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?
-Spring Placement: January to May 2017
-Start: January 9, 2017
-End by: May 5, 2017
-400-hour minimum requirement
Pre-Field Activities

- Orientation with Field Director (today!)
- Resume Review with Graduate College
  - Send resume to jennifer.becker@uni.edu by August 1, 2016
  - Sign up for 30 minute resume review session with Susie Schwieger/Graduate college scheduled for Sept 6, 7, 9 (Jenny Becker will email you a link to sign up)
- Field Meeting with Jenny Becker after resume meeting (plan for 30 minutes)

Social Work Website

1. www.uni.edu/csbs/socialwork
2. Click on “Field Instruction”
3. Resources
   - explore field sites options for Foundation
   - pre-placement forms
   - placement forms

Field Experience Sites

- Cedar Valley Listing (handout)
- Intern Placement Tracking System (IPT)
  1 - Details of the field site
  2 - Contact for interviews (interview guide)
  3 - Student profile
  4 - Evaluations

Requirements During Field

Learning Plan - Developed during the first three weeks of the placement (credit/no credit)
Log of Hours - Submit at the end of the semester, signed by both the student, agency instructor and faculty liaison (credit/no credit)
Summaries of Learning - Submitted throughout semester to the agency instructor with a copy shared with your faculty liaison (graded component)
Agency Presentation during Seminar - A 10-15 minute presentation about your field practicum. You may choose to present a case study, or discuss a dimension or problem encountered in your practicum (graded component)
Agency Field Evaluation - Agency instructors will complete both rating scale and narrative evaluation at midterm and final term of the field practicum. (credit/no credit)
Student Self-Assessment - Students will complete a self-assessment during the field experience (credit/no credit)
Field Program Evaluation - Students will complete a field program evaluation at the end of the field experience (credit/no credit)
Seminar - Attendance and participation in seminars for a minimum of 12 contact hours over the entire field experience (graded component)
Public Social Networks

-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+

Self analyze……..

- Look at your last 15 posts and/or past 10 tweets.
- Who are you following and what does that say about you?
- How protected are your sites?

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 31st - Field Orientation (done!!)
August 1st - Resume to Jenny Becker
September 6th, 7th or 8th
  - 1:1 Resume Review session (sign up)
  - 1:1 Field Meeting with Jenny Becker (after resume session)
December 1st - Placement secured and contract turned in
January 9th - Start of Foundation field
May 5th - Last day possible of field
Looking Ahead

Specialization Field Experience
- 500 Hours (250 in the Fall; 250 in the Spring)
- Concurrent (August 2017 to May 2018)
- Pass/Fall for field; Seminar is graded
- Assignments similar to Foundation

Lessons Learned from Students
- Practice interview skills (phone, skype, face to face)
- Apply early
- Cast a wide net
- Actively update resume
- Look for opportunities to network during internship/Be prepared (updated copies of resume, business cards)
- Extra time on your hands = volunteer

Lessons Learned from Agencies
- Arrive on time and as scheduled
- Appropriate attire
- Notify in advance of day(s) out of the office
- Notify as soon as possible if ill
- Be honest about hours at internship
- Take initiative (underwhelmed/overwhelmed)
- Follow through with assigned tasks

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