National Volunteer Week
April 17th – 23rd

During this third week of April, we observe National Volunteer Week. During this time, we have a chance to thank those who volunteer around us and across the country. Many organizations depend on volunteers to stay running and provide services that would otherwise not be available.

HOW TO OBSERVE
• Thank a volunteer you know.
• Step up and volunteer in your community.
• Share your experiences as a volunteer. You might inspire someone to be like you!
• Visit www2.pointsoflight.org to find out more about National Volunteer Week and find out how you can make a difference.
• Use #NationalVolunteerWeek to share on social media.

Source: https://www.pointsoflight.org/nvw/
The Bachelor of Science in Substance Use & Treatment (BSSUT) “The degree will use a multidisciplinary approach to understand the biological, psychological and social aspects of substance misuse,” said Scott Ryan, dean of the School of Social Work. “Its curriculum for assessment and treatment methods for substance misuse are based on evidence-informed and research-supported practices that will enable students and future professionals to understand and treat individuals, families, groups and communities while preparing graduates for careers in this field.”

Continue reading here
David Waters
david.waters@uta.edu
Dr. Allison Tomlinson, PhD, LCSW-S
allison.tomlinson@uta.edu
For more info and FAQ’s Click Here
Degree Progress Worksheet Click Here

COURSE SPOTLIGHT

Environmental Justice & Green Social Work
Fall 2022

Topics include:
- Environmental Racism
- Ecological issues for children, older adults, women, and low-income populations
- Climate-forced Migration
- Natural Disaster Response
- Health & The Environment
- Ecotherapy for Mental Health
- Environmental Policy
- Micro and Macro Level Advocacy Strategies

SOCW 3310 (Undergraduate) / SOCW 5310 (Masters)
Environmental Justice & Green Social Work
Modality: Online- Asynchronous (with recorded lectures and optional live sessions)
Instructor: Karen Magruder, LCSW-S
Assistant Professor of Practice
karen.magruder@uta.edu

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING 2022

- April 4th – Registration Begins for Summer and
- April 23rd – Summer Field Application Due
- April 26th – Last day to drop from 2nd-8 week sessions
- May 2nd – Fall Field Application Opens
- May 3rd – Last day of classes
- May 12 – 14th – Commencement Ceremonies

Lavender Graduation
April 19th - 6:00PM - Rio Grande

It's time to celebrate the UTA Graduates in Spring 2022 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://forms.office.com/r/7Vdh8GmnpqC

If you need accommodations to participate, please contact the LGBTQ+ Program at 817-272-9047 or LGBTQ+@uta.edu at least two days prior to the event date.
 ADVISING

• 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.

• If your advisor’s appointment schedule is full, please consider emailing them for email-advising, or attend their weekly Power Hour. Please check advising appointments every Monday when new availability opens up for the coming weeks.

BSW Academic Advisors:
• Valerie Adame – adamev@uta.edu
• Sabrina Earle – sabrina.earle@uta.edu

 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

 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. Click here for a recording of our Social Work Licensing Information Session, held in April 2021.
• 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.

 FIELD PLACEMENTS

• 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

 SPRING 2022

• See the Spring 2022 Field Education Calendar here.

 SUMMER 2022

• The Summer 2022 Field Application is now open.
• Application Deadline is April 23, 2022.
• See the Summer 2022 Field Education Calendar for Block here and for Split here. InPlace fee is due on the first day of class
The School of Social Work Virtual Clinic
Need additional support? The School of Social Work Virtual Clinic offers FREE services. Support groups are offered virtually, weekly to BSW students. Please email SSWVirtualClinic@uta.edu for more information.

Weekly Virtual Support Group Schedule

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Mentorship Opportunity

Arlington ISD is looking to set up some of their students with mentors. Help support our community schools!

If interesting, please reach out to Stephanie Tucker at stephanie.tucker@mavs.uta.edu
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April 20

The Celebration of Gerontology and Social Work Alumni in the Aging Network

AUGUST 29
12:00 - 1:30
RM# B-107
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK BUILDING

JOIN US FOR LUNCH FOLLOWED BY AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEED NETWORK WITH MULTIPLE SOCIAL WORK AGENCIES & ALUMNI!!

RSVP BY APRIL 20
BY CLICKING HERE OR SCANNING THE QR CODE

For more info please reach out to noellefields@uta.edu

APRIL 2022 (VIRTUAL)
THURSDAY TALKS & TREATS

Discuss the state of affairs for a different cultural/heritage/religious group each month and how social workers can support them.

April's celebration is for Arab American Heritage Month!
Thursday, April 21st from 12:00pm - 1:30pm

The April celebration will be held via Teams. Please drop in!

https://bit.ly/5JaKUkG

Naser Abusaad, P.E., AICP

President of CMI Associates—a Texas-based transportation planning and design consulting firm, Naser offers over 30 years of experience in transportation planning in Texas. His experience includes major investment studies, complex alternatives analyses, route feasibility studies, preliminary design, environmental analyses, and public engagement. He has completed numerous projects for the Texas Department of Transportation, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, North Texas Tollway Authority, and local governments.
JOB & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PATHFINDERS
Bilingual Spanish Financial Coach Financial Social Worker
Job Description

Pathfinders is a GuideStar Platinum non-profit agency and recognized leader in the community with the mission of empowering individuals and families to live their lives with dignity and self-sufficiency. Our programs support people who are striving to become independent and financially stable.

We are seeking a highly motivated self-starter who has the ability to build effectively and comfortably with others we serve. BethanyFinancial Coach must be able to work independently and as a part of a team at both PATHFINDERS and New Beginnings.

The Bilingual Financial Coach will assist participants in the goal planning and implementation of corrective measures in the area of budgeting, credit counseling, savings, debt reduction, and enrollment. The role requires the ability to work with individuals who have complex needs and be comfortable communicating in a culturally competent manner with diverse clients.

Responsibilities and Duties:
- Conduct personal financial counseling sessions
- Develop and implement a personalized budget plan
- Assist participants with accessing community resources
- Participate in group counseling sessions

Requirements and Expectations:
- Must be bilingual in Spanish and English
- Basic computer skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to work flexible hours

Pathfinders provides a competitive salary and benefits package.

VFC Program 

The VFC Program is a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National School Lunch Program and Breakfast Program authorized by the Child Nutrition Act of 1966. The current program is sponsored by PATHFINDERS.

Experiences, Skills, and Abilities:
- Experience with personal financial management and understanding of financial planning
- Excellent public speaking skills
- Ability to perform financial counseling sessions with individuals, couples, and families
- Experience in budgeting
- Experience in helping clients understand and manage their money
- Experience in working with diverse populations
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing
- Excellent organizational and problem-solving skills

Starting Date: Immediately

Salary: Competitive salary

Benefits:
- Competitive salary
- Comprehensive benefits package
- 401K with employer matching
- Paid time off
- Health insurance
- Dental insurance
- Vision insurance
- Life insurance

Contact Information:
Like us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pathfindersées
Follow us on Twitter: @PathfindersEés
Follow us on Instagram: @PathfindersEés

You/Can Make A Difference!
APPLY FOR A
Internship!

AB CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER
AMERICORPS VISTA
SERVANT LEADER INTERN

Requirements:
- Be enrolled in college or recent college graduate
- Be able to commit 10 weeks full-time
- Have a positive attitude

Apply Here:

Hiring Peer Educators
TRIO Student Support Services

Start date flexible
Summer or Fall!

Apply on Handshake
job#611917

UTA Student Assistant
WAS 10 Peer Educator Center

Hiring in ALL subject areas!

Camp Volunteers Needed

Dates: July 31st - August 5th, 2022
Location: Camp El Tesoro
Granbury, Texas

Volunteer Positions:
- Cabin Counselor: Stay in a cabin with a group of children for the week
- Support Buddy: Be a one-on-one buddy for a child that needs extra support at camp
- Camp Nurse: Certified medical professional to assist with medication and first aid

Complete your application HERE!
STAY SAFE

Covid-19 Vaccine

Contact covidvaccine@uta.edu with any questions. If the dates and times of these clinics don’t work for you, the COVID-19 vaccine is free and widely available in Arlington and surrounding communities. To find a vaccine or booster near you, enter your zip code into the CDC’s COVID-19 vaccine finder.

Click Here for more information.

Required COVID-19 testing and new protective measures for Spring 2022 (English and Español) (uta.edu)
Classroom density, updated info from university on testing and return to campus

Dean Ryan’s Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities

As a phoenix rises from the ashes...

TITLE IV-E STIPEND FOR BSW/MSW STUDENTS

FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN:

HOW TO APPLY

1. Apply for the Title IV-E Stipend by February 28th, 2022
2. Provide a statement of interest
3. Submit a resume
4. Participate in a brief interview

IMPORTANT INFO:

Participants are expected to work full-time at a Title IV-E eligible agency.

Are you a social work student interested in advocacy? Want to learn more? Research Participants wanted.

This research study is about whether a short training in digital advocacy can help social work students learn more about and feel more confident engaging in digital advocacy.

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This study is online, self-paced, and will take 60 minutes to complete.

Participants will receive a free digital advocacy certificate and be entered into a $20 gift card raffle.

To participate, go to https://wsedu.questionpro.com/digitaladvocacy

Research Study on the Impact of COVID-19 on Latina Dreamers

Are you a female DACA participant (Dreamer)?
Are you currently enrolled in a college or university in Texas?
Are you interested in discussing how COVID-19 has impacted different areas of your life?

If you are interested, please go to this link below or scan the QR code to complete the online screening.
http://wsedu.surveyanywhere.com/t/7X symptomcheck

Summer Scholarship Applications are now open until April 22nd. Click Here

Click Here for more information.
Check Canvas for the MavsUnite Page!
To add please e-mail: Emily Clark

MANAGING STRESS AND ANXIETY DURING COVID-19
UTA COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

THERAPIST ASSISTED ONLINE (TAO)
Visit TAOconnect.org

MAVS TALK 24HR CRISIS LINE
Call (817)272-8255

THrive APP
Download "Thrive at UT" on App Store or Google Play

Visit uta.edu/caps for more information

The 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

"Helping is self-satisfaction and not expecting anything in return, a volunteer act."
— Babuschka Lorenz