Distance Education MSW Foundation
Field Orientation
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“Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life.”

- Confucius
Mission of Social Work Program

To provide students with a trauma informed foundation that will prepare them for advanced practice and leadership. The dignity and worth of the individual and the importance of human relationships are core values of the program. Critical thinking is also a fundamental component of the program supported by multicultural sensitivity, human rights, and social and economic justice.
When do you do Foundation Field?

-Start: August 2016
(1st week of class; also have Practice II)

-End by: May 2017
(last week of class; also have SW Research)

-400-hour minimum requirement
Pre-Field Activities

- Orientation with Field Director (today!)
- Resume Review
  - Send resume to Susie Schwieger @ Graduate college at susan.schwieger@uni.edu by May 1, 2016 (put “Distance Education MSW Foundation Resume” in subject line)
- Skype/Phone Conference/Google Chat with Field Director after resume is reviewed (plan for 30 minutes)
Social Work Website

1. www.uni.edu/csbs/socialwork
2. Click on “Field Instruction”
3. Resources
   - approved sites (Field Placement Sites for the State of Iowa)
   - pre-placement forms
   - placement forms
Field Experience Sites

- Intern Placement Tracking System (IPT)
  1 - Details of the field site
  2 - Contact for interviews
  3 - Student profile
  4 - Evaluations
Social Media Analysis

- 69% of employers say they have rejected a candidate because of what they saw/read on a social media site.
- 68% of employers admit that the presence of positive social media contributed to their hiring.

Facebook-Twitter-LinkedIn-Google+
Requirements During Field

1. **Seminars** total of 12 contact hours (online, plan for synchronous or combo)
2. **Learning Plan** due by week 3 of the field experience.
3. **Summary of learnings** sent to liaison and shared with agency instructor (15-16).
4. **Other reports** (agency report, lit review, EPAS summary)
5. **Evaluations** (midterm, end, self-efficacy, field program)
6. **Log of Hours**
Other

- Field is credit/no credit; Seminar is graded.
- Additional costs with Health Care related field placements (handout)
- Typically unpaid (stipend from agency)
- Internships with current employer
- Release of information (sign and turn in today)
Timelines and Deadlines

May 1, 2016 - Resume to Susie Schwieger (susan.schwieger@uni.edu)
June 1, 2016 - Field session with Jenny Becker
August 1, 2016 - Site secured; contract turned in
August/1st week of class - Start of Foundation field
December 2016 - midterm eval
May 2017 - final eval
August 2018 (2nd field experience)
Looking Ahead

2nd Field Experience
- 500 Hours - 250 in the Fall 2018
  - 250 in the Spring 2019
- 15-16 hours/week
- Pass/Fall for field; Seminar is graded (14 hours)
- Assignments
Questions

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