

SOCIAL WORK

MASTER PROGRAM IN SOCIAL THERAPEUTIC COUNSELLING

Degree: Master

Professional qualification: Master in Social Therapeutic Counseling

Duration of studies: 1 academic year (two semesters)

Mode of education: regular

Admission requirements: completed education and qualification degree of "Bachelor" or "Master" in a field, different from 3.4. Social activities and 3.2. Psychology, with an average grade of the diploma for completed higher education not lower than "good".

Professional field 3.4 Social activities in the area of higher education 3.4 Social, economic and legal sciences at the South-West University "Neofit Rilski" is accredited by National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency on 16.07.2018 for a 6-year period on the grounds of an overall assessment of 9.26 (nine, point twenty-six).

The program expands the fundamental, broad-based and specialized training in social activities acquired in the bachelor's degree. The program provides the integration of knowledge and skills and the application of relevant competencies in practice with individuals, families, groups, communities and organizations. Graduates will have a solid training, combining knowledge, skills and competencies in the field of social therapeutic counseling following latest trends in this field on a European and global scale.

The training aims to prepare highly qualified specialists for mental health services by providing knowledge and skills to work with people with severe mental illness and their families, offering a variety of therapeutic approaches to improve their quality of life, reduce stigma and discrimination, and maximize opportunities for independent life.

Areas of professional realization: In the process of their training and research, Masters of Psychosocial Rehabilitation are prepared to work as:

- Managers.
- Administrative officers.
- Analytical specialists in social counseling and social therapy in all structures of the social system providing benefits and services; in all systems in which there is a regulated position requiring the implementation of such activities, etc.
- Lecturers, academic researchers and scholars.
- At any structure within the social welfare system; at any system wherein a regulated position for performing psycho-social rehabilitation exists (mental health services in the community, day care centers, sheltered housing, health care and judicial system)

Successful graduates from the Master's Degree in Psychosocial Rehabilitation can continue their studies in the country and abroad in other Master's degree programs and PhD programs.

CURRICULUM
MASTER PROGRAM SOCIAL THERAPEUTIC COUNSELLING

First Semester	ECTS Credits	Second Semester	ECTS Credits
Policies for children at risk	4	Theoretical fundamentals of	3
The basics of Counseling	4	Occupational Therapy	
Social Counseling	4	Leadership in Team	3
Social Therapy	4	Case Management	3
Therapeutic Behavior	4	Supervision	2
Elective Courses from First Group	4	Neurofeedback and biofeedback in	
Practice	6	therapeutic counselling	2
		Elective Courses from Second	2
		Group	
		Graduation:	15
		State Theoretical exam	
		or Diploma Thesis Defense	
	Total 30		Total 30
Elective Courses from First Group		Elective Courses from Second Group	
Family Counseling	4	Art therapy	2
Counseling of Children and Adults from ethnic minority groups	4	Organization of social services in the community	2
Communication and Communicative training	4	Sexual Counseling	2

TOTAL CREDITS: 60