MSW Specialization
Field Orientation Session
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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?

FALL:  August 20, 2018 - December 14, 2018
SPRING:  January 14, 2019 - May 10, 2019

500-hour minimum requirement
250 hours/Fall; 250 hours/Spring
*approx. 15-16 hours per week
Cleared for Field

1. Attendance at the Orientation meeting with the Field Director (TODAY!)
2. Resume reviewed by Graduate College (Summer)
3. Good academic standing (B average; No more than 6 credits with a C; No incompletes)

   Social Work Practice II (Foundation Spring 2018)
   Foundation Practicum and Seminar (Foundation Spring 2018)
   Introduction to Social Work Research (Foundation Spring 2018; Advanced Standing Summer 2018)
   Primary and Secondary Trauma (Everyone Summer 2018)
   Systems Redesign & Community Collaboration (Everyone Summer 2018)

4. Communicate with the Field Director regarding field placement search, assistance needed and/or placement secured. (as scheduled/needed)
5. Secured approved site for Fall and Spring field experience (August 1st)
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 - 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
- Cedar Valley
- State of Iowa
Waterloo: Pathways in Waterloo (½ time direct service; ½ administrative...contact Chris Hoffman)
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)

**Seminar:** Attendance and participation in seminars for a minimum of 14 contact hours over the entire field experience (graded component)

**Agency Presentation during Seminar** - Presentation about your field experience (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-Assessments:** Baseline (today!!) and Post self-efficacy evaluations (credit/no credit)

**Field Program Evaluation:** Students will complete a field program evaluation at the end of their field experience (credit/no credit)
Other Field Information

- 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!!)
- By June 9th - Resume to Susie Schwieger at susan.schwieger@uni.edu (Subject of Email: MSW Resume - Name) - Susie will return with recommendations by June 23rd
- Meet with Jenny Becker as needed
- August 1st - Placement secured and contract turned in
- FALL: August 20, 2018 - December 14, 2018
- Winter Break - up to 50 hours of field without approval
- SPRING: January 14, 2019 - May 10, 2019
Lessons Learned from Students

- 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)
- “Don’t plan to do much more on top of internship”
- Pick a site where you are passionate about the client base

What are your goals with this internship?

Diversity experience, fine tune skills in a certain area, go completely out of your wheelhouse, etc....
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