Social Justice Spotlight

Military Family Month

Throughout the month of November, worldwide people celebrate Military Family Month. This month recognizes the commitment families make to their service members. Spouses and children are often separated for long periods of time during training or deployment. Communication during this time can be limited. Families are also moving every few years, leaving a community they’ve grown with, and having to start with a new one. Military families create a foundation at home that gives our service people confidence and strength in the field.

Ways to Honor #MilitaryFamilyMonth
• Adopt a military family for the holidays.
• Offer to run errands for military spouses who may have their hands full with their children or even their pets.
• Volunteer or donate services to military organizations.
• Research how legislation impacts our military, veterans, and their families.

Learning more here

Source: https://nationaldaycalendar.com/military-family-month-november/
YOU MATTER

I Bet I Know How You’re Feeling

If I was a betting man, I would put all my money on this: you’re stressed right now, like really stressed! You have too many papers to write about too many things that don’t matter to you, and too little time and physical, mental, and emotional bandwidth to do them. And while I would love to change this educational system into something much less stressful – stress is antithetical to growth and development and education should be exciting and inspiring – and into something more applicable, useful, and meaningful long-term – who remembers what they wrote in their papers last semester? - paper writing and the sometimes not very meaningful assignments is what we’re currently stuck with. So, what can you do to relieve your stress and reconnect with interest, curiosity, excitement, and inspiration in your educational, professional, and personal growth and development?

Now, this is the time or place in these posts where I usually delve into various perspectives or methods you could try, but I’m not going to do that here. I don’t know what makes you, you. I don’t know what makes you tick. I don’t know your interests, your curiosities, your deep and meaningful reasons for taking this educational, professional, and personal journey. But you do! What is it? Why are you here? Why do you want to learn? What do you want to learn? All of these things matter, and the more you’re in touch with them, the more meaningful and exciting - and less stressful - this journey can and will be.

After you’ve really explored these questions for yourself, you may get to the point that you say, “you know what, this class or this assignment doesn’t fit with my purpose and my interests.” And you could very well be right. And if you’re feeling that right now, consider something one of the most successful professors and helping professionals once told me about success in school: “Anything not worth doing is not worth doing well.” Are all of the academic assignments you have right now worth doing well? Honestly, only you can know.

One of the biggest movements in education, currently, is inclusion. And that includes you! Search yourself, your heart, your soul, and find what matters to you. Some assignments, some classes aren’t that important for you and your needs. I’m ok with that if you are.

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COURSE SPOTLIGHT

SOCW 5392.004—Palliative Care Social Work
This course will explore the interprofessional nature of palliative care delivery, and social work’s unique contributions to care of those facing dying. It is designed to introduce students to foundations of palliative care practice and palliative care in the United States healthcare context. Palliative Care Social Work includes an overview of hospice and palliative care particularly as it applies to social workers, interdisciplinary teamwork, pain and symptom management, advanced care planning, ethical issues, cultural issues and diversity, alternative therapies, communication at the end of life, care of the family, death and bereavement, and death literacy.

SOCW 5392.003—Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention
This course will provide students with an overview of the public health problem of suicide, with specific attention to prevention, intervention, and postvention. Students will gain an understanding of suicide epidemiology and underlying theory, as well as risk and protective factors for suicidal thoughts and behaviors. This course will familiarize students with evidence-based practices and ethical considerations with clients engaging in suicidal thoughts and behaviors. Students will learn about state and national strategies for suicide prevention, as well as policies related to suicide. Students will gain skills in assessment and management of suicide risk, intervention and treatment techniques with suicidal clients, and postvention approaches with survivors of suicide loss at the individual, community, and national levels. Req: SOCW 5352
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!

Toy Howard   Mon 10-11   Click here to join the meeting
Valerie Adame Tue 11-12   Click here to join the meeting
Cleondria Marable Thu 11-12   Click here to join the meeting

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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/
• 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 sswfield@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!

Fall 2021

• See the Fall 2021 Field Education Calendar here.

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.
• Read the Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 Field Accommodations here.

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
• CAP & Children & Families
  • Field Advisor: Monica Brown
  • 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3-4
  • Click here to join the meeting
• Mental Health
  • Field Advisor: Hector Ramos
  • 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 3-4
  • Click here to join the meeting
• Aging & Health
  • Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
  • 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 3:30-4
  • Click here to join the meeting

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 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 for a recording of our Social Work Licensing Information Session.
• Interested in the LCDC? Scroll to the end of this Licensing 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.
I M P O R T A N T  D A T E S
FALL 2021

• Nov. 8 Registration begins for Spring
• Nov 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday
• Nov 26 Spring Field Application Deadline
• Dec 7 Last Day of Classes
• Dec 8 Student Study Day
• Dec 9 – 15 Final Exams
• Dec 16 – 18 Commencement Ceremonies
• Dec 16 – Jan 17 Winter Break
• Jan 18 - First Day of Classes

W E E K L Y  G R O U P  S C H E D U L E

MILITARY WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT VIRTUAL GROUP
Monday Evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm
Microsoft Teams
For inquiries, email smcclint@uta.edu
Presented by The School of Social Work Virtuail Clinic

Cocoa & Clubs
December 2, 2021 | 6:00PM TO 7:00PM
Room B107
Join us as we celebrate your hard work this semester with free hot cocoa and snacks!
Connect with student organizations and mingle with friends, faculty and staff.

STUDENTS FOR GLOBAL CHANGE (SGC)
World Earth Day on Wednesday, April 20th
Meet up for a day of action and spread awareness, education, and exposure to projects around the world!
**EVENTS**

On Campus Blood Drive
Monday, November 15 – Thursday, November 18
10:30am – 3:30 pm

**2 Locations** UC Mall (Woolf Hall) & Library Mall

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Get in the Game
Donate Blood

As a thank-you donors will receive a long sleeved shirt!

UC Mall (Woolf Hall) & Library Mall

**Virtual Career Fair**

Same Day Interviews
November 18, 2021

Join Our Team

Working in Your Community to Build and Strengthen Connections

Virtual Career Fair

**Save the Date**

Nov. 16—Cultural Competence & Behavioral Health Webinar

SAMHSA and the HHS Office of Minority Health will convene a webinar:

**Advancing Behavioral Health Equity: CLAS Standards in Action**

November 16, 2:30-3:30 PM ET

**Thanksgiving Cards**

Ventana by Buckner

Join us for an in-person event! We will be making Thanksgiving cards for Senior residents living at Ventana by Buckner in Dallas, Texas.

Thursday November 18, 2021 at 7pm
Health with Heart

**The SSW Connections Tutoring Lab is NOW OPEN!**

Please see the flyer for information and a link to book your 30 minute session—we have virtual and face-to-face slots available to meet your needs.

**Spirituality & Social Work Open Discussion**

Wed. Nov. 17th noon

Topic: The Spirit of Compassion

**Join Us On Teams!**

Winners are announced at the awards banquet Awards are given to individuals who have made significant contributions to the organization's mission.

**Celebrate with Us, November's Thursday Talks & Treats**

Come to the SSW courtyard with your lunch and grab a DESSERT on us!

Eat and discuss the state of affairs for a different cultural group each month and how social workers can support them.

November’s celebration is for American Indian and Alaskan Native Heritage Month
Thursday, November 18th
12:30pm-1:30pm

Come and go event

**Email Here for more info**

**Click Here for more info**
REQUIRED COVID-19 TESTING

Beginning Monday, Sept. 13, students, faculty and staff coming to any UTA campus in any capacity will be selected at random for mandatory COVID-19 testing.

Until further notice, 20% of our campus population, regardless of vaccination status, will be selected each week for testing. Notifications will come from covidtesting@uta.edu, and you will have seven days to get tested after being selected. If you have any questions, contact covidtesting@uta.edu.

UTA has a number of on-campus testing options that meet the required criteria and are free. Results received from an on-campus testing option will automatically be reported to the University with no further action required on your part.

Results from off-campus testing sites will be accepted, though you will not be reimbursed for costs. Test results from an off-campus testing site will be uploaded to the COVID-19 Self Report portal in MyMav.

Remember, if you test positive, please follow the CDC’s isolation protocols and submit the Personal Diagnosis Form.

UTA’s COVID-19 testing resources are always available to you should you need or want a test; you do not need to wait until you are selected for random testing.

Covid-19 Vaccine

Click to find vaccine opportunity.

Listen to UTA public health experts explain why getting a COVID-19 vaccine is beneficial for you and your community.

Required COVID-19 testing and new protective measures for Fall 2021 (English and Español) (uta.edu)

Classroom density, updated info from university on testing and return to campus

Flu Shots

Health Services recommends getting vaccinated by the end of October to be protected against flu before the start of flu season. Email the Immunization Clinic with your name, date of birth, student ID number, and phone number to schedule your free flu shot.

Dean Ryan’s Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities
RESOURCES

**UTA Academic Calendar**

Check Canvas for the MavsUnite Page!
To add please e-mail: Emily Clark

**SAR Center**
(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)

**Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide**

**Managing Stress and Anxiety during COVID-19**
UTA Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

**Thrive App**
Download "Thrive at UT" on App Store or Google Play

**Mavs Talk 24HR Crisis Line**
Call (817)272-8295

**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

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“Speak up if you want to bring change to the world.”
– Dr. DaShanne Spokes