



BSW Weekly Program Update

July 27, 2020



Important Updates

SSW Academic Advising

- All academic advising appointments will be done via phone or Microsoft Teams.

BSW Academic Advisors:

- Last names A-C: Valerie Adame – adamev@uta.edu
- Last names D-Me: Mark Frazier – mark.frazier@uta.edu
- Last names Mi-Z: Keiana Crain (formerly Keiana Green) – Keiana.crain@uta.edu
- The last day to drop a summer course has now passed (Deadline was July 23rd)

Summer Graduation

- The deadline to apply for August graduation passed on July 1. If you missed the deadline you should contact your academic advisor to request to apply late for an additional fee.
- Announcement from Vice President for Student Affairs:**
 - Due to CDC guidelines and state/local orders for gathering, UTA has made the difficult decision to **postpone in-person commencement ceremonies for Summer 2020 graduates**.
 - We are making plans to celebrate our summer graduates while we await the postponed ceremonies, so keep a lookout in your email, mailbox, and our [website](#) once details are finalized.
 - We will continue to evaluate options for rescheduling in-person ceremonies, as we understand the significance of an in-person ceremony to celebrate such a significant and meaningful accomplishment. We have tentatively held the dates of November 19-22, but we will monitor the situation and plan to communicate a decision by October 1, 2020 when we can be informed by the most up-to-date public health guidelines and evaluate the status of the pandemic.

Scholarships

Social Work Scholarships

We still have a couple of scholarships to award!

Undergraduate only:

Mexican American Studies/Diversity Studies (2 awards)

- Must be minoring in Diversity Studies or Mexican American Studies.
- At this time, have you completed at least one Mexican American Studies or Diversity Studies course with a B or higher? Must include Yes
- Undergraduate cumulative GPA must be greater than or equal to 2.5

BSW Field Fall 2020

- All BSW students starting field in Fall 2020 have been placed. If you have questions, please contact your field advisor Sharon Martin (sharon.martin@uta.edu)
- Fall field placements will likely be a mix of face-to-face agency settings, university placements, and alternative remote assignments. We are committed to creative solutions give students are much field experience as possible despite pandemic limitations.
- [InPlace Training](#) can be found here!

Instructional Plans for Fall Courses

- Courses originally listed in MyMav as face to face will now be offered as Online 1 (asynchronous), Online 2 (synchronous), Hybrid 1 or Hybrid 2.
- [This website](#) explains what each of these modalities will look like.
- Course modalities are listed as Course Attribute the MyMav class search function between Section and Days/Times. Here is an example showing "Online 2" and a "Hybrid 2" sections of SOCW 3308:

SOCW 3308 - SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH METHODS				
Class	Section	Course Attribute	Days & Times	Instructor
8209	001-LEC	Regular	ONLINE - TuTh 2:00PM - ONLINE2 2:00PM	TBA
Course Attribute: ONLINE: ONLINE2				
Course Attribute Description: All instruction and tests online. All classes and tests online - synchronous				
9011	002-LEC	Regular	HYBRID - Th 7:00PM - HYBRID2 9:00PM	TBA
Course Attribute: ONLINE: ONLINE2				
Course Attribute Description: Online with some in person requirements. Meets on campus one day per week				

- Courses originally planned as online (OFF WEB) prior to the pandemic will remain so. Here is an example:

SOCW 3318 - SCREENING, ASSESSMENT, & ENGAGEMENT				
Class	Section	Course Attribute	Days & Times	Instructor
9271B	001-LEC	Regular	ONLINE - TBA	OFF WEB
Course Attribute: ONLINE: ONLINE2				
Course Attribute Description: All classes and tests online - asynchronous. All instruction and tests online				

- Please [submit questions here](#) about the modes of instruction.
- Students who register for fall courses and later decide drop a course can get a full tuition refund **if** the class is dropped before the first day of courses.

We Need Your Feedback!

Social work students - we need your help in learning about the impact of COVID-19 on your social work education and personal well-being. Students who participate in the survey are eligible to win one of twenty-five \$20 Amazon gift cards. To learn more about the study click here ([attached](#)). This survey will take 20 minutes or less to complete. Please contact Dr. Micki Washburn (micki.washburn@uta.edu) with any questions or concerns. This study has been approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of the University of Texas at Arlington.

To participate in this survey please click the following link https://uhsocialwork.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aV0B0FvgtAxReif

Have you considered the SUT Minor?

THE WORLD TALKS ABOUT CHANGE; WE CREATE CHANGE.

In Texas specifically, an aging mental health workforce, the scarcity of training programs, insufficient internship sites, and outdated education and training practices, all contribute to the **growing shortage of mental health and substance use professionals**.

A significant number of clients you will see as a social worker will be suffering the disease of addiction. Obtaining the Substance Use Treatment (SUT) minor will put you in the unique category of service providers skilled at social work and possessing a strong foundation and knowledge base of substance use disorders and treatment. The SUT minor satisfies the educational requirements for the Texas Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor Intern (LDCI) Certification. *If you have already taken SOCW 3315, you can enroll in SOCW 3318!* Below are the courses required:

SCREENING, ASSESSMENT, & ENGAGEMENT - SOCW 3318

Students are introduced to interviewing techniques, assessment, screening and diagnostic instruments, screening instruments. Students learn to assess suicide risk, readiness for change and families. Students learn to diagnose substance use disorders, accompanied by criteria for intoxication, withdrawal, substance/medication-induced disorders and unspecified substance-induced disorders, where relevant. Prerequisite: SOCW 3315.

TREATMENT PLANNING, COLLABORATION & REFERRAL - SOCW 3319

This course will address the clinical application of the transtheoretical model of behavior change in the treatment planning, documentation and delivery of treatment services for substance use disorders and related behaviors throughout the continuum of care. Prerequisite: SOCW 3318 and SOCW 3315.

SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT - SOCW 3321

Students will learn and acquire the special skills in assisting individuals, families, and groups through counseling, Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, 12-step programs, nutrition and exercise, meditation, and other treatment options. Prerequisite: SOCW 3319.

USL Recruitment



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS OPEN!

Be the voice and advocate for other students through their journey in the BSW program. Connect with leaders like you who are involved and passionate about social work. Receive leadership training and provide mentorship for BSW students just like you!

Hurry and don't miss out—

[USL applications](#) are open until **Monday August 3rd**.

YOU MATTER!

What's In Your Cup?

Have you heard the advice "you can't pour from an empty cup"? To me, it seems to be a great mental image that reflects the importance of taking care of yourself so that you can best care for others. But there might be a problem...

Recently in a conversation with students about self-care, I realized that this advice is incomplete. There is something so important that this guidance doesn't consider. While the group talk continued around me, I had to stop and ask myself a few critically important questions...

What is pouring from my cup? What am I filling myself, my mind, my body, my spirit/soul with?

What goes in, what we input, what we fill our cups with, essentially, is what comes out. My self-examination continued...

First, am I attentive to and aware of how much is in my cup? Do I know when it's best for me to fill again, at half cup or fully drained and empty? Am I filling my cup with what is good and what I want to give: gratitude, compassion, patience, acceptance, peace, and love? Or am I simply filling my cup with whatever is quick and easy?

So now I turn to you...

What is pouring from your cup? What are you filling yourself, your mind, your body, your spirit/soul with?

Fill your cup as though what goes in is what and how you will share with others... because it just might be!



If you like You Matter posts and want to explore them more deeply, please consider joining us for a Wounded Healers meeting. You can find us on Teams!

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

Lincoln Center's ADA in the Arts Series



July 26, 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the most significant Civil Rights legislation establishing the right for people with disabilities to participate fully in civic life. To mark this momentous anniversary, we're highlighting the work of disabled artists and reflecting on how the ADA has shaped the arts. Through streamed performances and interactive virtual workshops and tours that include audio description, ASL interpretation, and captioning, we celebrate this milestone and lift up the need for a more inclusive and just future. Free!

[See Events and Register Here](#)

New York Times's Series on "The ADA at 30"



The A.D.A. at 30: [Beyond the Law's Promise](#)

Explores how the Americans with Disabilities Act has shaped modern life for people with disabilities in the 30 years since it was passed, including features on "Disability Pride: The High Expectations of a New Generation," "Building Accessibility into America, Literally," "Overlooked No More: Brad Lomax, a Bridge Between Civil Rights Movements," and "Krip-Hop Nation Showcases Rappers with Disabilities," among others.

Email communication from Dr. Sarah F. Rose

Stay Safe

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BACK TO SCHOOL FAQ

COVID-19

Any new protocols?

UTA is requiring all students, faculty, and even visitors to wear face masks while indoors on campus. You don't have to wear one outdoors, although it is heavily advised.

So where exactly do I have to wear a mask?

It's required in every building on campus but not necessary in residence halls, apartment complexes, or private offices. It's also recommended to wear one on shuttle buses or at crowded events.

What happens if I test positive for COVID-19?

Most important of all, STAY HOME. Self isolate from roommates or family members the best you can. Let professors know of your diagnosis so they can accommodate your needs, and afterwards, report your personal diagnosis to UTA for campus safety purposes.

What happens if I come into contact with someone who tested positive?

Self isolate for 14 days. Get tested if possible. It's imperative you fill out the exact locations that contact occurred through this form for the safety of other students.

Can I still apply for the CARES Act fund?

Absolutely! You must fit federal eligibility criteria that includes completing FAFSA and being a domestic and documented student. You can apply on your MyMav account. If you're ineligible, you can instead apply for UTA's Emergency Assistance Fund.

Which of my classes are going to be online?

For Fall 2020, classes will be taught either face-to-face, online, or as a hybrid. Scan this QR code for the full list!

Face Covering Protocol:

To create the safest possible environment on campus, UTA implemented a mandatory face-covering protocol, effective until further notice.

For more information, click [here](#).

Have you tested positive? Had close contact with someone with Covid?

- Complete mandatory reporting form**
- If needed, you can:
 - Withdraw from summer classes ([Forms](#) on the website)
 - Ask professors for deadline leniency
 - Consider requesting an Incomplete
 - Consider your [USL](#), Program Director and/or Academic Advisor for additional support and guidance.

If you have concerns or questions about Fall , you can fill out [this form](#).

Spotlight Webinar of the Week

Influencing Social Policy and the National Association of Social Workers present a webinar

The Art of Policy Practice

Navigating the Legislative Process

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020 • 3:30 - 5:00 PM (ET)

Sarah Butts
Director of Public Policy
National Association of Social Workers

Nancy Kay Blackwell
Executive Director
Congressional Research Institute on Adoption Institute

Michael Sherraden
Founding Director
Center for Social Development
The Brown School

Charles E. Lewis, Jr.
Congressional Research Institute for Social Work and Policy
Moderator

Webinar Library

Isabella Hong, an MSW Student, has so graciously compiled a list of webinar resources and a video going over the basic functioning of Teams to any who may need assistance.

Please note that it is necessary to ask your supervisor permission for these to count towards any required field hours.

This list is updated weekly!

[Social Work Webinars List](#)

[Basic Function of Teams](#)

RESOURCES

Dean Ryan's Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities

The Lifeline is **FREE**, confidential, and always available.

HELP a loved one, friend, or yourself.

Community crisis centers answer Lifeline calls.

Learn the Warning Signs.

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

suicidepreventionlifeline.org

MAVS talk

24 HOUR CRISIS LINE

817-272-TALK (8255)

WWW.UTA.EDU/CAPS

503 RANDOLPH HALL

Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide

How to gain access to SSW writing resources:

[Advising & Student Success Canvases](#)

In Crisis? Text HELLO to 741741

800-975-7272 | Text 741741 Confirmed

UTA Library Accessibility

Emergency Assistance Fund

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

If you believe you have contracted COVID19, please type in "COVID-19 Testing" and your zip code into the Texas Health and Human Services to [find a testing location closest to you](#)

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County

Curbside meal distribution will occur Monday - Friday from 4-6pm.

Distribution Locations:

East Branch 2012 Wynn Mesquite	Endless Branch 4012 Wynn Ave Ft Worth, TX 76103	Main Branch 4012 Wynn Ave Ft Worth, TX 76103
Martin Branch 2012 Wynn Ft Worth, TX 76103	NW Branch 2012 Wynn Ave Ft Worth, TX 76103	Palmer Branch 2012 Wynn Ave Ft Worth, TX 76103

At All Welcome!

• No appointment necessary

• Meals will be prepared and served on a first-come, first-served basis

• A meal can be requested to receive additional packaged meals and bottled water to take home

• Healthy eating resources provided with each meal

First Come, First Served!

Parkland Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available for students who are experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at (817) 255-1234.

Texas Health and Human Services COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line

If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed by the COVID-19 pandemic, help is available.

Speak with a mental health professional for help dealing with anxiety, depression, stress, grief or worry 24/7.

Call the toll-free COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line at 833-986-1919.

Want to help improve campus mental health services?

Be a part of a research study on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on campus mental health services. If you are a student at the University of Texas at Arlington, you are eligible to participate. The study will be conducted by the Center for Social Work and Policy.

LENDING A HAND

COVID-19 has severely affected North Texas communities. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many families to lose their jobs and income. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many families to lose their jobs and income. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many families to lose their jobs and income.

UTA Academic Calendar

SSW Commencement Info

If you have any questions or content suggestions for the newsletter, please contact Jessica Minnier. jac4808@mavs.uta.edu

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Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.
- The Lorax by Dr. Seuss

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