Embracing Abilities!

July is a month of celebration and awareness, it serves to highlight and honor the rights, achievements, and challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. Disability awareness pride month aims to foster inclusivity, understanding, and equality within society. Throughout the month, various events, campaigns, and initiatives are organized to promote disability awareness and educate the public about the diverse abilities and talents of individuals with disabilities. These celebrations not only acknowledge the resilience and strength of the disabled community but also strive to create a more accessible and inclusive world where everyone can thrive and contribute their unique perspectives and talents. July's disability awareness celebration serves as a reminder of the importance of embracing diversity, removing barriers, and building a society that values and supports the rights and well-being of all individuals.
Hi everyone! My name is Emily Rappaport, and this is my second semester as an Undergraduate Student Leader. I am a transfer student here at UTA. I am in the third semester of my BSW and hope to complete my MSW here at UTA as well, what practice would I focus on you ask? Well, that is the fun of Social Work, there are so many options; I am still curious what is out there! I hope everyone has a great Summer semester! I am so excited for this opportunity to serve other peers.

As your fast-paced summer semester comes to an end you can harness the power of journaling to navigate challenges, gain insights, and foster personal growth. Journaling is a simple and effective method of understanding your thoughts and feelings, as well as, managing anxiety, reducing stress, coping with depression, and identifying triggers. To incorporate journaling into your routine, follow these steps:

1- Designate a notebook and pen solely for your journaling practice.
2- Find a comfortable and distraction-free place and time that work best for you.
3- Explore different forms of expression, whether it’s writing, drawing, or using prompts.
4- Personalize your journaling experience or seek inspiration from online resources.
5- Keep your journal in a safe and accessible location.

By engaging in consistent journaling, you can empower yourself to reflect on your experiences, gain clarity, and foster personal growth. Embrace the power of journaling as a tool for self-discovery and empowerment as you conclude your fast-paced summer semester.
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

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**Important Dates**

**Summer 2023**

- July 21\textsuperscript{st} Last day to drop
- July 27\textsuperscript{th} Summer movie series
- August 9\textsuperscript{th} Last day of class
- August 10\textsuperscript{th} Final exams
- August 11\textsuperscript{th} Final exams
- August 21\textsuperscript{st} First Day of Fall Classes

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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 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](#)

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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 [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.

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**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.
Upcoming Events

Virtual Career Fairs
for Child Protective Services Conservatorship

Who we are:
• We are passionate
• We are flexible
• We are driven
• We are essential
• We have a strong work ethic
• We love the work we do

Join Our Team
Scan to RSVP today!

Summer Movie Series

Event Details
6 - 8 PM
ROOM 104 & 105
501W Mitchell St
Arlington, TX 76010

Joining Online? Click Here!
Follow-up discussion on disability rights and Advocacy.
Crip Camp Trailer

Food will be served!

Opioid Endemic & Sex Trafficking Awareness in Rural Texas

Guest speakers will discuss the opioid endemic during the event’s morning sessions and sex trafficking in rural Texas during afternoon sessions.

Registration
Limited to 100 in-person attendees. The first 50 participants from rural communities to register will be sponsored to attend.

Participants must attend the full day to receive contact hours.
Virtual attendance available.

Breakfast and lunch provided.
Contact hours available for attending this event.

JULY 21, 2023
8 am - 4pm
SEIR Building, Room 194

For any questions, contact the Center for Rural Health and Nursing at: crhn@uta.com

Click here to register now!

DEAF COFFEE CHAT

Last Thursday of Every Month
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Second Sunday of Every Month
3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

INCLUSION COFFEE
101 E ABRAM SUITE #110
ARLINGTON, TX 76010

ASL fluency not required, but hands must be up!

Questions? Contact Lei-Sea Sky: leiseasky@gmail.com
**Career Opportunities**

**We're Hiring!**

Apply on Handshake

Peer Health Educator

Applications open NOW - July 16th

**Summer & Fall Course Spotlight**

Become a MavTemp

Applications are now open until Friday, July 16th at 11:59

For more info click [here](#) for MavTemp

Are you looking for scholarship opportunities?

You've come to the right place!

1. Enter this link into your browser: [https://buff.ly/3qWHSAS](https://buff.ly/3qWHSAS)
2. Login with your UTA credentials.
3. Find a scholarship you may be a good candidate for and apply!

**UTA School of Social Work**

**TITLE IV-E STIPEND**

FOR SSW STUDENTS

The Child Welfare Stipend is provided through the Title IV-E Training Contract. It is federally funded initiatives to enhance child welfare practice by placing the workforce with more BSW and MSW educated practitioners.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?**

**CHALLENGING & REWARDING WORK**

Students will be working with individuals, families, and teams to improve child welfare and health care and are immersed in a range of settings.

**FINANCIAL AID**

Stipends are paid through Title IV-E Grant.

**BSW STUDENT**: $500

**MSW STUDENT**: $1,000

**INTERNSHIP TRAINING & EXPERIENCE**

in the fields and working with vulnerable populations, a wide array of opportunities to learn, network, and grow.

**POST GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Students will be employed by the Department of Family and Children Services.

**DEADLINE**: Community Youth Services Contract (CYC) will be posted in the future.

**IMPORTANT INFO**

- Must be a full-time junior or senior
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Must have completed at least 70 credits
- Must have completed all core courses
- Must have completed at least two courses in the MSW program

**HOW TO APPLY**

1. **GET IN TOUCH**
   - Submit an email to [kim.evans@uta.edu](mailto:kim.evans@uta.edu)
   - Include a resume and cover letter

2. **APPLICATION**
   - Submit the completed application and additional materials listed in the application.

3. **FOLLOW-UP**
   - Interview process will occur in the fall.
   - Notification of final decision will be made in the fall.

4. **VISIT US TODAY**

**Summer & Fall Course Spotlight**

Environmental Justice & Green Social Work

Fall 2023

All readings are free! No textbook to purchase!

**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

**Course:**

SOCW 3310/5310

**Modality:**

Online- Asynchronous (with recorded lectures and optional live sessions)

**Instructor:**

Karen Magruder, LCSW-S
Assistant Professor of Practice

[karen.magruder@uta.edu](mailto:karen.magruder@uta.edu)
Volunteers Opportunities

ATTENTION BSW STUDENTS!

THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK IS RECRUITING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT LEADERS (USLS) VOLUNTEERS FOR FALL 2023!

USL VOLUNTEERS
• WORK DIRECTLY WITH BSW PROGRAM DIRECTORS
• SERVE AS ADVOCATES AND COMMUNICATION FACILITATORS FOR BSW STUDENTS
• CONNECT STUDENTS TO SERVICES AND RESOURCES

DEADLINE: AUGUST 11TH

For more information Click Here or may contact Anna Fagan

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SUMMER VOLUNTEER TRAINING 2023

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6:00-9:30 PM (VIRTUALLY)
10:00-2:00 PM (VIRTUALLY)

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN OUR SUMMER TRAINING, PLEASE EMAIL: VOLUNTEER@DALLASRAPECRISIS.ORG

For more information Click Here or may contact Anna Fagan

Study on the New School of Social Work Building

Seeking Participants – We Want You!
• We are seeking students to share their experiences with the new School of Social Work building.
• We want to know more about how you feel in the building, how accessible it is, and how trauma-informed it is.
• By participating in the survey, you will be entered into a raffle to win a $10 Pie 5 gift card.
• You can take the survey on any electronic device (e.g., computer, cell phone, tablet, etc.), and it should only take about 5 minutes to complete. The first page of the survey will be the consent form. Please read it carefully, and by clicking “Accept” you will be electronically signing the form.
• You can access the survey here: https://utaedu.questionpro.com/s/ALypGrZshb7

About the Researchers and the Project
• Megan Westmore, LMSW and Dr. Regina Pratocono, PhD are researchers from the School of Social Work at the UT-Arlington.

How Do I Become a Part of This Project?
• You are eligible to participate if you are at least 18 years old, a current UTA social work student, and have taken at least one in-person class in the new School of Social Work.
• Please contact us if you have any questions: Email: meganrose.westmore@uta.edu

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Hot Weather Safety Tips

HOW TO STAY SAFE IN THE HEAT

Source: National Weather Service

STAY HYDRATED AND DRINK PLENTY OF FLUIDS

AVOID THE SUN AND STAY IN AN AIR-CONDITIONED AREA

NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN OR PETS UNATTENDED IN VEHICLES

WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND SUN PROTECTION

KNOW THE SIGNS/SYMPOMTS OF HEAT EXHAUSTION/STROKE
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Sincerely,
Traecia

**AVAILABLE RESOURCES**

**WEBINARS ON SOCIAL WORK WRITING (GUIDE)**
- Write that policy paper
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- APA Style for Social Work
- Professional writing for field. [CLICK HERE.]

**Summer Tutoring**
Students can book appointments for One-on-one tutoring. By using TutorTrac

**Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)**
CAPS assists students in increasing self-awareness, addressing mental health and emotional concerns, and making positive changes in their lives. [Link]

**Student Access & Resource Center (SARC)**
The SAR Center provides academic accommodations to students with all disabilities. [Link]

**MAC SUMMER HOURS (JUNE 5 - AUGUST 19)**
MONDAY - FRIDAY 6 AM - 10 PM
SATURDAY CLOSED
SUNDAY 2 PM - 10 PM

**STUDENT SUCCESS COORDINATOR**

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

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If you have any questions or content suggestion for the newsletter, please contact Tamika Hayes TXC9187@MAVS.UTA.EDU