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Application Deadline: March 1

# Prairie View A&M University

Department of Social Work

Baccalaureate Social Work Program

*Application for Field Placement*

1. Complete the fillable application
2. Print and sign the application (wet signature)
3. Combine/Scan application AND essay into ONE document
4. Email completed document to Dr. Esther Ogunjimi 2-3 days before your advising meeting (etogunjimi@pvamu.edu) for her review

The completion of the baccalaureate Social Work degree at Prairie View A&M University requires field practice experience for senior Social Work majors. The Field Practicum consists of 400 clock hours. This requirement meets the Council of Social Work Education’s (CSWE) criteria for field placement. Field Practicum (SOWK 4617) and Integrative Seminar (SOWK 4318), taken concurrently, are designed to provide students with an opportunity to observe and participate in direct service delivery at the micro, mezzo and macro levels of practice. The Field Practicum course also provides the student with an experiential opportunity to apply social work knowledge, values, skills and methods while participating in generalist practices with clients and/or client systems.

**NOTE**: The BSW Program does not grant field credit for previous work or life experiences.

Student’s First Name:Click or tap here to enter text. Last Name Click or tap here to enter text.

DOB Click or tap here to enter text. SID Click or tap here to enter text.

Permanent Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

City: Click or tap here to enter text. State: Click or tap here to enter text.Zip Code: Click or tap here to enter text.

Local Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

(If different from permanent)

City: Click or tap here to enter text. State: Click or tap here to enter text.Zip Code: Click or tap here to enter text.

Permanent Telephone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Mobile: Click or tap here to enter text.

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor and/or felony?

No [ ]  Yes [ ]  If yes, specify nature of conviction and date(s)

Department of Social Work

# **Criminal Background Statement**

Social workers hold positions of trust and often work with vulnerable clients. Therefore, a review of the criminal history, including convictions and deferred adjudication of a prospective social worker is necessary to protect the public’s safety, health, and welfare.

The criminal history of an applicant to the Social Work Education Program will be considered in making admission and retention determinations. Failure to disclose a criminal history in response to admissions and retention materials may be considered an attempt to defraud the university and the program and may subject the student to immediate dismissal from the program.

Prospective students must be aware that agencies have the right to refuse to accept them for field practicum. Acceptance into the social work program does not guarantee a student a practicum if the refusal is based on a student’s criminal history. Refusal of a practicum under such circumstances will not entitle the student to any refund of tuition or other fees incurred up to that point of the program. No student will be allowed to graduate with a degree in social work without completing the field placement requirement.

In addition, the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners requires a specific case by case evaluation to determine eligibility for licensing. Graduation from Prairie View A&M University Social Work Program does not guarantee that a graduate with a criminal history will be eligible to sit for the state licensure examination. Furthermore, employers may refuse to employ anyone, based on criminal history. It is the responsibility of the students with such histories to inform themselves whether or not their particular circumstance may affect their eligibility for licensure and employment.

**Please answer the following question. Written explanation must accompany a *“yes”* answer.**

**Yes** [ ]  **No** [ ] Have you ever been convicted of or charged with a crime in any state or country, the disposition of which was other than acquittal or dismissal? Do not include Class C misdemeanor traffic offenses. (If *“yes”*, include dates and location of criminal history).

**My printed name and signature indicate that I have read and answered the statement above truthfully to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any attempt to misrepresent the truth will be considered fraud and may result in termination from the program. I further understand that the following information, along with any accompanying written explanation, will be provided to agencies where I am assigned to interview, upon request.**

Click or tap here to enter text.

Printed Name

 Date Click or tap to enter a date.

Signature



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Prairie View, Texas 77446

 Phone (936) 261-1670

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## FACTORS AFFECTING FIELD ASSIGNMENT

1. Do you plan to be employed during your field placement? [ ] No [ ] Yes

If yes, please provide the following:

Number of hours per week Click or tap here to enter text.

Scheduled Days:

[ ] Monday [ ] Tuesday [ ] Wednesday [ ] Thursday [ ] Friday [ ] Saturday [ ] Sunday

Scheduled Times: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Because you are responsible for transportation to and from the field agency, do you foresee any issues with seeking placement? [ ] No [ ] Yes

If yes, please explain:

 Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Please note any special needs that may require special accommodations as outlined by ADA. Click or tap here to enter text.

 **VOLUNTEER EXPREIENCE RELATED TO SOCIAL WORK (including field experience)**

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| **Agency**  | **Date(s)**  | **Description of Volunteer Activities**  |
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**SOCIAL/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Please list any social/professional organizations of which you are currently a member

 1. Click or tap here to enter text.

 2. Click or tap here to enter text.

 3. Click or tap here to enter text.

**EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER INTERESTS**

1. What are your current educational and career goals?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What personal strengths, qualities and/or abilities do you possess that will be an asset to you during this field placement?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What knowledge, information, or experiences do you hope to gain from this field experience?

Click or tap here to enter text.

## FIELDS OF PRACTICE

The following are examples of some of the diverse problems and client groups with which professional social workers are involved. Please select the categories that represent your current major interests in your social work education.

*Special Age Groups:*

[ ] Pre-School Children

[ ] School-Age Children

[ ] Adolescents

[ ] Adults

[ ] Geriatrics

[ ] Women Issues

[ ] Political Advocacy

[ ] Substance Abuse

*Communities:*

[ ] Rural Communities

[ ] Suburban/Urban Communities

*Problems/Special Population:*

[ ] Child Welfare

[ ] Child & Family Services

[ ] Juvenile Services

[ ] School Social Work

[ ] Criminal Justice

[ ] Health

[ ] Mental Health

[ ] Gender Related Issues

[ ] Developmental Disabilities

[ ] Minorities/Depressed Groups

[ ] Physically Disabled

[ ] HIV Services

[ ] Low Income/poverty

*Direct Services Delivery*

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| [ ] Adult Day Care | [ ] Hospice Care |
| [ ] Advocacy | [ ] Housing |
| [ ] Case Management | [ ] Info and Referral |
| [ ] Child Care | [ ] Legal Aid |
| [ ] Counseling | [ ] Protective Services |
| [ ] Crisis Intervention | [ ] Residential |
| [ ] Education | [ ] Skills Training |
| [ ] Employment | [ ] Temporary/Emergency[ ] Transportation |

**FIELDS OF PRACTICE** *cont’d*

Please indicate three fields of practice in which you have an interest.

1. Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Click or tap here to enter text.

**Indicate your status in the following Liberal Arts Perspective courses by marking “*ER*” for all courses in which you are currently enrolled the letter grade for those completed.**

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| **Course**  | **Status**  |
| ENGL 1301 Freshman Composition I  | Choose an item. |
| ENGL 1302 Freshman Composition II  | Choose an item. |
| Professional Development Area 1: *Select From Drop Down* | Choose an item. |
| Professional Development Area 2: *Select From Drop Down* | Choose an item. |
| HIST 1301 U.S. to 1876 | Choose an item. |
| HIST 1302 U.S. 1876 to Present  | Choose an item. |
| HIST 2301 History of Texas  | Choose an item. |
| POSC 2305 American Government I  | Choose an item. |
| POSC 2306 Texas Government  | Choose an item. |
| \*\*BIOL 1308 College Biology I  **(Required)** | Choose an item. |
| Life and Physical Science *Select From Drop Down* | Choose an item. |
| MATHEMATICS*Select From Drop Down* | Choose an item. |
| Language Philosophy & Culture *Select From Drop Down* | Choose an item. |
| SPAN 1301 Elem. Spanish I  | Choose an item. |
| SPAN 1302 Elem. Spanish II  | Choose an item. |
| SOCG 1013 General Sociology  | Choose an item. |
| STATISTICS*Select From Drop Down* | Choose an item. |
| ECONOMICS*Select From Drop Down* | Choose an item. |
| PSYC 1113 General Psychology  | Choose an item. |

**List grades for each professional foundation and Social Work elective completed**

SOWK 2361, 2313, 3311, 3312, 3313, 3314, 3321, 4312, 4313, 4314, and 4315 must be completed prior to enrolling in Field Practicum (4617) and Integrative Seminar (4318).

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| **Course**  | **Grade**  |
| SOWK 2361 Introduction to the Field of Social Work  | Choose an item. |
| SOWK 2313 Social Work With Children & Families  | Choose an item. |
| SOWK 3311 Social Welfare Policy & Services  | Choose an item. |
| SOWK 3312 Social Welfare Policy Analysis  | Choose an item. |
| SOWK 3313 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I  | Choose an item. |
| SOWK 3314 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II  | Choose an item. |
| SOWK 3321 Human & Cultural Diversity Social Work  | Choose an item. |
| SOWK 4312 Social Work Practice I  | Choose an item. |
| SOWK 4313 Social Work Practice II  | Choose an item. |
| SOWK 4314 Social Work Research I  | Choose an item. |
| SOWK 4315 Social Work Research II  | Choose an item. |
| SOWK Elective Select From Drop Down | Choose an item. |
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 **What are your career plans immediately after graduation?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

 **What are your long-term career goals?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Current Social Work Grade Point Average:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**(Minimum SOWK GPA required 2.5)**

If the answer to either of the above is “*NO*” you must make an appointment with your faculty advisor to discuss Field Practicum and/or evaluate your degree plan.

***Signatures***

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| **Student (*print)*** | **Signature**  | **Date**  |
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| Dr. Esther T. Ogunjimi**Director of Field Instruction**  |  **Signature**  | **Date**  |
|   |  |  |
| Dr. Felix O Chima**Dept. Head of Work Program**  |  **Signature**  | **Date**  |

***I give permission for the information contained in this application to be shared with social work faculty members and field instructors who are involved with my placement.***

***I have completed this application as accurately as possible, and I understand that it and subsequent interview(s) will be utilized to determine the best placement for me. I also understand that any false information deliberately included on this application will disqualify me from field placement.***

**Student (*print)* Signature Date**

### Statement of Purpose Essay

The BSW Program at Prairie View A&M University is designed to prepare students for professional generalist social work practice. The Social Work Program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and must meet and adhere to the standards set by this accrediting body.

Social Work is a helping profession. The essay requirement is an important part of your application. It is requires that you submit **no less than 4 pages** and **no more than 5 pages**, typed and double spaced, on the topic ***Why I Desire to Pursue a Professional Degree in Social Work*** and attach it to your application. You will receive written notification from the Social Work Faculty Admission Committee regarding admission to the program.

Please include the following areas in your essay:

1. Your volunteer and/or paid experience pertaining to social work
2. A list of persons and experiences that influenced you to choose social work as a major and career choice
3. Qualities you possess that can contribute to the social work profession
4. Your long term goals
5. Discuss a contemporary social problem outlining how you will contribute to its solution

Prairie View A&M University and any of its sponsored programs are open to qualified individuals regardless of race, color, sex, creed, age, national origin or educationally unrelated disabilities.

**Statement by the Applicant**

*I certify that this information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Social Work Program to verify the information I have provided. I further understand that this information will be relied upon by the officials of the Social Work Program in determining my admission and residence status for tuition purposes and that submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application, withdrawal of an offer of acceptance, cancellation of enrollment and/or disciplinary action. I also authorize the university to electronically access my Texas Academic Skills Program test results.*

Student Signature

**Optional Information:**

*Please indicate which of the following groups best describes your ethnic background. This information is voluntary and will be used for federal and/or state law reporting purposes only and will not be used in any admission or scholarship decisions.*

**Race/Ethnicity/Identity**: (Check all that apply)

[ ] **African/African American**

[ ] **Asian/Pacific Islander**

[ ] **Hispanic/Latino American**

[ ] **Native American**

[ ] **Caucasian/White, Non-Hispanic**

[ ] **Other** Click or tap here to enter text.

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)**

**Application:**

Received on Click or tap to enter a date.

Date

Reviewed on Click or tap to enter a date.

Date

Transcript/transfer credits evaluated on Click or tap to enter a date.

Date

Cum GPA Click or tap here to enter text. Number of Hours Completed Click or tap here to enter text.

**Review Decision:**

[ ] Approved

[ ] Approved Conditionally *(List conditions below)*

Click or tap here to enter text.

[ ] Disapproved *(List reasons below)*

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Placement Information:**

Click or tap here to enter text. is assigned to the following site:

Student Name

Click or tap here to enter text.

Agency/Program Name

Address Click or tap here to enter text.

Street / P.O. Box

City Click or tap here to enter text. County Click or tap here to enter text.State Click or tap here to enter text.ZipClick or tap here to enter text.

Field Instructor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Field Coordinator Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_