

**College of Medicine, Florida State University**  
**Interdisciplinary Medical Sciences (IMS) Program**  
**List of Community Patient Care - Child Welfare Practice Focus Electives**

See an Academic Advisor and review Curriculum Sheet for more information

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Course #	Name	Credits	Description	Prerequisites	Department Offering Course	University Requirements	Misc Information
SOW 4615	Family Violence Across the Life Span	3	This course looking at violence across the life-span, provides an ecological perspective emphasizing the interconnections between individuals experiencing violence and their social environments. Emphasis is placed upon broad coverage of all important aspects of child abuse, incest, intimate partner violence, rape, and elder abuse. This course is appropriate for students who wish to gain skill in detecting and responding to incest situations for clients and sexual assault survivors, and victims of intimate partner violence or elder abuse.		Social Work		Fall, Spring, Summer To request enrollment in this course please email <a href="mailto:IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu">IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu</a>
SOW 4650	Child Welfare Practice	3	This course provides a framework of values, knowledge and skills necessary to practice with vulnerable children and their families. The major focus is on social work in public child welfare in the State of Florida. The course utilizes an ecosystem perspective for understanding and assessing the special needs of at-risk children and families. Specific attention is on assessing families and children using the State of Florida's Safety Decision Making Method and other family assessment instruments.		Social Work		Fall, Spring, Summer To request enrollment in this course please email <a href="mailto:IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu">IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu</a>
SOW 4658	Child Maltreatment and Child Welfare	3	This course provides students with knowledge and skills related to the theory, research, and implications of child and adolescent maltreatment for child development and psychopathology. Course content is presented within the context of child welfare practice and social work with children and adolescents in public agencies and programs. Particular attention is given to common psychological disorders that result from maltreatment and accompanying treatment issues. Issues related to individuals, families, groups, and communities are covered and attention is given to working with ethnic minorities, women, gays and lesbians, and persons with disabilities. Particular attention is given to federal and state child welfare statutes including Chapter 39, Florida statutes including the Adoption and Safe Families Act and the range of services provided by the Department of Children and Families and other agencies.		Social Work		Fall, Spring To request enrollment in this course please email <a href="mailto:IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu">IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu</a>
SOW 4702	Substance Use and Misuse	3	This course covers the etiology and epidemiology of drug abuse, physiological and behavioral consequences of drug abuse, treatment approaches, and major policies and programs. Special attention is directed toward drug use in special populations, such as women, racial and ethnic minorities, gays and lesbians, persons with disabilities, and the elderly.		Social Work		Fall, Spring, Summer To request enrollment in this course please email <a href="mailto:IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu">IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu</a>