development. Students may consider areas of specialization as they refine their interests. This could include the many professional development courses offered through the School of Health and Human Sciences, certificate programs related to social work, specialized coursework in pedagogy, or an interdisciplinary research focus. (SOWK/SWK 885 Issues and Trends in Social work may be repeated 1 time for a total of 6 credits.) Students may select courses from NCA&T or UNCG.

### **DISSERTATION (15 CREDIT HOURS)**

After successful defense of the dissertation proposal, students will complete dissertation research and writing, culminating in a successful oral defense of the dissertation.

SWK 799 Dissertation or SOWK 997 Dissertation

## JPhD Suggested Course Sequence

### Full Time Student

| Semester        | Course   | Credits | Comments                            |
|-----------------|--|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Fall 1          | SOWK/SWK 851 Foundations and Theories of Multiculturally Informed Inquiry in Social Work | 3       | Required Introductory Course        |
| Fall 1          | SOWK/SWK 853 Quantitative Methods in Social Work   | 3       | Required Research Course            |
| Fall 1          | Elective   | 3       | Student choice                      |
| Spring 1        | SOWK/SWK 855 Quantitative Data Analysis in Social Work                                   | 3       | Required Research Elective          |
| Spring 1        | SOWK/SWK 854 Qualitative Methods in a Multicultural Social Work                          | 3       | Required Research Course            |
| Spring 1        | Elective or SOWK/SWK 885 Special Topics in Social Work (can repeat once)                 | 3       | Student Choice                      |
|                 | Total Hours  | 18      |                                     |
| Spring/Summer 1 | Annual Review – qualifying process   |         | Required to continue to matriculate |
| Fall 2          | SOWK/SWK 856 Community Engaged Research in Social Work                                   | 3       | Required Research Course            |
| Fall 2          | Required Research Elective   | 3       | Choose from list/available courses  |
| Fall 2          | Elective   | 3       | Student Choice                      |
| Spring 2        | Elective <u>or</u> SOWK/SWK 885 Special Topics in Social Work                            | 3       | Required Course                     |
| Spring 2        | Elective   | 3       | Student Choice                      |
| Spring 2        | SOWK 997/SWK 899 Dissertation  | 3       | Seminar for Dissertation Planning   |
|                 | Total Hours  | 36      | Coursework complete                 |
| Summer 2/Fall 3 | Comprehensive Exams  |         | Written and Oral Defense            |
| Fall 3          | SOWK 997/SWK 899   | 3       | Dissertation Proposal and Defense   |
| Spring 3        | SOWK 997/SWK 899   | 3       | Dissertation Writing                |
| Fall 4          | SOWK 997/SWK 899   | 3       | Dissertation Writing                |
| Spring 4        | SOWK 997/SWK 899 Dissertation Defense (by March to graduate in May graduation)           | 3       |                                     |

## JPhD Suggested Course Sequence

### Part Time Student

| Semester   | Course   | Credits  | Comments                            |
|--|--|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Fall 1   | SOWK/SWK 851 Foundations and Theories of Multiculturally Informed Inquiry in Social Work | 3        | Required Introductory Course        |
| Fall 1   | SOWK/SWK 853 Quantitative Methods in Social Work   | 3        | Required Research Course            |
| Spring 1   | SOWK/SWK 855 Quantitative Data Analysis in Social Work                                   | 3        | Required Research Elective          |
| Spring 1   | SOWK/SWK 854 Qualitative Methods in a Multicultural Social Work                          | 3        | Required Research Course            |
| Summer 1<br>1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> session | Elective   | 3        | Student Choice                      |
| Summer 1<br>1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> session | Elective   | 3        | Student Choice                      |
|  | Annual Review – qualifying process   | 18 Hours | Required to continue to matriculate |
| Fall 2   | SOWK/SWK 856 Community Engaged Research in Social Work                                   | 3        | Required Research Course            |
| Fall 2   | Required Research Elective   | 3        | Choose from list/available courses  |
| Spring 2   | Elective <u>or</u> SOWK/SWK 885 Special Topics in Social Work                            | 3        | Required Course                     |
| Spring 2   | SOWK/SWK 899 Dissertation  | 3        | Seminar for Dissertation Planning   |
| Summer 2<br>1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> session | Elective   | 3        | Student Choice                      |
| Summer 2<br>1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> session | Elective <u>or</u> SOWK 997/SWK 885 Special Topics in Social Work                        | 3        | Student Choice                      |
|  | Total Hours  | 36       | Coursework complete                 |
| Summer 2/Fall 3  | Comprehensive Exams  |          | Written and Oral Defense            |
| Fall 3   | SOWK 997/SWK 899   | 3        | Dissertation Proposal and Defense   |
| Spring 3   | SOWK 997/SWK 899   | 3        | Dissertation Writing                |
| Fall 4   | SOWK 997/SWK 899   | 3        | Dissertation Writing                |
| Spring 4   | SOWK 997/SWK 899 Dissertation Defense (by March to graduate in May graduation)           | 3        |                                     |