

SOCIAL WORK 4100- PROGRAM FIELD PRACTICUM PACKET

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BSW& BSWPREMAJOR INFORMATION FIELD ENTRY

The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW), which prepares students for entry-level professional social work practice, will be awarded upon completion of 121 credit hours of the courses listed on the degree plan. If you transferred here as a junior senior or came as a freshman or sophomore, you will be classified as a pre-major until you take the 4100 course. At that time, you must complete the checklist below to be reclassified as a major in Social Work.

Checklist for Pre-major requesting Social Work Major Status

You are enrolled in the Field Preparation (SOWK 4100) seminar (1 credit hour).

You have completed both SOWK 2361 and SOWK 2371 Intro courses

SOCIAL WORK INTERN DECLARATION

MINIMAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN FIELD PRACTICUM

To be eligible for Field Practicum students must have a grade of "C" or better in all social work courses which are required in order to enroll in the Field Practicum courses, and must have:

Completed the f

POTENTIAL FIELD PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES (2020)

Student Name: _____

Internship Semester and Year: _____ Spring 2020 _____ Summer I&II 2020

Baptist Behavioral Health

Baptist Hospital

Buckner Foster Care

Buckner TRAIL / FYI

Catholic Charities Disaster Relief/Emergency Assistance

Compassion Hospice

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (Washington, DC - application required)

CPS (stipend placement t summer only) students must complete application process

Communities in Schools

Franklin House W5 485.5 Pools

LAMAR UNIVERSITY SOWK PROGRAM
FIELD PRACTICUM PLENENT PREFERENCE FOR

Please complete the following questionnaire for Field Practicum I & II courses (SOWK 4321 & 4324).

Name: _____ L#: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Expected date of graduation: _____

Identify agencies and/or client population(s) you are most interested in working with (homeless, elderly, children and families, hospital, hospice, mental health, substance use/abuse, criminal/juvenile justice, crisis intervention, etc.):

Preference #1: _____

Preference #2: _____

Preference #3: _____

Please indicate any special challenges, needs, concerns, etc

LAMAR UNIVERSITY SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM POLICY FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND SCREENING

National and community social work agencies which provide practicum/internship opportunities for social work students increasingly require social work programs to conduct criminal background checks before placing students into internship placements.

Purpose

Criminal background pre-screening is designed to facilitate the internship process of social work students. The placement process requires that students are matched with agencies that will facilitate the field learning process for the student. Agencies increasingly require that the Lamar Social Work faculty become aware of any issues that might be necessary in the internship placement process. This awareness covers issues such as student interest in fields of practice (children, adults, medical, developmental disabilities, etc.) as well as personal issues pertinent to the individual student. These student idiosyncratic issues range from a spectrum of student issues: personal disability, lack of transportation, necessity of coordinating child care, or coordinating Lamar classes with the internship process, to cite just a few individual student circumstances.

While not all agencies categorically preclude social work student interns based upon past criminal background issues, most community social work agencies demand that their potential social work interns be pre-screened by the Lamar Social Work Faculty. Agencies require frankness about their employees and interns' criminal backgrounds.

Process

Criminal background checks will be performed by field placement agencies. Most agencies will not allow a student to enter an internship program if the student's criminal background demonstrates any record of violence. Registered sex offenders are not permitted to enter internships.

Students must give permission for their prospective field agencies to conduct a criminal background check on them. Students who do not grant this permission will not be allowed to enter the social work internship/practicum classes (SOWK 4321 & SOWK 4324). A student who is convicted of a criminal offense while enrolled in the program must report the conviction to the Program Director within three days of conviction. The term conviction for these purposes includes probated sentences and deferred adjudications. If a student is in the Field Preparation class (SOWK 4100) or in one of the social work internship/practicum classes (SOWK 4321 & SOWK 4324) the student must report the conviction to the Social Work Program Field Director as well as the Social Work Program Director within three days of conviction.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF POLICY FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND SCREENING

My signature below indicates that I have read the above policy on Criminal Background Screening and have been provided a copy of it. This form provides my irrevocable consent for the results of the criminal background screening to be released to my prospective field placement agency and the Lamar University Social Work Department.

My signature below provides my consent to release my criminal background screening to my