MSW Specialization
Field Orientation Session

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The mission of the UNI MSW program is to provide students with a foundation in trauma-informed care (TIC) 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.
When do you do field?

- Fall 2022: August 23-December 16, 2022
- Winter Term: 5 weeks
- Spring 2023: January-May 2023
- 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 UNI Career Services
3. Good academic standing (3.0 GPA; No more than 6 credits with a C; No incompletes)
   - Primary and Secondary Trauma
   - Systems Redesign
   - MSW Elective
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 (by 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
Placement Policies

- Internship at place of employment BUT different intern experiences & different supervisor
- Typically unpaid but can receive a stipend
- The field program does not grant social work course credit or field hours for life experience or previous social work related experience. The field hours can only be completed through the field instruction course. (*Accreditation Standard 3.1.5*)
- Handout: Hospital/Health care settings
Timelines and Deadlines

- April 11, 2022 - Field Orientation (DONE!!)
- By April 25, 2022 - email word document version of resume to Jenny Becker (Career Services will review and return to you by May 9th)
- Meet with Jenny Becker as needed to discuss options
- By August 1, 2022 - email Jenny Becker revised resume
- By August 1, 2022 - Placement secured and contract turned in
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QUESTIONS?