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# **MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK**





# SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

## Mental Health Awareness Month

## **History**

Mental Health Awareness Month was created in 1949 by Mental Health America to equip citizens with resources as a part of their outreach program to improve mental health, to raise awareness of the importance of mental health, and to celebrate recovery from mental illness.

Millions of Americans have experienced stress, trauma, anxiety, and heightened levels of depression. Despite these disturbing numbers, less than half of Americans struggling with mental illness receive the treatment they need. The 2022 theme is "Back to Basics," where the focus will be providing a base education about mental health and mental health conditions, and information about what people can do if their mental health is a cause for concern.

## **Ways To Participate**

- •Lean into your skills and interests.
- •Work with your local Mental Health America affiliate.
- •Create social change.
- Share your story.
- •Volunteer with Crisis Text Line.
- •Volunteer with the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
- •Check in with the people you love.
- •Try actively listening.

Source: https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month



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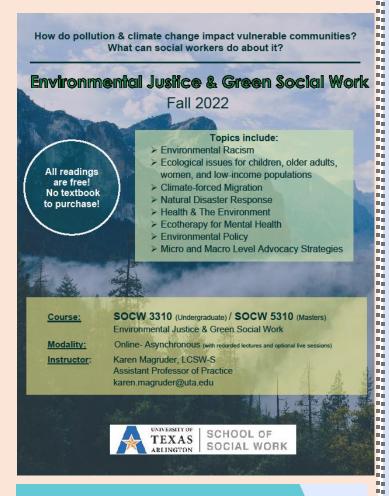
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# **COURSE SPOTLIGHT**



Fall 2022

# SOCW 5356 COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS

Learn practical tools for engagement, assessmen and intervention using this popular, evidencebased approach!

No textbook to purchase!

Format: Online Asynchronous Instructor: Karen Magruder, LCSW-S



# **IMPORTANT DATES**

## **SPRING 2022**

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Field Application Opens
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> Last day of classes
- May 13th Commencement!



# NASW Student Membership Scholarships

The North Central Texas - Fort Worth Area Branch of NASW-TX is committed to supporting social work students by providing one-time student membership scholarships. Student membership scholarships are provided to selected selfnominated college/university students majoring in social work. The student membership scholarship is designed to support students to connect and become involved with NASW at the national, state, and local levels. Student membership scholarship recipients receive a full student membership to NASW for one year. Applications are due June 3rd. Click HERE for more information and to apply.

# **CEU OPPORTUNITIES**

# Free CEU's from Valdosta State University

For All Licensed Clinical Social Workers

Do you want to learn more about dementia, caregiving, and cultural considerations while working with diverse communities? Click for more information.



## 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.

Feeling a bit lost?
Start with
your
Graduate Student
Leader!

Don't know who that is?

Email Stacie Hill to get connected!

# LICENSING

- If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LMSW licensing exam, <u>click here</u> to request the Dean's Letter for Licensure, which UTA will send to ASWB. More info can be found <u>on the ASWB site</u> and our <u>SSW licensure page</u>.
- There's lots of great updated information about licensing in the Student Success and Advising Course on Canvas—Check it out!
- Interested in the LCDC? Scroll to the end of this
   <u>Licensure</u> 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

## General

 InPlace has a new URL! All students, agencies, and Field Instructors will need to use the new

URL. <a href="https://inplace.uta.edu/">https://inplace.uta.edu/</a>

- 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!
- Field forms are available here!
- Field FAQ
- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email sswfield@uta.edu and include a screenshot of the issue.
- Are you a CAP student ready for your advanced field placement? Check out the Funding section for paid opportunities!

Spring 2022

• See the Spring 2022 Field Education Calendar here.

## Summer 2022

- The Summer 2022 Field Application is now open.
- Application Deadline was April 23, 2022.
- See the Summer 2022 Field Education Calendar for Block <u>here</u> and for Split <u>here</u>.

InPlace fee is due on the first day of class

## FIELD POWER HOURS

This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, similar to Office Hours for faculty!

- Foundation MSW
  - Field Advisor: Natalie Mangham
  - 1st & 3rd Monday of the month, 3-4
  - Click here to join the meeting
- CAP & Children & Families
  - Field Advisor: Monica Brown
  - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues day of the month, 3-4
  - Click here to join the meeting
- Mental Health
  - Field Advisor: Hector Ramos
  - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 3-4
    - Click here to join the meeting
- Aging & Health
  - Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
  - 1st & 3rd Thurs day of the month, 3:30-4
  - Click here to join the meeting



# **GET INVOLVED**

Weekly Virtual Support Group Schedule		
Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
Parenting During a Pandemic 6pm – 7pm	COVID and Caregiver 6pm – 7pm	First Generation and International Students' Success 9:00am - 10:00am
Promoting Healthy Habits 7:15pm – 8:15pm	Women's Virtual Room of Recovery 7:15pm – 8:15pm	Accommodating for Success 10:15am - 11:15am
		Building Better Interpersonal Relationships 11:30am – 12:30pm
	TBD	
Military	Women Empowerme	nt Group
Men's	Virtual Room of Rec	covery
Active Duty, I	Deployed Guard and I	Reserve Group

At this time, the Virtual Support Groups are not available for MSW students, but we do ask for support and to please refer anyone that could use these services. Email SSWVirtualClinic@uta.edu for information.



Click Here for more info









# BRING A UPCOMING EVENTS:

SUMMER AND SPRING BREAK:

# **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





# JOB & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

















## RESEARCH

Social Work Course Guides Student Research **Opportunity** Center







## Covid-19 Vaccine

Contact covidvaccine@uta.edu with any guestions. 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

### As a phoenix rises from the ashes...

"If you are military-"If you are military-connected, 18 or older, and have transformed your trauma into a personal growth experience contributing to the growth and/or transformation of others, you may be eligible to participate in a research study."

### Posttraumatic Growth and Transformation in Military-Connected Populations







**TEXAS** 

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. It will take approximately 1 hour to complete.

- · We are looking at whether a short training in digital advocacy can help social work students learn more about and feel more confident engaging in digital advocacy.
- This study is online, self-paced, and will take 60 minutes to
- Participants will receive a free digital advocacy certificate and be entered into a \$20 gift card raffle.
- · To participate, go to https://utaedu.questionpro.com/digitaladvocacy

Christian Mason, a Master of Social Work student, is conducting this study. If you are interested in participating or have more questions, please contact them at christian.mason@mavs.uta.edu

This study has been approved by The University of Texas at Arlington Institutional Review Board, UTA IRB Protocol #2022-0342

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

- Are you a female DACA participant (Dreamer)?
  Are you currently enrolled in a 4-year college or university in Texas?
  Are you interested in discussing how COVID-19 has impacted different areas of your life?

aswered "yes" to these questions, then you may be eligible to participate in a atial research study exploring the experiences of Latina Dreamers during

If you are interested, please go to the link below or scan the QR code to complete the online screening.







## YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN A STUDY

If you are a current Children + Families student (and not currently enrolled in SOCW 5365), researchers at the University of Texas at Arlington want to learn about your perceptions of interprofessional education and child maltreatment. Complete our brief survey online (approximately 15 minutes long) and enter a drawing for one of 20

Questions? Contact Dr. Catherine LaBrenz - catherine.labrenz@uta.edu



# **UTA Academic Calendar**

# **Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide**



**Check Canvas** for the MavsUnite Page! To add please e-mail:

**Emily Clark** 

# SAR Center

(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)











**UTA Library Accessibility** 

**On-Demand & Live Fitness Classes** 



## **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



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# GSL Internship Program - Fall 2022

- Are you looking for an internship placement where you can grow professionally, learn leadership skills, receive mentoring, and help fellow MSW students? Have you heard about the Graduate Student Leader (GSL) program? Well, starting Fall 2022, the GSL program is expanding the internship component.
- Foundation MSW students can choose to intern within the School of Social Work Academic Affairs Department as a GSL. How cool is that?!?!
- If you are interested in this new initiative, here is what you need to do.
- Press Ctrl and Click on this link to complete the GSL application https://utaedu.guestionpro.com/t/AQrvRZsYLo
- Place a checkmark in the designated box on the application to show that you would like to do GSL as an internship.
- SSW leadership will review applications and notify students of their decision and next steps.
- Keep in mind that you can still serve as a GSL even if you do not want to use this as your field placement. Whether you are a volunteer GSL, or you use this as a field placement, you will provide much needed support to fellow MSW students. Interns will have additional opportunities to lead special projects and receive mentoring.
- Interested? Click on the application link to get the process started!
- Applications opened for Fall Field placement on May 2, 2022. The deadline to submit applications is June 24, 2022.
- SOCW 5301, 5304, and 5306 must be completed before students can take field placement/seminar.
- Email <u>Stacie Hill</u> to get more information about the GSL program and this awesome internship opportunity for fall 2022!