Dear Field Instructor and Task Supervisors

Thank you for working with UNC Charlotte students during the 2014-2015 academic year. August 18, 2014 is the first day of classes and MSW students will begin their first day at their field practicum. First year MSW students will be in their placement for 16 hours weekly and second year MSW students for 24 hours a week. I am hopeful that all new field instructors have completed the New Field Instructor orientation, but there are two additional sessions scheduled for August 27th or September 10th. Please contact Susan Marchetti at smarche3@uncc.edu or call me 704-687-7932 if you would like to register.

Your students will be recommended to do the following:

1. Make contact with their field instructor if they have not spoken to you;
2. Verify work hours, where to report, and verify the dress code of the agency
3. Review the academic year to assure that if there are conflicts with the agency schedule you are able to discuss as soon as possible and work out a plan.

Good luck and have a great year!!

Susan Marchetti, MSW, LCSW

Director of Field Education
During the 2014-2015 Academic year the following field faculty will be working with UNC Charlotte MSW Graduate Students

1st Year MSW students
Susan Marchetti – Field Director
Angela Sepulveda—Adjunct faculty
Marie White—Adjunct Faculty

2nd Year MSW Students
Lynn Puma—Adjunct Faculty
Sonja Bohannon Thacker—Adjunct Faculty
Caroline Ramos—Adjunct Faculty

Advanced Standing MSW students
Terri Matthews—Full time faculty

UNC Charlotte has a concurrent model for field education which means that our students take both classroom coursework while the student is in practicum. Our practicum course has a seminar component meeting monthly and the field faculty make a total of three (3) visits to agencies over the course of the academic year. The visits can be a combination of Skype (for distance placements) and face to face. Expect to be contacted by your faculty liaison within the next weeks to schedule the first visit!

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How long do the visits take?
A. Generally about 45 minutes to 1 hour

Q. What do we talk about?
A. Field faculty hope to discuss what is going on in the placement and process being made as per the Learning Agreement. Faculty can be a resource if you need ideas about the learning agreement, are trying to work on an issue.

Q. How quickly will the field faculty return my call if I have an issue with my student?
A. We ask them to call you back within one business day.
Cheryl Whitley joined the Department of Social Work in spring semester of the 2013-2014 academic year. She has over 15 years of experience as an Administrative Assistant in the Medical, Mortgage and Insurance. Cheryl is the first friendly face when you enter the Department of Social Work. She can be reached at 704-687-7938 and can be of assistance if you are trying to reach the Director of Field Education, is able to place mail in faculty boxes and answer questions.

She is married and has two children, as well as two Chihuahua dogs. Cheryl loves to travel and her two favorite destinations are Myrtle Beach and New York City. The favorite part of her job at UNC Charlotte is the contact with the students.
End of Semester Evaluations

Field Instructors complete evaluations for their student each semester. The evaluations are due to the field faculty by the last day of classes and should be completed with your student.

1. The student should complete the evaluations first and then the field instructor enter the grades.
2. Meet to discuss the feedback and both sign the evaluations.
3. Student and Field Instructor are recommended to keep a copy.
4. Grade must be entered in the number format that corresponds with the grade. If letters are entered, we will ask students and field instructors to redo since the data is evaluated on an aggregate basis for quality improvement.
5. The Field Faculty will assign the final grade for the practicum course and this is based on the grade on the evaluation and work completed in seminar.
6. Students should be graded on their performance during that semester and only may receive a No opportunity in the fall semester. All practice areas must be graded in the spring.
7. Electronic Evaluations will be coming in 2015 and field faculty hope that three (3) of their field instructor/students will pilot the process during the fall semester.
**Spotlight on a New Field Agency - Doves Nest (MSW Placements)**

Dove’s Nest, the women’s program of the Charlotte Rescue Mission, is a four to twelve month program that follows a diagnostic period that last approximately two-weeks.

**Phase One**

120-day structured program, residents will experience weekly individual counseling, group therapy, education classes and various activities, living skills training, biblical application for emotional wounds and sober support group development.

**Phase Two**

Our Continuing Care Division (CCD) is approximately 240-days in length and designed for women that:

- do not have supportive and safe environments to return to
- have chronic relapse traits

have previously completed this program and are eligible for readmission
Field Hours for Fall Semester

MSW 1st year students 29 days = 232 hours  
MSW 2nd year students  44 days = 352 hours

Students are reminded to do their time sheets monthly and hand in at seminar.

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Save the Date
Annual Field Fair
November 7th
9:00-Noon
Details and Invitation to follow