

# MSW 621 : Clinical Assessment & Diagnosis I

This advanced course focuses on mental disorders and/or dysfunction for various age groups across the life span. Through a bio-psychosocial perspective and incorporating contexts of culture, human resilience, and strengths-based approaches, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5) system is the primary tool for analysis. Students will apply the DSM-5 as an organizing framework for the differential diagnosis of mental disorders in children, adolescents, and adults within a person-in-environment perspective. Also addressed are evidence-based treatment (EBT) approaches with diverse client populations and presenting problems.

**Credits 3**