MSW Specialization
Field Orientation Session

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Mission of Social Work Program

To provide students with a **trauma-informed foundation** that prepares them to identify, evaluate, and address the personal, social, and systemic conditions that perpetuate **individual, family, organizational and community**-based trauma using evidence-informed interventions. Our curriculum is based on the perspective that effective change within this paradigm requires upholding the dignity and worth of the individual, advocating for human rights and social and economic justice, challenging oppression, promoting human relationships, practicing multi-cultural responsiveness, and identifying factors that mitigate the effects of trauma and enhance strengths, competencies, and resilience. Students obtain an in-depth understanding of these values and practices through in-person and online coursework and instruction that promotes critical thinking, self-reflection, and ethical decision making, along with intensive experiential learning through local, state, national, and international field placements.
When do you do field?

- FALL: August 24 - December 18, 2020
- SPRING: January - May 2021
- 500-hour minimum requirement
- 250 hours/Fall & 250 hours/Spring for approx. 15-16 hours per week
- CSWE adjustment to 425 hours if needed for approx 13-14 hrs/wk
- Can complete 100 hours in Summer 2020
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 (3.0 GPA; No more than 6 credits with a C; No incompletes)
   - Primary and Secondary Trauma
   - Systems Redesign
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)
Explore Field Site Options

1. Intern Placement Tracking (IPT) System
2. Additional resources at www.uni.edu/csbs/socialwork under “Field Instruction”
Requirements During Field

FOR CREDIT

Learning Plan - Developed during the first three weeks of the placement

Agency Field Evaluation - Agency supervisor will complete both rating scale and narrative evaluation at midterm and final term of the field practicum

Field Program Evaluation - Administered by field office

Log of Hours - Signed and submit at the end of the semester

GRADED

Summaries of Learning: Submitted throughout semester to the agency supervisor & faculty liaison

Seminar - Attendance and participation in seminars for a minimum of 14 contact hours over the entire field experience (monthly)

Agency Presentation during Seminar - Presentation about your field practicum
Process for Resolving Field Issues

**Student Issues with Field Placement**
- Step 1: Student consults with Agency Instructor/Supervisor
- Step 2: Student consults with Faculty Liaison
- Step 3: Faculty Liaison consults with Field Director

**Student Issues with Faculty Liaison**
- Step 1: Student consults with Faculty Liaison
- Step 2: Student consults with Social Work Department Head

**Agency Issues with Student**
- Step 1: Agency Instructor/Supervisor consults with Student
- Step 2: Agency Instructor/Supervisor consults with Faculty Liaison
- Step 3: Faculty Liaison consults with Field Director
Other Field Information

- Additional costs with Health Care related field placements (handout)
- Typically unpaid (stipend from agency)
- Internships with current employer
- Release of information (email to Jenny Becker)
- School Social Work Endorsement Pathway (Summer 2020 Elective, Spring 2021 Elective, AEA field placement)
Timelines and Deadlines

- May 28th - Field Orientation (DONE!!)
- By June 10th - Email word document of resume to Susie Schwieger at susan.schwieger@uni.edu (Subject of Email: MSW Resume - Name) - Susie will return with recommendations by June 24th
- Meet with Jenny Becker as needed
- August 1st - Placement secured and contract turned in
- FALL: August 24 - December 19, 2020
- Winter Break - intern up to 50 hours
- SPRING: January - May 2020
Sites looking for MSW Specialization Interns for 2020-2021

UNI Dean of Students Office
UNI Residence Life
UNI Student Accessibility Services
Pathways Behavioral Services (see Jenny Becker)
HACAP - Cedar Rapids
Tanager Place - Cedar Rapids
QUESTIONS?