SOWK 4334 – 110, 80013 School Social Work  
Fall 2023  
Texas A&M University - Central Texas

COURSE DATES, MODALITY, AND LOCATION

Semester: August 28 – December 15, 2023
Instructor: Vené C. Baggett, MSW, LMSW, ACUE - Assistant Lecturer & Field Coordinator

Meeting Time/Place: This course meets face-to-face on Monday/Wednesday, 2:00 pm-3:15 pm in Warrior Hall, Room 305, with supplemental materials made available online through the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [https://tamuct.instructure.com/].

Office Location/Hours: Warrior Hall 4th Floor - Room 420 C  
Tuesdays/Thursdays 9:30-11:00 AM; Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 AM & 2:00-4:00 pm. Virtual appointments are available.

Phone & E-Mail: (254) 501-5947 (office); vcbaggett@tamuct.edu

Student-instructor interaction

Email is the most effective way to reach me. If an immediate response is needed, please call via Microsoft Teams.

Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas

SAFEZONE. SafeZone provides a public safety application that gives you the ability to call for help with the push of a button. It also provides Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate emergency information quickly via push notifications, email, and text messages. All students automatically receive email and text messages via their myCT accounts.

Downloading SafeZone allows access to push notifications and enables you to connect directly for help through the app.

You can download SafeZone from the app store and use your myCT credentials to log in. If you would like more information, you can visit the SafeZone website [www.safezoneapp.com].

To register SafeZone on your phone, please follow these 3 easy steps:

1. Download the SafeZone App from your phone store using the link below:
   - iPhone/iPad: [https://apps.apple.com/app/safezone/id533054756]
2. Launch the app and enter your myCT email address (e.g. {name}@tamuct.edu)
3. Complete your profile and accept the terms of service
For updates on COVID information, please monitor the University [website](https://www.tamuct.edu/covid19/)

**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Course Overview and description**

This elective course focuses on the various roles of a social worker in a public school setting.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

**Course Objectives & Related CSWE Practice Behaviors**

The objectives for this course, that support the CSWE related practice behaviors, are:

1. Students will understand the development of the social work profession, recognize the methodologies used in the social work profession, and become familiar with the multiplicity of roles in which social workers practice.

2. Students will be able to understand the scope of the challenges facing students, families and staff and explore solutions to community problems through collaboration and education efforts with school faculty and staff.

3. Professional social workers understand the importance of professional written communication and become more aware of his/her personal beliefs about the individual’s relationship to the community through exploring personal values, individual action, and social values.

The following table shows the relationship between: A) the course objectives, B) the CSWE related practice behaviors, and C) the assignments used to assess your ability to fulfill the objective related to the practice behavior:

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<th>A. Objectives</th>
<th>B. CSWE Related Practice Behaviors</th>
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<td>(By the comple­tion of the course, it is expected that you will be able to…)</td>
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| Students will gain knowledge of the history of school social work, recognize the methodologies used in school social work, and become familiar with the multiplicity of roles in which school social workers practice. | 1.1, 2.3 | • Presentation  
• Course Engagement  
• Summaries  
• Quizzes |
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| 2.2, 2.3 | • Presentation • Summaries • Course Engagement |

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| 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 2.2, 2.3 | • Presentation • Summaries • Course Engagement • Writing Assignments |

**Competency Goals Statements**

The Social Work Program curriculum is rooted in a framework established by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Specifically, the program endeavors to develop social workers who promote human and community well-being by being able to demonstrate the following 9 core competencies upon graduation:

1. Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior
2. Engage diversity and difference in practice
3. Engage Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ADEI) in Practice
4. Engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice
5. Engage in policy practice
6. Engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
7. Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
8. Intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities
9. Evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities

Each core competency has specific, measurable practice behaviors that help students, and their professors determine if the competency has been achieved. There are 31 total practice behaviors. The complete list of practice behaviors can be found at the end of this syllabus or by reviewing the student handbook.

**Required Reading and Textbook(s)**

None
COURSE REQUIREMENTS

All assignments should be submitted via Canvas. Grades will reflect content, along with APA formatting, spelling, grammar, etc.

Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion

Professional Development Presentations – 50 points (Addresses all learning outcomes.)

For this assignment, students will create a professional development presentation for faculty and staff at a local school in the area. Any K-12 school qualifies for this assignment. Rubric will be available the 4th week of class.

Article/Guest Speaker/Video Summaries - 30 points (Addresses all learning outcomes.)

Three summaries (2-3 pages) will be assigned during this course. Students can choose any one of the options to discuss. The summary should cover:

- A brief overview of the article, guest speaker’s presentation or video
- How you believe this information is relevant to school social work, what additions or changes are needed to be more effective
- Would you use this information in a potential school social work job? Why or why not?

Additional details and rubric will be available the 2nd week of class.

4 Quizzes @ 5 points - 20 Points (Addresses 1st outcome.)

Quizzes will consist of materials used from readings, handouts, etc. There will be 5 questions worth 1 point each. They will contain multiple choice and true/false questions; fill in the blank and essay questions. There will not be opportunity to make up quizzes unless there has been prior notification at least one week in advance.

Posting of Grades

Grades will be posted on Canvas. Please allow up to 10 days for assignments to be graded. Although, they are typically posted much quicker there are times throughout the semester that become more challenging than others. Extra credit is not offered.

Grading Policies

All assignments must be turned by 11:59pm on the due date unless indicated otherwise by the professor. Late work will not be accepted or graded unless this has been discussed with and approved by the professor. Being absent from class on a day when an assignment is due does NOT grant a student an extension to the due date; the student must still arrange to get that assignment turned in to the professor before class starts. Allowing students to turn in assignments late for a grade is not fair to other students who get their work done on time, disrupts the grading process for the professors, and sends a message that such behavior is professionally “okay,” which it is not. This, as well as all other policies, will be held to strict code, and failure to adhere to this policy will result in a zero (0) for the assignment. This is inclusive of all assignments.

All papers submitted for grading should adhere to APA 7th edition standards unless otherwise stated by the professor. This means that all papers must, minimally, be: 1) typed, 2) double spaced, 3) use 11-12
TAMUCT expects all students to maintain high standards of personal and scholarly conduct and avoid any form of academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism (intentional or unintentional), copying another person's work, turning in someone else's work as your own, downloading material from the internet and inserting it into a paper as if it was your own work, taking ideas from classes or readings and putting them in a paper without citations/references, cheating on an examination or other academic work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. Any idea, even paraphrased ideas, used or borrowed must be given credit by showing the source with an appropriate citation and reference. Any student who violates class and/or university policies regarding Academic Honesty will be sanctioned according to the University and program guidelines. More information on university policies can be found at www.ct.tamus.edu/studentconduct. If you are in doubt, it is always best to cite your source and/or speak with your professor for more guidance. The Writing Center, Library, and Owl Purdue are also resources that can help you.

COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR

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<th>Learning Tasks and Assignments</th>
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<td>Week 1 - Syllabus Review</td>
<td>Read – History of School Social Work; Role of School Social Worker Purposes of Public Education – History and Evolution of Public Education in the US; Texas</td>
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<td>School Social Work: Historical and Purpose of Public Education and the Social Worker</td>
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<td>Week 2- Group discussion Major Issues in American Schools</td>
<td>The State of the American Student- Based on the reading, what 3 reasons why school social work is necessary? How would your skillset fit in those areas?</td>
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<td>Resources to support ACEs- <a href="https://americanspcc.org/get-the-facts-adverse-childhood-experiences/">https://americanspcc.org/get-the-facts-adverse-childhood-experiences/</a> Microsoft Word - Finding Your ACE Score ra hbr 10 24 06.doc (uscourts.gov)</td>
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<td>Week 3 - The Design of Social Work Services Partnering with Counseling - A. Dennis</td>
<td>School to Prison Pipeline Restorative Practice, Conscious Discipline</td>
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<td>Study Confirms School-to-Prison Pipeline (usnews.com)</td>
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<td><a href="https://youtu.be/rxUKJ8Rtakw">https://youtu.be/rxUKJ8Rtakw</a> Article/Video summary due</td>
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<td>Week 4 – MTSS – Multi Tiered System of Support Sept 13th - T. Baldwin</td>
<td>Quiz 1</td>
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<td>More kids are anxious but fewer get the right help, study shows</td>
<td>CNN</td>
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<td>Students Say Depression, Anxiety Are Holding Them Back.</td>
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<td>Week 5 - Responding to Needs of Culture, Race, Gender, Language, and Sexual Orientation; Guest Speaker</td>
<td>Assessment Tool Discussion: Education System vs Cultural Competence* Growing Up Poor in America Discussion: Students at Risk*</td>
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<td>Week 6 - The Power of Influence – Music and Social Media</td>
<td>What’s hot? Who is it influencing? How? What are the outcomes?</td>
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<td>Week 7 – Students and the Law</td>
<td>Consent, McKinney Vento, Emancipation, and other issues Article/Guest Speaker/Video summary due</td>
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<td>Week 8 – Gun Violence and School Shootings; Guest Speaker- A. Watkins</td>
<td>School Shooters Quiz 2</td>
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<td>Week 9 - Children with Special Needs and Dropout Risks</td>
<td>Case Scenarios – Pregnant, parenting, truancy, learning disabilities, and other concerns</td>
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<td>Week 10 – SEL Support</td>
<td>What is social emotional learning? Why is it the buzz phrase? Article/Guest Speaker/Video summary due</td>
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<td>Week 11 – Supporting Caregivers</td>
<td>What do parents and other supportive adults need to thrive? How does it translate to the student? Quiz 3</td>
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<td>Week 12 – Social Determinants of Health*</td>
<td>How do the topics we’ve covered support or hinder the health and wellbeing of students and their families?</td>
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<td>Week 13 - Evaluating School Social Work</td>
<td>Program Evaluation Professional Development In-Service Presentation</td>
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<td>Week 14 – Other Duties as Assigned</td>
<td>District Support (SHAC, Crisis Support, prevention support Quiz 4</td>
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Important University Dates
[https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.html]

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

Technology Requirements
This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system. We strongly recommend the latest versions of Chrome, Firefox, Edge, or Safari browsers. Canvas will run on Windows, Mac, Linus, iOS, android, or any other device with a modern web browser. Canvas no longer supports any version of Internet Explorer.

Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [https://tamuct.instructure.com/] or access Canvas through the TAMUCT Online link in myCT [https://tamuct.onecampus.com/] by clicking on the “TAMUCT Online Canvas” tile. You will then log in through our Microsoft portal.

Username: Your MyCT email address. Password: Your MyCT password

Canvas Support
Use the Canvas Help tab, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can search the support articles or use the Email, Call, or Chat buttons at the bottom of the support pop-up to contact the Canvas Help Desk.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

Online Proctored Testing
Texas A&M University-Central Texas uses Proctorio for online identity verification and proctored testing. This service is provided at no direct cost to students. If the course requires identity verification or proctored testing, the technology requirements are: Any computer meeting the minimum computing requirements, plus web camera, speaker, and microphone (or headset). Proctorio requires use of the Chrome web browser with their custom plug in installed.

Other Technology Support
For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu
Phone: (254) 519-5466
Web Chat: [http://hdc.tamu.edu]
Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

Warrior Center for Student Success
The Warrior Center for Student Success is a comprehensive academic support department at A&M-Central Texas, dedicated to fostering an environment of excellence and empowerment among its student body. The center offers a wide range of programs and services to ensure every student reaches their full potential, and is a haven for students seeking guidance, resources, and a strong support network to excel in their educational journey.

ADA Access and Accommodations: Texas A&M University-Central Texas ensures that students with
disabilities have equal access to educational opportunities by providing appropriate accommodations and support services. If you believe you have a physical, learning or socio-emotional disability requiring reasonable accommodations, please visit Access and Inclusion [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/access-inclusion.html] for more details or contact the Office of Access and Inclusion, WH-212; (254) 501-5836. Any information you provide is private and confidential.

Success Coaching and Peer Mentoring: Our experienced Success Coaches work one-on-one with students to develop personalized action plans, set academic goals, and build effective study strategies, time management skills, and resilience. Our Peer Mentors provide a valuable support system, offering guidance, encouragement, and a relatable perspective to help students navigate their academic and personal challenges. For more details call 254-501-5836 or 254-501-5928 or visit Academic Support [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/academic-support.html]. Click the link to schedule a session (virtual or in-person) with a success coach bit.ly/3q7uB50 or visit WH, 111.

Testing Services: We offer a secure and comfortable environment for students and members of the community to take courses and distance learning exams, as well as placement tests and professional certification exams. Our Testing Service also offers resources and support referrals for testing related challenges (test anxiety, learning disabilities, etc.) and supports all approved ADA accommodations. Call (254) 519-5830 or visit the Testing Center [https://www.tamuct.edu/testing-center/].

Tutoring and Supplemental Instruction Services: Our team of qualified Tutors and Supplemental Instructors assist students in various non-writing subjects, promoting academic comprehension and enhancing learning outcomes. Click the link to schedule a tutoring session with a TAMUCT tutor (virtual or in-person) or view tutor availability bit.ly/43Q6wNz. You may also chat live with a remote tutor 24/7 for a variety of subjects through our partnership with Tutor.com, an online tutoring platform that is free to all TAMUCT students. To learn more please visit Tutoring Services [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/academic-support.html#tutoring] or call (254) 501-5836 or visit the Tutoring Hub in Warrior Hall, 111.

Academic Integrity

Texas A&M University-Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. All academic misconduct concerns will be referred to the Student Conduct Office. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

For more information regarding the student conduct process, [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html].

If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may submit a referral, [https://cm.maxient.com/reporting.php?TAMUCentralTexas].

Drop Policy

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete the Drop Request Dynamic Form through Warrior Web.
Faculty cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Records and Admissions Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed. Once you submit the completed form to the Records and Admissions Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Records and Admissions Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

Pregnant and/or Parenting Students Rights and Accommodations

Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant, experiencing pregnancy-related conditions, and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights, the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs, (254) 501-5909, can assist students who are pregnant, experiencing pregnancy-related conditions, and/or parenting by provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodations. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible through the Pregnancy & Parenting webpage [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html]. For more information, please visit Student Affairs [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html]. If you would like to read more about these requirements and guidelines online, please visit the website [http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf].

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 specifically prohibits discrimination against a student based on pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery from any of these conditions [https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.html].

Students experiencing any form of discrimination due to any of these conditions are encouraged to reach out to the Title IX Coordinator, 254.519.5716, titleix@tamuct.edu, Founders Hall 317B, or the Associate Dean of Student Affairs, 254.501.5909, Warrior Hall 105.

Title IX Rights and Reporting Responsibilities

Texas A&M University-Central Texas is committed to creating a safe and open learning environment for all students. If you or another student has experienced any form of gender discrimination or sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and/or sex-based stalking, help and support are available. Our university strongly encourages all members of our campus community to report incidents and seek support for gender discrimination and sexual misconduct through the Title IX Office. You may contact the Title IX Office at 254.519.5716, titleix@tamuct.edu, Founders Hall 317B, or learn more by visiting the Title IX webpage [https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html].

Please be aware that that under Title IX, Texas Senate Bill 212, and System Regulation 08.01.01, [https://policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf] all university employees are mandated reporters and are required to disclose information about suspected or alleged violations as listed above and defined in System Regulation 08.01.01. If the Title IX Office receives information about an incident, they will reach
out to offer information about resources, rights, and procedural options as a member of the campus community. Although I have an obligation to report, you will, in most cases, control how your case will be handled. When working with the Title IX Office you will have access to resources and accommodations but also have the opportunity to express if you wish to move forward with an investigation. Our goal is to make sure you are aware of the options available to you as a student. Community members are not required to respond to this outreach.

If you or another student wishes to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact the Student Wellness & Counseling Center, [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-counseling.html], 254.501.5955, or swacc@tamuct.edu, located in Warrior Hall Room 207L or the Student Support Advocate, 254.501.5978 or ssa@tamuct.edu, located in founder Hall Room 317D.

University Library & Archives

The University Library & Archives provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 350 electronic databases containing approximately 1,203,947 eBooks and 134,750 journals, in addition to the 96,879 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place virtually through WebEx, Microsoft Teams or in-person at the library. Schedule an appointment here [https://tamuct.libcal.com/appointments]. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group workspaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our Library website [https://tamuct.libguides.com/index]

University Writing Center

Located in Warrior Hall 416 and online, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (A&M–Central Texas) is a free service open to all A&M–Central Texas students. The face-to-face hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday in Warrior Hall 416. Online tutoring is available Monday thru Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students’ ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students’ texts, offering guidance and support
throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WiFi, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

Students may arrange a one-to-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by making an appointment via WCOnline [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu if you have any questions about the UWC, need any assistance with scheduling, or would like to schedule a recurring appointment with your favorite tutor.

OTHER POLICY STATEMENTS

A Note about Sexual Violence at A&M-Central Texas

Sexual violence is a serious safety, social justice, and public health issue. The university offers support for anyone struggling with these issues. University faculty are mandated reporters, so if someone discloses that they were sexually assaulted (or a victim of Domestic/Dating Violence or Stalking) while a student at TAMUCT, faculty members are required to inform the Title IX Office. If you want to discuss any of these issues confidentially, you can do so through Student Wellness and Counseling (254-501-5955) located on the second floor of Warrior Hall (207L).

Sexual violence can occur on our campus because predators often feel emboldened, and victims often feel silenced or shamed. It is incumbent on ALL of us to find ways to actively create environments that tell predators we don’t agree with their behaviors and tell survivors we will support them. Your actions matter. Don’t be a bystander; be an agent of change. For additional information on campus policy and resources visit the Title IX webpage [https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html].

Behavioral Intervention

Texas A&M University-Central Texas cares about the safety, health, and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, and community. If you are aware of individuals for whom you have a concern, please make a referral to the Behavioral Intervention Team. Referring your concern shows you care. You can complete the referral online [https://cm.maxient.com/reporting.php?TAMUCentralTexas].

Anonymous referrals are accepted. Please see the Behavioral Intervention Team website for more information [https://www.tamuct.edu/bit]. If a person’s behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911 or A&M-Central Texas University Police at 254-501-5805.

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