MSW Specialization
Field Orientation Meeting
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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 field?
- Concurrent Placement/August-May
  - Start: August 22, 2016
  - End by: May 5, 2017
- 500-hour minimum requirement
  (250 hours/Fall; 250 hours/Spring)

Pre-Field Activities
- Orientation with Field Director (today!)
- Resume Review (Between June 3rd-28th)
  - Email resume to Susie Schwieger
    susan.schwieger@uni.edu
    (Subject of Email: MSW Resume - Name)
  - Sign up for a 50 minutes resume review session
- Field Meeting (before June 17th) with Jenny Becker
  jennifer.becker@uni.edu
Social Work Website

1. www.uni.edu/csbs/socialwork
2. Click on “Field Instruction”
3. Resources
   - explore field sites option
   - 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: Completed throughout the field experience with a copy being sent to the agency instructor with a copy shared with your faculty liaison (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 their field experience (credit/no credit)
Seminar: Attendance and participation in seminars for a minimum of 14 contact hours over the entire field experience (graded component)

Other

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

May 31st - Field Orientation (done!!)
ASAP - Resume to Susie Schweiger
By June 17th - Field discussion with Jenny Becker
Between June 3 - June 28th - Resume session with Susie Schweiger
August 1st - Placement secured and contract turned in
Winter Break - up to 50 hours of field if desired
May 5th - Last day possible of field

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

Questions

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