September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month — a time to raise awareness on this stigmatized, and often taboo, topic. In addition to shifting public perception, we use this month to spread hope and vital information to people affected by suicide.

**Individual Impact:**
- 78% of all people who die by suicide are male.
- Although more women than men attempt suicide, men are nearly 4x more likely to die by suicide.
- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10–34 and the 10th leading cause of death overall in the U.S.
- The overall suicide rate in the U.S. has increased by 35% since 1999.
- 46% of people who die by suicide had a diagnosed mental health condition.
- While nearly half of individuals who die by suicide have a diagnosed mental health condition, research shows that 90% experienced symptoms.


If you need assistance regarding the MSW program, there are many on the Academic Affairs Team poised to assist you with your particular needs. For assistance, please consider the following resources:

- MSW Map for the Journey (New course in Canvas)
- Advising and Registration Questions: Advising and Student Success
- Student Support and Mentoring: Contact your Graduate Student Leader (GSL); if you don’t know who your GSL is, please email Julie Henderson or Nicole Ferguson.
- Field Internship Questions: Office of Field Education
- General Questions: MSW Program Assistant Ginger Jackson

Until a new Director is identified, the Interim Director for Graduate Programs is Associate Dean Dr. Diane Mitschke.

The Archer Fellowship Program at The University of Texas at Arlington

The Archer Fellowship Program provides University of Texas System students the opportunity to live, learn, and intern in Washington, D.C., for a semester (summer for graduate students, fall or spring for undergraduate students). Are you interested in how policy impacts your area of study or future profession? Do you have a passion for policy and/or public service? Learn more about this unparalleled educational and professional opportunity by attending an information session.

Application deadlines: November 3, 2021 (Graduate students only) and February 15, 2022 (Undergraduate students only).

Fall 2021 Virtual Information Sessions for Undergraduate Students
Thursday, September 16 • 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday, October 6 • 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Tuesday, November 9 • 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

RSVP to receive a Zoom link: archercenter.org
Questions? Contact Campus Coordinator Perri Turner at pturner@uta.edu

UTA Tier 1 Announcement
UTA has earned the Texas Tier One designation from the state of Texas!
ADVISING

Feeling a bit lost? Already worrying about Fall as you begin Summer? Start with your Graduate Student Leader! Don’t know who that is? Email Julie Henderson or Nicole Ferguson.

- Need to meet with your advisor but there’s no upcoming appointment available? Drop-in either in person or virtually on Wednesdays. To schedule your 30-minute drop-in time, click here. Be sure to select in-person or virtual and your advisor. Remember, drop-in sessions are on a first come basis.
- Another option if your advisor’s appointment schedule is full is to email them for email advising. Please check advising appointments every Monday when new availability opens up for the coming weeks.
- Don’t need a full advising appointment but have general questions? Join your advisor for their weekly Power Hour!

FIELD PLACEMENTS

General

- InPlace has a new URL! All students, agencies, and Field Instructors will need to use the new URL. [https://inplace.uta.edu/](https://inplace.uta.edu/)
- The InPlace fee is $67 per year or $130 for a lifetime. Each student will need to plan to pay the InPlace fee on the first day of class for that semester they are starting field.
- InPlace Training and Logbook Training can be found here!
- Field forms are available here!
- Field FAQ
- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email ssffield@uta.edu and include a screenshot of the issue.
- Are you a CAP student ready for your advanced field placement? Check out the Funding section for paid opportunities!

- See the Fall 2021 Field Education Calendar [here](https://inplace.uta.edu/).

Spring 2022

- The Spring 2022 Field Application will be open Oct. 01 – Nov. 26, 2021. These dates are subject to change. See the full Spring 2022 Field Education Calendar [here](https://inplace.uta.edu/).
- Read the Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 Field Accommodations [here](https://inplace.uta.edu/).

FIELD POWER HOURS

This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, similar to Office Hours for faculty!

- Foundation MSW
  - Field Advisor: Natalie Mangham
  - 1st & 3rd Monday of the month, 3-4
  - [Click here to join the meeting](https://inplace.uta.edu/).
- CAP & Children & Families
  - Field Advisor: Monica Brown
  - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3-4
  - [Click here to join the meeting](https://inplace.uta.edu/).
- Mental Health
  - Field Advisor: Hector Ramos
  - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3-4
  - [Click here to join the meeting](https://inplace.uta.edu/).
- Aging & Health
  - Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
  - 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 3:30-4
  - [Click here to join the meeting](https://inplace.uta.edu/).

LICENSING

- If you’re in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LMSW licensing exam, click [here](https://inplace.uta.edu/) to request the Dean’s Letter for Licensure, which UTA will send to ASWB. More info can be found on the ASWB site and our SSW licensure page.
- Click [here](https://inplace.uta.edu/) for a recording of our Social Work Licensing Information Session.
- Interested in the LCDC? Scroll to the end of this Licensure webpage and click on the Texas LCDC Licensing 2021 PDF for a chart that shows how different education levels can prepare you for the LCDC.
EVENTS

Register for this free CE event to get actionable interventions and up-to-date insights on topics such as:
- The top assessment tools that can guide treatment
- Applying DBT, CPT, CBT, and IFS treatments for suicidal clients
- What to do with chronic suicidal thoughts that won’t go away
- Working with teens, youth, veterans, and clients
- And MORE! Click here to Register

Free CEU's from Valdosta State Univ.

For All Licensed Clinical Social Workers

Do you need Continuing Education units? Earn those units from the comfort of your office. Click for more information
The University announced recently that students charged Distance Education (DE) fees for Fall 2021 online courses may be eligible for financial aid if they are facing extraordinary educational and economic challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional information, including a University online application form, will be available after September 13 for regular session courses.

The University announcement mentioned only the $25 per credit hour DE Fee. For students taking online School of Social Work classes, you are charged an additional $65 per credit hour DE fee. If you are determined eligible by the University to receive financial aid for the $25 per credit hour of the DE fee and you are a School of Social Work student, then the remaining balance of $65 per credit hour will also be covered. This is in effect for as long as the University continues this waiver program or thru the Spring 2022 semester, whichever comes first. To coordinate with the University, further details regarding this process will be forwarded on or about September 13th.

If you are having challenges paying tuition and fees before fall classes start, it is suggested that you submit a request to the University to be on a payment plan.

If you have questions about your bill please contact Student Accounts.
Rental Assistance Program
The Tarrant County Rental Assistance Program assists residents who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more details, email renthelp@tarrantcounty.com or call 817-850-7940.

Emergency Assistance Fund
UTA students with a temporary financial hardship resulting from a sudden emergency may apply for financial help.

Get Microsoft 365, The Wall Street Journal and Other Apps FREE with your student email!

How to gain access to SSW writing resources: Advising & Student Success Canvas

UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry Distributions
Currently distributing groceries on Thursdays only, from 9-11:45 a.m. and 2-4:45 p.m. To receive these grocery bags you must send an email to utafoodpantry@gmail.com to request a pickup time. Include student name, last four digits of UTA ID, requested grocery pickup time, choice of vegetarian, chicken, or any meat groceries.

If you have any questions or content suggestion for the newsletter, please contact Tuesday Darling: tbd2290@mavs.uta.edu

"At this very moment, there are individuals only you can reach, and differences only you can make in their lives.

-Mike Dooley