April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

“Since 2001, NSVRC has coordinated the national Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign observed every April. This year’s theme is ‘We Can Build Safe Online Spaces.’ Join the campaign by accessing free resources at nsvrc.org/saam.

The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence, educate communities on how to prevent it and bolster prevention efforts throughout the year. Free online campaign materials include resources on online abuse and trauma, digital consent, keeping kids safe online and building safe online communities. NSVRC has also developed virtual event templates to help individuals and organizations host their own online events.

“Sexual Assault Awareness Month isn’t just about raising awareness; it’s also about prevention,” said Laura Palumbo, Communications Director at NSVRC. “We can stop sexual harassment and abuse before it happens by addressing the bigger picture in which it occurs. The ‘We Can Build’ campaign calls on leaders and individuals to play a role in creating safe online communities and stepping in when harmful behaviors occur online.”"


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Environmental Justice in Social Work

Many people enjoy the outdoors. You may have enjoyed playing outside or camping with friends and family members.

According to Christina Erickson, MSW, PhD, most of her childhood was spent enjoying nature. She loved to go camping or ride her bike to work. Once completing her Masters in Social Work, Dr. Erickson that love turned into a passion for planet Earth. Therefore, she found a way to incorporate environmental justice within Social Work.

Have you ever thought, what can I do to improve your environment? How can I improve environmental struggles as a Social Worker? If so, check out this course on our UTA website. https://catalog.uta.edu/search/?P=SOCW%203310

Best Wishes, Andwelah Givens
Undergraduate Student Leader
The University of Texas at Arlington
When Friday, April 14 at 10:00am to 11:00am
Weekly Power Hour with Academic Advisor Kyleigh Easter, M.Ed and Peer Advisor as assigned. General Q&A will be available at end of the presentation.

Click here to join via Teams:

Licensing

- If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LBSW 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.
- 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.

MSW Admissions

Did you know that if you pursue your MSW at UTA within 6 years of graduating with your BSW, you can finish your Masters in as fast as 1 year? We accept MSW admissions on a rolling basis. The admissions calendar can be found here. If you have any questions about the process of applying to the MSW, please contact leslie.reyna@uta.edu

Important Dates

Spring 2023
- April 23rd - Registration begins for Summer 2023 & Fall 2023.
- May 2nd - Last day of classes
- May 12th: Grades Due

Field Placement
Spring 2023

- All students, agencies, and Field Instructors should use this URL for InPlace: 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!
- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email sswfield@uta.edu and include a screenshot of the issue.
- Field forms are available here!
- Field FAQ
- Contact Sharon Martin, LMSW, Field Advisor, with any questions! You can also connect with her during her Field Power Hours every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month from 3:00-3:30. Click here to join the meeting

- The Summer 2023 Field Application will be open Feb. 01 – March. 31st, 2023. These dates are subject to change. See the full Summer 2023 Field Education Calendar here.
Lotus Laureate Graduate Celebration
Asian, Pacific Islander, and Desi-American Graduation is hosting for the first time a celebration for Spring 2023 graduates! For more information click here: Students graduating in 2023 are invited and need to RSVP Click here to RSVP

Graduation Celebrations

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON
School of Social Work
Invites you and your family to a Post-Commencement Reception in recognition of your outstanding student achievements
Friday, May 12th, 2023
Immediately after Commencement School of Social Work Building 501 W Mitchell St., Arlington, TX 76019
Please stop by for refreshments, photos, and a tour of the new School of Social Work building!

Celebrando el Éxito
Spring 2023 UTA Latino Achievement Ceremony
May 4, 2023
SAVE the DATE

It’s time to celebrate the UTA Graduates in Spring 2023 who identify as LGBTQ+. This is a celebration that family, friends, and supporters can come to recognize the students that have succeeded and overcome any barriers that have come their way.
Students can fill out this form to RSVP for the event: https://bit.ly/SP23UTALavGrad

If you need accommodations to participate, please contact the LGBTQ+ Program at 817-272-5847 or LGBTQ@uta.edu at least five days prior to the event date.
Consider Project Match Made in Schools (Project MMS) and join a cohort of future educators and social workers committed to teaching/practice and holistically supporting some of the nation's most vulnerable students. The program pays for 100% of tuition and partial fees for one year towards a master's degree. The next round of interviews will be at the beginning of May. Students should apply ASAP to guarantee their spot click here to join. Click here: for more information!

Are you Interested in becoming a USL for Summer 2023? Click here for the USL application: You can also reach out to Maria Cruz or Laina Scivally For any questions about the USL program. THANK YOU!
Upcoming Events

**Survivors Unite Webinar Series**

**What Is IPV?**

Intimate Partner Violence is one of the leading forms of violence in the U.S. This webinar series will teach you how to identify and support victims of Domestic Violence and IPV.

**APRIL 12th: Identifying**
Learn how to sight the signs of a relationship with IPV.

**APRIL 19th: Assessment**
Prepare to reduce exposure to violence with this assessment tool.

**APRIL 20th: Planning**
Discover safety planning skills that will improve your community health & safety.

**Join Us**

In Partnership With

AmeriCorps - Arizona State University

**School of Social Work/CONHI Smart Hospital Building Ribbon Cutting**

**Child Protective Services Conservatorship Worker Statewide Virtual Career Fair**

**Same Day Interviews**

**April 13, 2023**

Please RSVP: https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Jobs/job_fairs.asp

**Who we are**
- We are passionate
- We are flexible
- We are driven
- We have a strong work-ethic
- We love the work we do

**What we do**
- Responsible for a child’s welfare whenever they are removed from their home.
- Work closely with parents, extended family, and legal parties to help children find a permanent, safe place to live.

**What we offer**
- 100% employer-paid healthcare
- Health and wellness programs
- Retirement planning
- Tuition reimbursement
- Promotional opportunities
- Holiday, annual, & sick leave
- Paid classroom and field training

**Be Essential. Make a Difference.**

**Join Our Team**

Working in Your Community to Build and Strengthen Families

**Deaf Coffee Chat**

**Last Thursday of every month**
5:00pm - 7:00pm

**Second Sunday of every month**
3:00pm - 8:00pm

**Location:**
Inclusion Coffee
101 E Abram St #110
Arlington, TX 76010

**Time and location**

Friday, April 14 at 2:00pm
School of Social Work/CONHI Smart Hospital
Building 501 W. Mitchell, Arlington, TX 76010
My name is Traecia Nichols, I am the Student Success Coordinator for the School of Social Work. In my role I work with students who are facing crises and need help accessing university and community resources. This section will consist of resources that are available to you as a student. If you need anything of resources or have any questions or concerns, please contact me at traecia.nichols@uta.edu

Sincerely,
Traecia

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

CONFIDENTIAL ADVOCATE

The RVSP Confidential Advocate, Tiffany Bland (she/her/hers), facilitates a victim-centered, social justice, and trauma-informed approach to facilitate support and advocacy services for victims and survivors of sexual and/or relationship violence. When seeking support, the confidential advocate’s priority is to ensure the student feels safe, is academically successful, and feels supported.

For Questions about CONFIDENTIAL ADVOCATE contact:
Phone: 817-272-3947
Address: Ransom Hall Suite 301
Arlington, Tx 76019
Website: https://www.uta.edu/student-affairs/rvsp/contact

If you have any questions or content suggestion for the newsletter, please contact Maria Cruz mxc5965@mavs.uta.edu