

MSW Veteran/Military Family (VMF) Focus: Requirements

Course

*SW720 Introduction to
Issues in Veteran and
Military
Family Care*

Foundation year (typically);
3 credits

Field Placement(s)

Veteran or Military Family-
relevant field placement

Advanced year required;
minimum 6 credits

Inter-Professional Seminar (held twice a semester)

Advanced year; no credits

Portfolio of VMF-Relevant Assignments

Additional graded
assignments from 3 or more
courses with veterans and/or
military families as the target
population

Advanced year
(primarily)

For more information on the *Joining Forces*-UB MSW VMF Focus or its requirements, please contact Dr. Lisa Butler at lbutler@buffalo.edu

Additional Information about the Portfolio of VMF- Relevant Assignments in the Advanced Year

- Completion of the VMF Focus Portfolio is required in addition to the *Intro to Issues* course in the foundation year (for which the student must have earned a B or better).
- The Portfolio is made up of one or more VMF-relevant individual assignments from at least 3 courses of your choosing. The majority of these assignments will be completed in the advanced year.
- The sum of the earned grade points for the assignments (across classes) must equal at least 90 points, and each assignment must earn a grade of B or better.
 - Example: Assignments from Class 1 = 27/30 *plus* Class 2: 36/40 *plus* Class 3: 22/25 + 9/10 = total 94 **earned** points
- Students will upload *completed* assignments, evidence of the grade received, and corresponding syllabi to their Dropbox folder created by Dr. Butler. All materials must be uploaded prior to the end of the semester before graduation (it is *highly recommended* that these materials be uploaded as soon as they are received back from instructors).
- There are *many* advanced year courses that can be used to fulfill the Focus portfolio requirements. It is recommended that you confirm with the course instructor that a given assignment in that class can be focused on veteran-related content. To determine whether a specific class assignment qualifies, contact Dr. Butler.



Veteran and Military Family Focus Micro-credential

- **Students who complete all requirements for the VMF Focus are eligible to receive our VMF Focus micro-credential (MC) on their final transcript.**
- **To receive the MC, the student will prepare a Statement of Student Learning in the final semester of their program. (Dr. Butler will provide guidance.)**
- **For more information, contact Dr. Butler.**