

# Social Work Majors Meeting UNC Pembroke

March 23, 2011

# Goals of the Social Work Program

- ❑ The Social Work Department has been serving our community since 1982.
- ❑ The mission of the Social Work Program at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke seeks to prepare students for professional social work practice within a generalist (BSW) and advanced generalist (MSW) model and to become leaders in enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of this region.
  - ❑ In keeping with its rural setting and needs of the region's populace, the program attempts to impart to and teach students the skills necessary for implementing solutions to rural problems.
  - ❑ It is particularly concerned with the consequences of injustice, and thus focuses on the empowerment of populations-at-risk and the advancement of economic, political and social justice in all communities.

# Objectives

1. Apply critical thinking skills within the context of professional social work practice.
2. Understand the value base of the profession and its ethical standards and principles, and practice accordingly.
3. Practice without discrimination and with respect, knowledge, and skills related to clients' age, class, color, culture, disability, ethnicity, family structure, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, and sexual orientation.
4. Understand the forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination and apply strategies of advocacy and social change that advance social and economic justice.
5. Understand and interpret the history of the social work profession and its contemporary structures and issues.
6. Apply the knowledge and skills of generalist social work practice with systems of all sizes.<sup>1</sup>
7. Apply the knowledge and skills of a generalist social work perspective to practice with systems of all sizes.

# Objectives (contd.)

8. Use theoretical frameworks supported by empirical evidence to understand individual development and behavior across the life span and the interactions among individuals and between individuals and families, groups, organizations, and communities.
9. Analyze, formulate, and influence social policies.
10. Evaluate research studies, apply research findings to practice, and evaluate their own practice interventions.
11. Use communication skills differentially across client populations, colleagues, and communities.
12. Use supervision and consultation appropriate to social work practice.
13. Function within the structure of organizations and service delivery systems and seek necessary organizational change.
14. Understand the nature of social work practice in Rural communities

# Admission into the Social Work Program

**❑ You must successfully complete\* the following**

**course:** SWK 2000, SWK 2450, SWK 3710, and SWK 3800

(\*Grade C or better)

**❑ You must meet all other specified pre-requisites**

❑ ENG 1050 and 1060

❑ PSPA 1000 or 1010

❑ PSY 1010

❑ SOC 1020, SOC (AIS) 1050 or SOC 2090

❑ BIO 1030 or equivalent

❑ MAT 1050 or 1070

❑ ECN 1000, 2020, 2030, 2410 or GGY 2060 or equivalent

**❑ Your overall GPA must be 2.5**

# Admission into the Social Work Program

- ❑ All Students wishing to be admitted into the social work program this year must submit their application packet as requested or directed by your SWK 3800 instructor.
- ❑ You will receive a response at the end of semester regarding your admission.

# After you have been admitted

- ❑ You must make a C or better in all social work courses.
- ❑ You must maintain an overall GPA 2.5
- ❑ If your GPA falls below the required (2.5):
  - ❑ you will be unable to take any core social work courses until your GPA is back to that level or higher
  - ❑ You may retake social work classes in order to improve your grade, but you will be unable to enroll in any other core social work courses.
- ❖ Keep in mind you will not be able to graduate with a Bachelor of Social Work degree without a GPA 2.5.

# After you have been admitted

- ❑ To graduate with a BSW you need a minimum:
  - ❑ Social Work Core courses 48
  - ❑ Social Work Electives or Pop @ Risk courses 6
  - ❑ Social Statistics (SWK 3600)\* 3
  - ❑ General education courses: 45
  - ❑ Total 120

\*Students admitted before Fall 2010 need 9 credits hours of social work electives or pop @ risk; social statistics is not required

# After you have been admitted

- ❑ Follow course sequence (see SW student handbook)

Junior Year Semester 1	Junior Year Semester II	Senior Year Semester 1	Senior Year Semester II
SWK 2000	SWK 3450	SWK 4450	SWK 4480
SWK 2450	SWK 3480	SWK 4500	SWK 4900
SWK 3710	SWK 3850	SWK 4800	SWK 4910
SWK 3800	SWK 3910	SWK 3600*	
SW Elective	SW Elective	SW Elective	

\*maybe taken at any time

- ❑ You are responsible for all of the information in the Student Handbook.
- ❑ Pay special attention to the non-academic standards

# Your Field Experience

Prof. Cindy Edwards

# Seminar and Practicum

- ❑ Field Seminar is 3 hours
- ❑ Field Work (SWK 4900/4910)
  - ❑ Prerequisite for field work: SWK 2000, 2450, 3450, 3480, 3710, 3800, 3850, 3910, 4450, 4500, 4800 and Permission of instructor.
  - ❑ Students may only enroll in 15 hours during their Field Work.
  - ❑ Must be taken concurrently with SWK 4480.

# Purpose of Field

- Gives you the opportunity to integrate social work knowledge, values and skills learned in previous social work courses
- Supervised by a professionally trained social worker
- Assess all client systems from micro, mezzo and macro systems
- Implement theories of practice and skills and utilize the generalist practice model
- Experience diversity perhaps never experienced
- Demonstrate Competence

# Basic Requirements

- Agency/organization to provide learning experiences aligned with core competencies
- University contracts with agency/organization
- Agencies/organizations reflect the diversity of practice settings in our profession
- Field Supervision
- Minimum of 400 Clock Hours (480 for Child Welfare & School SW)
- Very limited opportunities for weekend/evening only placements
- Employment-based placements must be approved (require separate duties and supervision from paid position)
- Learning Contract - Demonstrate Competencies and Practice Behaviors
- Mid-term and Final Evaluations with Site Visits
- Integrative Seminar
- Portfolio

# Preparation

- Placement process is a collaboration
- Goal is to match you with organization that meets your goals and matches your interests, geographic preferences and scheduling
- Have you met program requirements?
- Advisor and Degree Audit
- Resume & Interviewing (Career Services)
- Background Checks - MyCertiphi
- Field Application
- Field Training/Orientation

# Student Resources

- Dr. Veronica Hardy
  - SafeAssign
  - Care Team
- Dr. Hessmiller
  - Campus Association of Social Workers (CASW)
- Dr. Dran
  - Honor Society (Alpha Delta Mu)
- Prof. Thomas
  - Child Welfare Collaborative

# MSW Program

Dr. Sohn

MSW PROGRAM

- Advanced Standing

CSWE Site Visit

# Pre-Registration

- You must see your advisor to receive your pin number.
- SignUp Sheet/Appointments on-line
- Check your degree audit at least once a semester, submit your graduation audit a year before you anticipate your graduation.
- Registration for Summer and Fall 2011 Semesters  
(Sign into braveweb to check your registration time ticket and to register)**
  - Seniors                      March 28, 2011
  - Juniors                        March 29, 2011
  - Sophomore                    March 30, 2011
  - Freshmen                      March 31, 2011

Questions?  
Comments?