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 26 - December 20, 2019
- **SPRING**: January 13 - May 8, 2020
- 500-hour minimum requirement
- 250 hours/Fall; 250 hours/Spring
- Approx. 15-16 hours per week
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)

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

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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<th>Cedar Valley 5 Communities</th>
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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
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
- **Student Self-Assessment** - Complete a baseline (TODAY!) and post self-assessment
- **Field Program Evaluation** - Jenny comes into seminar session to administer eval
- **Log of Hours** - Submit at the end of the semester, signed by both the student, agency instructor and faculty liaison

**GRADED**

- **Summaries of Learning**: Submitted throughout semester to the agency supervisor & faculty liaison
- **Seminar** - Attendance and participation in seminars for a minimum of 12 contact hours over the entire field experience (monthly)
- **Agency Presentation during Seminar** - Presentation about your field practicum
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 Faculty Liaison
- Department Head
- Faculty Liaison

Process for Retention Review of a Student
- Formal Review
- Informal Review
- 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 3rd - 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 26 - December 20, 2019
- Winter Break - up to 50 hours of field without approval
- SPRING: January 13 - May 8, 2020
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
Sites looking for MSW Specialization Interns for 2019-2020

- MercyOne Northeast Iowa Cancer Treatment Center, Waterloo
- Riverview Center - Decorah, Manchester, or Oelwein
- CV Hospice, Waterloo
- Tanager Place, Cedar Rapids & other locations
- UNI Counseling Center Case Management
- Central Rivers AEA - Marshalltown location
QUESTIONS?