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Application Deadline: April 25th

Prairie View A&M University
Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Sciences

Baccalaureate Social Work Program
Application for Field Placement

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 4176) and Integrative Seminar (SOWK 4183), 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 Name: _____
Last First Middle

DOB _____ SID _____

Permanent Address: _____

City State Zip

Local Address: _____
(If different from permanent)

City State Zip

Permanent Telephone: (_____) _____
Area Code Number

Local Telephone: (_____) _____ Mobile: (_____) _____
Area Code Number Area Code Number

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

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



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

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Department of Social Work Education

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.

Printed Name

Signature

Date _____

The Social Work Education Program

P.O. Box 519, Mail Stop 2203

Prairie View, Texas 77446

www.pvamu.edu

Phone (936) 261-1670 Fax (936) 261-1679

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 _____ Scheduled Time:

Scheduled days:

2. 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:

3. Please note any special needs that may require special accommodations as outlined by ADA.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE RELATED TO SOCIAL WORK (including field experience)

[illegible]

SOCIAL/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER INTERESTS

1. What are your current educational and career goals?
2. What personal strengths, qualities and/or abilities do you possess that will be an asset to you during this field placement?
3. What knowledge, information, or experiences do you hope to gain from this field experience?

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 | ☐ Information and <i>Referral</i> |
| ☐ 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. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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.

Course	Status
ENGL 1123 Freshman Composition I	
ENGL 1133 Freshman Composition II	
COMM 1003 Fund. of Speech Communication (SPCH 1003)	
HIST 1313 U.S. to 1876	
HIST 1323 U.S. 1876 to Present	
POSC 1113 American Government I	
POSC 1123 American Government II	
BIOL 1113 College Biology I	
BIOL 1111 College Biology Lab	
BIOL 1054 Anatomy & Physiology	
MATH 1113 College Algebra	
PHIL 2023 Ethics/ PHIL 2303 Critical Thinking	
SPAN 1013 Elem. Spanish I	
SPAN 1023 Elem. Spanish II	
SOCG 1013 General Sociology	
ECON 2113 Principles of Microeconomics OR ECON 2123 Principles of Macroeconomics	
PSYC 1113 General Psychology	

List grades for each professional foundation and Social Work elective completed

SOWK 2113, 2133, 3113, 3123, 3133, 3143, 3213, 4123, 4133, 4143, and 4153 must be completed prior to enrolling in Field Practicum (4176) and Integrative Seminar (4183).

Course	Grade
SOWK 2113 Introduction to the Field of Social Work	
SOWK 2133 Social Work With Children & Families	
SOWK 3113 Social Welfare Policy & Services	
SOWK 3123 Social Welfare Policy Analysis	
SOWK 3133 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	
SOWK 3143 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	
SOWK 3213 Human & Cultural Diversity Social Work	
SOWK 4123 Social Work Practice I	
SOWK 4133 Social Work Practice II	
SOWK 4143 Social Work Research I	
SOWK 4153 Social Work Research II	
SOWK _____ <i>Enter course number and title</i>	
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SOWK _____ <i>Enter course number and title</i>	

What are your career plans immediately after graduation?

What are your long-term career goals?

Current Social Work Grade Point Average: _____

(Minimum SOWK GPA required 2.5)

Name of Advisor:

If other, specify name: _____

Has your faculty advisor:

Discussed Field practicum with you? No Yes

Questions or comments: _____

Evaluated completion of all prerequisites for Field Practicum? No Yes

Questions or comments: _____

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

Student (*print*)

Signature

Date

Alex D. Colvin

Coordinator of Field Instruction

Signature

Date

Felix O. Chima

Director of Social 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 Social Work 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 required that you submit 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:

- A. Your volunteer and/or paid experience pertaining to social work
- B. A list of persons and experiences that influenced you to choose social work as a major and career choice
- C. Qualities you possess that can contribute to the social work profession
- D. Your long term goals
- E. 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/National Identity:

African American
Asian American
Hispanic American
Multiracial American
White American, Non-Hispanic
Other

Please specify

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Application:

Received on _____
Date

Reviewed on _____
Date

Transcript/transfer credits evaluated on _____
Date

Cum GPA _____ Number of Hours Completed _____

Review Decision:

Approved _____ Approved Conditionally _____ (*List conditions below*)

Disapproved _____ (*List reasons below*)

Placement Information:

_____ is assigned to the following site:
Student Name

Agency/Program Name

Address _____
Street / P.O. Box

City County State Zip

Field Instructor _____ Date _____

Field Coordinator _____ Date _____