Distance Education
MSW Foundation
Field Orientation
Fall 2018 Cohort

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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: Summer semester May 2019
  (1st week of semester; also have Practice II)
- End by: Fall semester December 2019
  (last week of semester; also have SW Research)
- 400-hour minimum requirement
Cleared for Field

1. Attend field orientation session
2. Resume reviewed by Graduate College
3. Consultation with Field Director
4. Good academic standing (B average; No more than 6 credits with a C; No in completes)
5. Site secured by April 1, 2019
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
Public Social Networks

91% of the surveyed companies say they use social networking sites to screen potential employees.

69% say they have rejected a candidate based on what they saw on a social networking site.

Source: Mashable, www.reppler.com

Facebook-Twitter-LinkedIn-Google+-Instagram
Requirements During Field

1. **Seminars** total of 12 contact hours (online, plan for asynchronous)
2. **Learning plan** due by week 3 of the field experience.
3. **Summary of learning** sent to liaison and shared with agency instructor.
4. **Other field assignments** (agency report)
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

Sept 17, 2018 - Email resume to Jenny Becker
Oct 19, 2018 - Susie Schwieger at Graduate College will return with comments
April 1, 2019 - Site secured and contract to Jenny Becker
May 2019 - start internship
July 2019 - midterm evaluation
December 2019 - final evaluation
Looking Ahead

**MSW Specialization Field Experience**
- Summer 2021 - Fall 2021
- 500 Hours
- 15-16 hours/week
- Credit/No Credit for field
- Seminar is graded
Lessons Learned

- Practice interview skills (phone, skype, face to face)
- Apply early and cast a wide net
- Envision where you would want to work
- Actively update resume
- Look for opportunities to network during internship/Be prepared (updated copies of resume, business cards)
- Pick a site where you are passionate about the client base
Questions

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