Earth Day is an annual holiday that demonstrates support for environmental protection. It began in 1970 on the first anniversary of the 1969 Santa Barbara Oil Spill. This year’s theme is Restore Our Earth and is focused on how we can prevent the coming disasters of climate change and environmental destruction. This week, EARTHDAY.ORG and others have organized three different climate action summits that will address climate literacy, environmental justice, and youth-led climate-focused issues. This will be the second year that EARTHDAY.ORG hosts a livestream event featuring global activists, international leaders, and influencers. The Biden Administration will also hold a parallel leader’s summit on Earth Day.

Learn more here: https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/

*Students who are interested in how climate change impacts vulnerable communities are encouraged to speak with their advisor about enrolling in the Fall 2023 course offering: SOCW Environmental Justice & Green Social Work.

Reference: Karen Magruder
Are you prepared for Life After Graduation?

Serious question: what is your purpose for being here? I mean, you entered and stayed in this program for a reason, right? Yes, you did! Why else would you dedicate thousands of dollars and countless hours of your life toward earning your degree in social work? So, what are you doing now to ensure all your efforts, money and time are not all for nought by the time you graduate? If you have not already, I recommend you take some time to seriously consider what your career goals are for when you graduate. Think about your passions and the reasons you decided to embark on this journey in the first place, and then use that knowledge to research agencies and organizations which share your same values. Other actions you should be taking include networking, building rapport with your professors and field supervisors, asking for letters of recommendation, volunteering, attending career fairs and seeking guidance from your advisors. Although it may seem daunting to think about life after graduation, it will be here sooner than you think. Prepare yourself now for the best possible outcome I know you are all capable of. Unlike the great words of Cher, I really DO think you're strong enough!

Best Wishes,
Jordon Ward
Graduate Student Leader at The University of Texas at Arlington

Get to know your USL

Alaa Alises

Hi! My name is Alaa Alises and this is my second semester serving as a USL. In my third year, I was a research assistant in the Attention, Memory and Aging lab in the psychology department and our project made it to finals in the Discover Symposium. I plan on continuing my education to obtain my MSW here at UTA and become a licensed clinical social worker. After my MSW, I want to practice in the field of therapy and mental health, especially focusing on the Muslim and Arab community and help get rid of the stigma behind mental health. In the future, I hope to continue to earn my PhD in Psychology and continue with practice in therapy while also teaching at the university level and research. Outside of academia, I like to go to the gym and binge watch The Office! I am very excited to be a USL this semester and help support you all!
**ADVISING**

Need to meet with an 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.

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**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](mailto:leslie.reyna@uta.edu)

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**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 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.

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**Important Dates**

**Spring 2023**

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

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**FIELD PLACEMENT Summer 23**

- All students, agencies, and Field Instructors should use this URL for InPlace: [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!
- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email [sswfield@uta.edu](mailto: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

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!
**Location:** Dallas, TX  
**Job Title:** Student Technician  
**Description**  
The Student Technician I will provide project managers and staff with administrative and technical support for Healthy Living research projects.  
Please [click here to apply](#).
Upcoming Events

Take Over Our Social Media

Want to showcase your pride as a UTA Social Worker? Send us clips of your day as a “Social Work Student” for an opportunity to have them featured on our social media channels.

1. Take video of at least 3 daily activities
2. Voice recording of you narrating your day
3. Package all files via WeTransfer or zip
4. Submit files to SSW Marketing Coordinator

For More Information Contact: jobanet.flores@uta.edu

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Click here to sign up for In Person
Located at E.H. Hereford University Center (UC)
Red River Room (2nd floor)
300 W. First Street, Arlington, TX 76017
Can’t make it person attend through Teams click here:

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YOU'RE INVITED

MILITARY CHILDREN’S GALA

Join the Cohen Clinic at Metrocare as we celebrate military kids this Month of the Military Kid! Dance the night away and enjoy games, food, a photo booth and fun for all!

APRIL 29 • SATURDAY • 6PM TO 8PM
METROCARE SERVICES
1345 RIVER BEND DRIVE
DALLAS, TX 75247

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Thank you to our sponsors and partners:

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*All children must be accompanied by an adult. We encourage everyone to come dressed in their finest formal attire. If ticket cost is a barrier, please email us.

Questions? Contact: Tanya.Mac@metrocareservices.org
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

Student Employment
The Division employs over 500 students in various capacities. We use Handshake as our application platform, and we'd love you to learn more about the variety of opportunities across the division by looking at our Student Employment page.

To find the current listing of job opportunities follow the link below.

Website: https://www.uta.edu/student-success/about/employment

UTA's Career Center's Resume Guide

+ Reach out to UTA's Career Center to set an appointment for assistance.
https://www.uta.edu/student-affairs/careers/students-alumni/services-offerings/appointments

+ Here is a pre recorded video from UTA's Career Center on resume instructions.
https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/6ded65c5-0c1b-423c-a603-951d12eddb1?referrer=https://www.uta.edu/

+ If you would like to enroll in a UTA Career Center Resume course click here:
https://uta.instructure.com/enroll/P9XTGK

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