

American Indian and Alaska Native Concentration

MASTER OF
SOCIAL WORK

The American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) concentration grounds students in the historical and contemporary issues facing Native populations from cultural, policy and practice perspectives.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Students will develop the knowledge and skills to serve Native communities and individuals: understanding the extent, effects and causes of issues facing Native Peoples; gaining awareness of tribal governance and institutions; and understanding best practices for evaluating and intervening with communities. A special emphasis is placed on cultural competencies and using strengths-based perspectives. The concentration has three tracks to choose from:

- Direct Practice: Trauma Informed
- Direct Practice: Behavioral Health
- Community Track

CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS: 21 CREDITS

- Indigenous Knowledge, Values, and Cultures (3 credits)
- AI/AN Social Welfare Policies and Administrative Practices (3 credits)
- Indigenous Mental Health Practice (3 credits)
- Community Development with American Indian and Other Indigenous Communities (3 credits)
- Social Policy Analysis and Evaluation (3 credits) or Evaluation of Programs and Services (3 credits)
- Management & Leadership of Organizations (3 credits)
- One additional practice-focused course, to be determined based on your track of choice (3 credits)
- 9 elective credits, which can be used to broaden your expertise

CONCENTRATION CHAIR



Dr. Pam Begay (Diné) is the director of the Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies, Associate Professor of Practice and is Chair of the AIAN curriculum.

She provides overall management and development of Buder Center programs, activities, partnerships, and research development. She has served in varying capacities within the social work profession including clinical work, tribal systems, early childhood settings, and academia. Dr. Begay is a Buder Center alumna (2004) and has a private clinical practice.

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