“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?

- Spring Placement: January to May 2019
- Start: January 14, 2019
- End by: May 10, 2019
- 400-hour minimum requirement for approximately 25 hours/week
Cleared for Field

1. Attend Field Orientation (TODAY!)
2. Resume reviewed by Graduate College (Sept 10th or 11th; SIGN UP TODAY!)
3. Meeting with Field Director (Sept 10th or 11th; SIGN UP TODAY!)
4. Good academic standing after Fall semester (B average; No more than 6 credits with a C; No completes)
   - SW6212 Human Behavior and the Social Environment
   - SW6214 Social Work Practice I
   - SW6216 Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities
   - SW6261 Social Intervention: Policies and Services
5. Secure an approved site for Spring field experience (by Dec 1st)
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 - Student profile
  2 - Approved sites
  3 - Evaluations
## Site options

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- Oelwein - 40 miles
- Iowa Falls - 50 miles
- Marshalltown - 53 miles
- Manchester - 58 miles
- Cedar Rapids - 63 miles
- Mason City - 80 miles
- Decorah - 82 miles
- Iowa City - 90 miles
- Dubuque - 100 miles
Sites wanting UNI SW Foundation Interns for Spring 2019

- Pathways in Waterloo (½ direct service; ½ administrative)
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)

**Seminar** - Attendance and participation in seminars for a minimum of 12 contact hours over the entire field experience (graded component)

**Agency Presentation during Seminar** - Presentation about your field 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 baseline (TODAY!) and post 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)
Structure and Process for Resolving Issues for Field/Practicum

- Department Head
- MSW Director
- Field Director
- Faculty Liaison
- Agency Instructor

Process for Resolving Issues Related to the Field/Practicum

- Department Head
- Faculty Liaison

Process for Resolving Issues Related to the Faculty Liaison

- Department Head

Process for Retention Review of a Student

- Formal Review
- Informal Review
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
Other

- 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

June 1st - Field Orientation (done!!)
August 1st - Resume to Jenny Becker
September 10th or 11th
  - 1:1 Resume Review session
  - 1:1 Field Meeting with Jenny Becker
December 1st - Placement secured and contract turned in
January 14, 2019 - Start of Foundation field
May 10, 2019 - Last day possible of field
Looking Ahead

Specialization Field Experience
- 500 Hours (250 in the Fall; 250 in the Spring)
- Completing along with 3 courses
- Credit/No Credit for field; Seminar is graded
- Assignments similar to Foundation
Lessons Learned from Students

- Practice interview skills (phone, skype, face to face)
- Apply early and 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
- ”Don’t plan to do much more on top of internship”
- Pick a site where you are passionate about the client base

“Where do I intern?”

No wrong answer (diversity, fine tune skills)
Agency Feedback

- 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?