

## TAMUCT BSW Program Field Planning

In order to have a successful field internship, it is important that you begin planning for the experience now. Below is a list of important key items that you will need to keep in mind and discuss with your family now, so that you will be ready to make any necessary changes to your life schedule or monetary funding.

- ❖ Field is 450 hours spread over 2 semesters
- ❖ That means 16 hours a week at your placement plus the field class
- ❖ If you take field the spring, then you will have field II in the summer and will have to put in 24 hours a week at your placement during the summer
- ❖ At present we have one night placement, however, we are not guaranteed this placement every semester. Night placements often seek to have MSW interns as this is often a fast-paced environment requiring high level social work skills.
- ❖ This not likely to change and therefore you will have to put in your hours during her regular Monday-Friday work week during 8-5. **Most agencies prefer that you work 2 full days out of the week instead of breaking up the days.** Prepare your family now
- ❖ Plan your budget now. If you work 8-5 every day you will not be able to complete an internship and therefore will not be able to complete your social work degree
- ❖ You can look at loans for your last semester as an option (Research social work intern scholarships: CSWE, NASW, Scott & White)
- ❖ Travel, drug testing, background checks, TB tests are also an expense to consider when getting ready for field. Our placement areas are Bell and Coryell County, placements are not made to benefit your preference area and travel is often required in agencies.
- ❖ Field sites are chosen by the department and must meet specific criteria in order to become a field agency therefore you cannot choose your agency (If you find an agency, please share that with the field staff so they may follow up)
- ❖ Field internship assignments are done through a lengthy process, including interviews with the department and potential agencies
- ❖ Field class is a 6 hour credit course that has papers in addition to discussing the field experience
- ❖ **The semester before you are scheduled to begin field, you must attend Pre-Field Orientation. The sign-up sheet is available after the first week of classes.**

For any other questions, please see Ms. Molina or the Field Instructional Manual via our website  
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