



GRADUATE STUDIES ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

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Special Ops: SMVF Program



Do you work with or aspire to work with Service Members, Veterans, or their families because you believe those who served our country should receive the services needed to thrive in civilian life?

With over 1.9 million U.S. Service members deployed since 2001, there is growing need for human services professionals who are well versed in SMVF issues including military culture and the physical and psychological effects of war with an emphasis on prevention, assessment, and intervention. The 6-8 course, 18-24 credit Special Ops: SMVF program provides training for individuals in the human services field, arming them with knowledge of relevant issues facing the SMVF population. This program employs a culturally responsive and strengths-based framework to build relationships and effectively engage and empower SMVF to find effective solutions to the specific issues they face. We also recognize the diverse needs for access to this learning and have **DESIGNED THE PROGRAM TO BE EFFECTIVELY DELIVERED ONLINE**.

The Special Ops: SMVF program currently offers two certification tracks:

- Certificate of Graduate Study (C.G.S.) - *Prerequisite courses and/or experience required*
- Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (C.A.G.S.) - *Prerequisite M.A. or M.S. Degree*

Program launch with first cohort planned for May 2019



For more information about Special Ops: Service Members and Veteran Families program, please email graduate@assumption.edu or call (508) 767-7387. Visit us online at www.assumption.edu/smvf.



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Abbreviated Course Descriptions:

***HRS 210: Medical Aspects of Chronic Illness & Disability (3 credits)**

The course provides information about the medical aspects and characteristics of chronic illnesses and disabling conditions along with treatments and interventions aimed at ameliorating the resulting functional limitations..

***HRS 330: Interviewing Techniques in Human Services & Rehabilitation Studies (3 credits)**

This course is designed to provide students with a thorough understanding of the interview process. A strong emphasis will be placed on developing skills in applying and utilizing specific interviewing skills and techniques in human and rehabilitation service settings.

SOP 700: Basic Training: Foundations of Working with SMVF (3 credits)

This course covers the foundational information required of culturally responsive professionals to work effectively with Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF). The course provides students with an understanding of military culture that includes the important military lexicon, branches, structure, rank system, and rituals.

SOP 710: Disability & Treatment: Polytrauma (3 credits)

This course covers injuries associated with "Polytrauma" including extensive information related to the three hallmarks of polytrauma: brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and chronic pain.

SOP 715: Disability and Treatment: Physical, Sensory & Psychiatric (3 credits)

This course covers service-related injuries, disabilities and chronic illnesses. Specifically, the course is focused on physical, sensory and psychiatric disorders acquired via military service.

SOP 720: Systems Navigation for SMVF (3 credits)

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the VA integrated health care system. The distinct and specialized medical facilities, clinics, benefit offices and systems that are specifically developed for service members, veterans, and their families.

SOP 730: Counseling Interventions & Strategies with SMVF (3 credits)

This course covers the competencies needed to develop and practice the appropriate, relevant and sensitive strategies to work with SMVF. This course employs a culturally sensitive and strengths-based framework to build relationships and effectively engage and empower SMVF to find effective solutions to the specific issues faced.

SOP 740: Strengthening Resilience for the SMVF (3 credits)

This course provides strong grounding in theories about stress and resilience that have a connection to the practice with SMVF. The stress and resilience research and theoretical underpinnings will be covered and best practices that build resiliency skills in the helping professions as well as SMVF will be examined.

**May be required as foundational courses depending on applicant's background in the field and or military experience.*