On October 20th we celebrate National Youth Confidence Day!

On this day, the youths are encouraged to be confident! National Youth Confidence day celebrates the energy, spirit, and potential thoughts of the young ones.

Why encourage confidence within the youth? Because the youths are the future of society. Today’s youth will learn how to overcome obstacles and to manage negative thinking when learning how to become confident.

Joan of Arc was the start of this national celebration. She was only 19 years old when captured by Burgundian soldiers before her untimely death. She was a French heroine and saint before her time.

Want to know more? Click Here
Get to know our Student Leaders!

Greetings! My name is Lecia Edwards and this is my first semester serving as a Graduate Student Leader (GSL) and as a GSL intern. I received my bachelor’s degree in sociology from the University of North Texas in 2004. I am currently in my second year as a foundation student in the MSW Program, and I plan to pursue Direct Practice in Children and Families as my concentration. Currently married for 34 years, my husband and I are proud parents of three adult children ages 34, 32, and 29. I am also a Nana to my wonderful seven-year-old grandson who lives in Kansas City, MO. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, traveling, playing the piano, shopping, and driving my “muscle car”. As a longtime special education administrator in a public school district, I have a passion for helping others. My work facilitates the development of children by giving them access to the resources they need to excel in the classroom, and also performing tasks outside of school. My goal is to become a school social worker and continue to serve the needs of children with the goal of helping them reach pliable goals and assist them with the best chance to succeed in life regardless of their circumstances. I am excited about completing my internship with the program and honored to serve as a GSL. I look forward to supporting other students during OUR journey through the UTA MSW program.

Interested in becoming a GSL? Click here!
IMPORTANT DATES

FALL 2022

• Oct. 28-- Last day to drop classes; submit requests to advisor prior to 4:00pm
• Nov. 23- No classes scheduled
• Nov. 24- Thanksgiving Holiday
• Nov. 25- Thanksgiving Holiday – Field Applications Close
• Dec. 6- Last day of classes
• Dec. 7- Student Study Day (no classes)
• Dec. 16- School of Social work Graduation, 6:30 PM

NEW FIELD ADVISOR UPDATE ON PAGE 4!
*Sharon & Natalie will be splitting MHSU students!

YOU MATTER

Ethics and Professionalism within the Branch of Social Work

What is Ethics? What ethical qualities are needed to become a good professional? How do we ethically help solve problems?

When it comes to helping clients, we as Social Workers must understand how to use ethics to find solutions. Ethics is defined as knowing what is morally right or wrong. Values is defined as what is taught within our culture, conformities, groups, principles, or as an individual.

As social workers, we must look at the NASW Code of Ethics for perspective. The NASW Code of Ethics explains professional ethics within Social Work. Ethical Principles within the NASW Code of ethics are based off the core values of:

• Service
• Importance of Human Relations
• Integrity
• Social Justice
• Competence
• Dignity and Worth of the Person

Legal issues concerning ethical standards are minimum standard that society will accept. It is also related to federal, state and municipal standards of practice that is regulated by law.

Most laws within the branch of social work are considered “virtue” ethics. In a nutshell, virtue ethics reflects a person’s set of values.

As future Social Workers, it is necessary to understand our clients needs. When it comes to any situation that a client may face, it’s necessary to find solutions within ethics. For without ethics there will be a lack of moral judgement within human relationships.

As Aristotle once stated:

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”

Best Regards,

Andwelah Givens
BSW Student Undergraduate Intern - the University of Texas at Arlington

Spring 2023

• The Spring 2023 Field Application is open October 03, 2022.
• Application deadline is November 25, 2022
• See the Spring 2023 Field Education Calendar for Block and for Split here.

InPlace fee is due on the first day of class
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 Martaya Brown or Lecia Edwards to get connected!

FIELD PLACEMENTS

General

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

FIELD POWER HOURS

This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, similar to Office Hours for faculty!
• Aging & Health (Interim Field Advisor for Mental Health last names A-L)
  • 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
  • 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3-4
  • Click here to join the meeting
• BSW/BSSUT (Interim Field Advisor for Mental Health last names M-Z)
  • Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
  • 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 3:30-4
  • Click here to join the meeting

*Update* Foundation: Andrea Jameson-andrea.jameson@uta.edu

LICENSING

• If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LMSW 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.
• 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 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.
UTA Drag Show
Join us for the main event for UTA's Pride Month, Tuesday, October 25th, in University Center Rosebud for our EPIC DRAG SHOW! Doors open at 6:30 pm!
Student and Academic Affairs
MSW Student Guidance Protocol

Do you have questions about the MSW program, registration/course information, your degree plan, field, graduation, or something other about the MSW program? Are you having issues navigating your class information or have instructor questions? Follow the steps below to get the answers you need quickly!

→ **Step 1: Initial point of contact**

1. Registration issues, degree plan, graduation information:
   • Academic Advisor

2. Questions about field:
   • Reach out to your field liaison:
     o Still have questions, then:
   • Field Advisor

3. General questions about MSW program:
   • Reach out to a GSS, (Graduate Student Leader)
     o Still have questions or other program issues:
   • Reach out to the Office of Graduate Programs:
   • Dr. Joyce White

   • Ginger Jackson

4. Questions about your course assignments, Canvas, syllabus:
   • Reach out to your instructor first (see Canvas for details)

→ **Step 2: Second point of contact**

Still need answers after initial point of contact or issue not resolved from step 1?

• Academic Advising and Field Education Concerns:
  o Ms. Patrice Green, Manager of Student Success & Advising

• Course or instructor issues:
  o Dr. Amanda Hassan, Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs

• Graduate program issues:
  o Dr. Diane Mitschke, Associate Dean of Student & Academic Affairs
Step 3: Third point of contact

Still need answers after second point of contact or issue not resolved from steps 1 or 2? Please contact:

Dr. Diane Mieschke, Associate Dean of Student & Academic Affairs

Process all together

Step 1
Resolved, yes... STOP HERE!
Resolved, no...GO 2 STEP 2!

Step 2
Resolved, yes... STOP HERE!
Resolved, no...GO 2 STEP 3!

Step 3
Resolved, yes... STOP HERE!
Resolved, no...GO 2 STEP 3!
We’re seeking transfer students who want to boost their resume and career options with Power Skills and Tech Skills. No matter what your major, we can provide the path to a lucrative and fulfilling career. Click here to register!

**MavMentors Training**

Learn how to join UTA’s mentor program, MavMentors, and connect with UTA alumni and industry leaders to help guide your career journey. Monday, September 26 at 10:00am to 11:00am Virtual Event

**Road To Recovery: Trauma Informed Care**

Applications Open for 2023

The Texas Center for Disability Studies is offering an exciting training opportunity — FREE to selected applicants. The Center is recruiting applicants to become master trainers of the Road to Recovery: Supporting Children with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Who Have Experienced Trauma.

The virtual training offers I/DD professionals, mental health professionals, family members, educators, direct care workers and others valuable insights into how to support children with intellectual and other developmental disabilities in healing from trauma.

Interested in becoming a trainer?

Complete the application on disabilitystudies.utexas.edu/R2R

Deadline to submit your application is November 14, 2022.

Questions? Contact r2rtdcs@gmail.com.
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

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.

RESEARCH

Social Work Course Guides
Student Research Opportunity Center

STAY SAFE

RECRUITING PARTICIPANTS FOR TRANS AND NONBINARY EXPERIENCES IN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

Requirements:
- 18 years old or older
- Identify as gender diverse (such as trans, two-spirit, nonbinary, agender)
- Are either:
  - A) a social work student in the last two years (current, withdrawn, or graduated) OR
  - B) social work faculty (part time or full-time) teaching within the last two years

Expectations:
Complete one 30-45 minute Zoom interview about your experiences in social work education as a gender diverse person.

Compensation:
20-30 people will complete the interview and receive a $15 gift card by email.

Interested?
Contact M. Killian Kinney (they/them) at markkim@iu.edu or Richard Brandon-Friedman (he/him) at rifriedm@iu.edu

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
IRB Protocol #16155
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 Olga Carrillo: Olga.carrillo@mavs.uta.edu

“"You must not be fearful about what you are doing when it is right”

— Rosa Parks