

**School Social Work Specialization  
Master of Social Work Program  
University of Alaska Anchorage**

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The School Social Work Specialization will give individuals currently enrolled in the UAA MSW program and MSW-level practitioners the opportunity to develop the specialized knowledge and skills necessary to provide school social work services that meet or exceed the 42 NASW Standards for School Social Work Services (NASW, 2002). In order to meet the workforce needs of the state of Alaska, the School Social Work Specialization will be tailored to the individual needs of all students enrolled in the Specialization. The Specialization is built upon a core sequence of graduate level school social work electives (4 credit hours), which are designed to ensure that students are prepared to exceed the NASW Standards for School Social Work Services. In addition, the Specialization will require students to complete a course in Alaska studies, to develop skills in multicultural education or cross-cultural communication, and to engage in supervised school social work practice. The requirements of the School Social Work Specialization directly align with the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development Type C Special Services Certificate with an endorsement in School Social Work.

To receive a School Social Work endorsement under a Type C Special Services

- MSW or higher from an institution accredited by the Council on Social Work Education;
- 4 credit hours of course work specific to school social work (with a grade of B or higher);
- successful completion of an approved Alaska studies course;
- successful completion of an approved multicultural education/cross-cultural communication course;
- Documented record of BSW or MSW field placement in a school setting or a school-based program *OR* a minimum of one year of supervised employment as a social worker in a school or school-based program.

Students must provide documentation of completion of the specialization requirements when requesting endorsement on a Type C Certificate application. The Director of the School of Social Work will only sign a Type C Certification application upon the successful completion of specialization requirements.

Table 1  
*School Social Work Specialization Requirements*

Requirements for Specialization	Renewal of Existing Type C Certification	Applying for new Type C Certification	
	BSW / MSW needing renewal of Type C Certification	Enrolled UAA MSW Student	MSW hired to practice or currently practicing in school setting
SWK A 690 Social Work in Schools (3 Credits) – Grade of B or higher	X	X	X
SWK A 690: School Social Work in Alaska (1 Credit) – Grade of B or higher	X	X	X
An approved Alaska studies course (3 credits)		X	X
An approved multicultural education/cross-cultural communication course (3 credits)		X	X
Documented record of BSW or MSW field placement in a school setting or a school-based program <b>OR</b> a minimum of one year of supervised employment as a social worker in a school or school-based program		X	X