

# BSW PRACTICUM ORIENTATION PREPARING STUDENTS

September 3, 2020 College of Social Work University of Utah

#### **AGENDA**

- 8:00 Welcome and introduction
- 8:10-9:00 Overview of Practicum Requirements
- 9:00-11:00 Agency Presentations
- 11:00 Wrap up and questions

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand the requirements and assignments of the College of Social Work's BSW Field Practicum curriculum
- Identify the steps to becoming oriented and successful in your field experience
- 3. Learn **strategies and skills** to maximize your practicum experience
- Become acquainted with some helpful tools and resources for avoiding and resolving concerns in your practicum
- 5. Learn about agency options and have fun!!!!

## **PRACTICUM**

- Practicum Signature pedagogy of social work education
- o"Where the rubber hits the roads..."
- Application and practice of social work theories and concepts – integration of curriculum
- ODevelopment of professional role
- Socialization into the profession

# ORGANIZATION AND SEQUENCE

SW practicum is a required component of the Social Work major.

Students are placed in a University approved social service agency.

Students are supervised by an approved field instructor.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

#### Students entering practicum must have:

- ✓ Senior status
- ✓ Completed and passed all preparatory coursework w/ minimum GPA of 2.35
- ✓ Attend Practicum Orientation Workshop
- ✓ Complete the Field Practicum application and placement process

# PLACEMENT PROCESS

- 1. Practicum Orientation
- 2. Complete Practicum Application (this will be emailed to your Umail)
- 3. Review Agency Description List
- 4. Schedule Interview with Practicum Coordinator.

  Interviews will begin Sept 21, 2020. You will receive an email to you Umail with the instructions for scheduling including who you will be interviewing with.
- 5. You must interview with your assigned Coordinator no later than October 31, 2020

#### PLACEMENT PROCESS CONT.

- 6. Students will be notified of their practicum placement via umail by mid November 2020. This will have the agency contact info.
- 7. After you receive your agency assignment, schedule an interview with potential field instructor. Do this right after you are notified of your placement. You may be at risk of losing your placement if you are not prompt in responding.

## AGENCY INTERVIEW PREPARATION

- √ Contact the agency social worker to schedule an interview time
- ✓ Bring a copy of your resume
- ✓ Be prepared to discuss areas of interest
- √ Scheduling
- ✓ BCI's concerns
- Accommodations needed
- √Goals/Objectives they hope to achieve during their practicum

## AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

- Agreements are established between the college, the agency and the student.
- The agreement defines the responsibilities of all participating partners.
- OAffiliation Commitments must be signed by the student, field instructors and practicum director prior to the start of practicum hours.

# PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS- ADJUSTED HOURS DUE TO COVID-19

#### Students must complete the following:

- OMinimum of 340 clock hours- block placement or over 2 semesters. The standard is 450 hours. Please consult with your field instructor to determine the hours expectation.
- OPracticum requirements as identified in the student's learning plan and on the electronic evaluation form
- Meet practicum learning objectives described in the student electronic evaluation form

#### PRACTICUM FORMAT

#### **Block Placement**

1 Semester

30 hours weekly for 15 weeks(summer term – 40 hrs/wk)

Register and attend Practicum Seminar weekly.

#### Part-time Placement

2 Semesters

15 hours weekly for 30 weeks

Register and attend Practicum Seminar for first semester only.

# PRACTICUM ASSIGNMENTS

#### Practice with the following areas:

Communities- 2

Organizations- 2

Groups-2

Families- 2

Individuals- 4

### MACRO PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS

# Community: Community is the client

#### **Examples:**

- Community assessment
- Community organizing
- Coalition building
- Legislative lobbying
- Community program development
- Community education

# Organizational: Organization is the client

#### **Examples:**

- Staff training and development
- Program development/evaluation
- Grant writing/fundraising
- Research
- Policy development and analysis
- Group curriculum development

#### STRONG PROJECTS

- Application of Practice Model
- Involvement of stakeholders
- Application of macro class content
- Student takes a leadership role in project
- Requires the skills of a social work professional
- Engagement of the field instructor
- The project produces outcomes which benefit stakeholders, often sustainable
- Utilizes an evidence-based approach



# "NOT AS STRONG"



- Service project without other elements of the Practice Model (e.g., Sub-for-Santa, tabling)
- Professional level of social work skills NOT required (e.g., clerical, painting, measuring shoe sizes, distributing clothing)
- No engagement with stakeholders
- Passive involvement rather <u>active</u> leadership (e.g., attended meetings, 'helped out' with, observed)

#### PRACTICUM LEARNING PLANS

Practicum Learning Objectives – skills, knowledge and values that students are evaluated on.

Selected Tasks and Activities – agency activities that match the learning objectives

Methods of Evaluation – evidence of the activities: documentation, supervision, practicum logs

Learning Plans <u>due only once at 100 hours</u>

#### PRACTICUM EVALUATION AND CREDIT

- Weekly supervision with field instructor to guide learning experience and evaluate student progress.
- Total of 2 evaluation forms- mid-term and final.
- •Field instructor evaluates student performance and learning with student participation.

#### **CREDIT**

Students receive a grade of Credit by successfully completing the learning objectives, clock hours and practicum assignments. All 3 areas must be met to receive Credit for Practicum.

Field instructors are responsible for student evaluation in practicum.

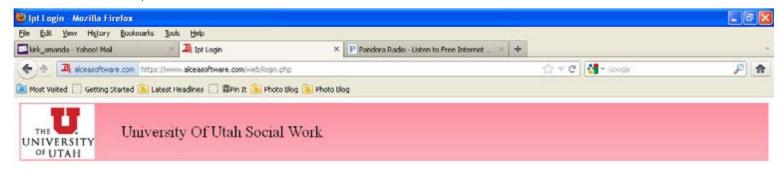
Practicum Seminar is a separate course with separate registration and assignments.

<u>Please note- you cannot miss seminar to complete</u> <u>practicum hours.</u>

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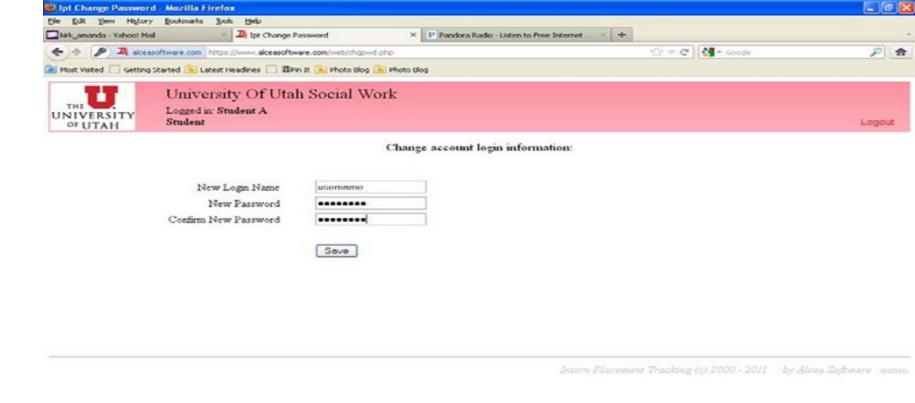
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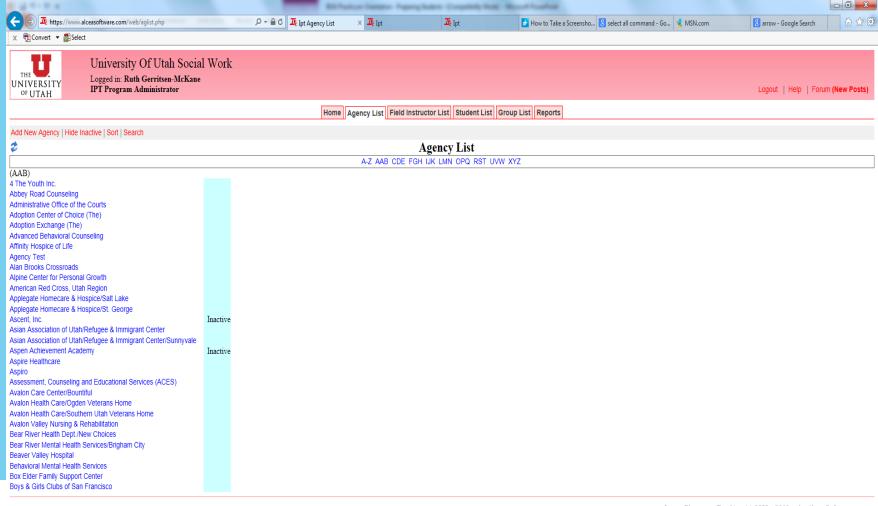
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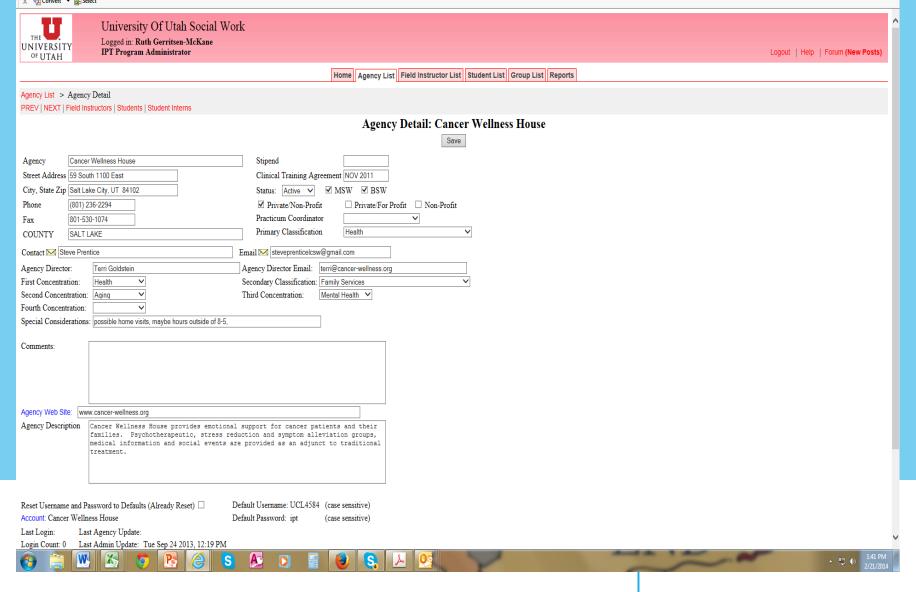


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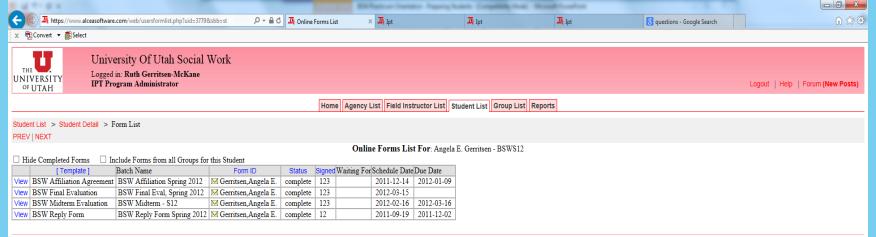


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Once to the Home page, click on the "AGENCY LIST" tab. ALL of the agencies are on this lis



On the Agency Detail Page you will find an Agency Description, special requirements of the agency, and even a link to the Agency's website. Click on the blue 'Agency Website' next to the website address. DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY REGARDING ATTAINING A PRACTICUM, that process is done through your coordinator and the practicum office.



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BSW — Reply Form

BSW — Affiliation Agreement

BSW — Midterm Evaluation

BSW — Final Evaluation

