

Veterinary Social Work Certificate

The Auburn University Veterinary Social Work (VSW) Certificate is a **Social Work Graduate level Certificate** completed by Master of Social Work (MSW) students at Auburn University.

The Certificate, which is imbedded within the MSW program at Auburn, is designed to increase the number of graduate level social workers educated in how human-animal interactions impact the human experience.

MSW Students develop knowledge and skills as they think critically about the core content areas of Veterinary Social Work which include:

- The Human Animal Relationship
- Compassion Fatigue and conflict management
- Animal related grief and bereavement
- The link between human-animal violence
- Animal Assisted Interventions

Certificate Completion Process

1. Application. Admitted MSW students may submit an application in the form of a letter of intent to the MSW Program Director. This application should be completed in 750 words or less.

2. Complete Course Credits as specified in this table.

Code	Title	Hours
SOWO 7600	Veterinary Social Work Practice	3
SOWO 7040	Social Work Practice in the Health Care Field	3
SOWO 7950	Integrative Seminar	3
Total Hours		9

3. In addition to completing the courses above, the student will:

- Include a Veterinary Social Work Concept in the Advanced Field Placement Learning Plan.
- Participate in the Veterinary Social Work oath ceremony.