



TO: All Chapel Hill Advanced Standing Students

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Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

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Welcome to the School of Social Work! We are all delighted that you will be joining us in the Advanced Standing MSW program and send you warm greetings from faculty, staff and students at the School of Social Work. We look forward to our next twelve months together as you complete your master's level professional social work education. Please note special dates as follows:

**ORIENTATION** – Our program for Advanced Standing students begins **Monday, May 11, 2009**, with orientation scheduled for 9:00 am-2:30 pm in Room 300 of the School of Social Work, Tate-Turner-Kuralt Bldg. At this event we will be taking individual photos as well as a group photo. In early May you will receive an article to read for orientation. You may wish to check out the May 11 agenda online.

**SUMMER COURSE SCHEDULE** – The first semester of classes for Advanced Standing students begins Tuesday, May 12 and ends Friday, June 12. During the first summer session, you will be enrolled in the following course:

SoWo 715, Advanced Standing Bridge Course (6 credit hours)  
Room 135, Tate-Turner-Kuralt Bldg., M-F, 9:00 am – 11:50 am  
Professors: Drs. Iris Carlton-LaNey, Kim Strom-Gottfried, and Joelle Powers

Our bridge course links your undergraduate BSW education with our core graduate courses on policy, practice and human behavior in the social environment. All classes are held in classrooms in our facility, the Tate-Turner-Kuralt building. While most of your afternoons during the first summer session will be dedicated to class preparation, some afternoons will be scheduled for additional orientation and field placement planning. Please be prepared to spend those scheduled days in Chapel Hill. As a reminder, you can look forward to two holidays during the summer, Memorial Day - Monday, May 25, 2009 and Independence Day holiday - Friday, July 3, 2009. There will be no class or field practicum on those two days.

**FIELD PLACEMENT ARRANGEMENTS** – The start of your field placement is during the second summer session, Monday, June 22, 2009 through Friday, July 24, 2009, and is five full days each week. During the fall and spring semesters, you will continue your field placement in the same agency, three days per week on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Please read carefully the memo from the Director of Field Education, Rebecca Brigham with instructions for planning your field placement. Please complete your concentration planning guide and resume online by Wednesday, April 24, 2009. We consider field practice to be a very important part of your education. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please contact Carol Weber at 919-966-4916 or [weberc@email.unc.edu](mailto:weberc@email.unc.edu).

**S.A.G.E.** – The School of Social Work will be hosting the annual Students Achieving Graduate Education (S.A.G.E.) pre-orientation program for entering students of color and international students on Saturday, August 15, 2009. All incoming students are welcome to attend.

**RESIDENCY** – The Graduate School handles residency concerns. If you have a question, please contact Shalonda Arnold at [sgarnold@email.unc.edu](mailto:sgarnold@email.unc.edu). **\*\*Please note that even though you may have lived in North Carolina all of your life, you still will need to complete an online residency form if you are claiming North Carolina residency for tuition purposes.** The form should be completed after March 15 and is on the Graduate School's website at: <http://gradschool.unc.edu/student/residency/>.

**REGISTRATION AND TUITION PAYMENTS** – If you have paid the \$100 enrollment fee, the School of Social Work Registrar Beth Sauer will register you by April 3 for the first summer session. If not, you will need to prepay the tuition, then, contact Ms. Sauer at 919-962-6443 to request that she register you. For the most up-to-date tuition rates check the Cashier’s website at: [www.ais.unc.edu/bfhome/cashiers/stufinfo.htm](http://www.ais.unc.edu/bfhome/cashiers/stufinfo.htm) . Estimates of tuition and fees are as follows:

	<u>Instate</u>	<u>Out-of-State</u>	<u>Pmt. Due</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Summer Session	\$1,170	\$ 2,580	April 27
2 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Session	\$1,080	\$ 2,020 (includes \$300 field fees)	June 1
Fall	\$3,797	\$ 10,871 (includes \$300 field fees)	August 4
Spring	\$3,797	\$ 10,871 (includes \$300 field fees)	December 10

**LIBRARIES** – Information about Davis Library and the Health Sciences Library is on the web at the following website address: [www.lib.unc.edu/libinfo/hours.htm](http://www.lib.unc.edu/libinfo/hours.htm).

**FINANCIAL AID** – For loans you will need to complete the FAFSA online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. When completing the FAFSA online remember to indicate that you’re registered for ten credit hours in the summer. For information about eligibility for loans contact the UNC-CH Office of Scholarships and Student Aid at 919/962-8396 or visit their website at <http://studentaid.unc.edu/> . School of Social Work awards are available for the academic year. More information about the School of Social Work financial aid can be found at <http://ssw.unc.edu/index.php?q=students/financial> . Many of you have completed the School of Social Work financial aid application, and you will be notified by late May regarding your award status.

**EMAIL** – You will need to create a UNC-Chapel Hill email address before your arrival. Please review the Computer Information Technology Unit instructions on how to do this. It’s very important that you inform Student Services Manager Linda Wilson of your ONYEN and new UNC email address before you arrive on campus. Her email address is [ltw2517@email.unc.edu](mailto:ltw2517@email.unc.edu). Your UNC email account is typically the way faculty and staff communicate with you while you are enrolled in the MSW program. If you have a personal email address you prefer using, it is imperative that you have all your email forwarded from your UNC email address to your personal address.

**PARKING** – On May 11 when you arrive on campus, you will need to allow at least 30 minutes to park and get to the Tate-Turner-Kuralt building. Maps and specific [directions for Parking at the Rams Head parking deck](#) are available on this website.

**PURCHASING BOOKS** – Textbooks can be purchased by logging into the Course Materials portal, <http://my.unc.edu> at Health Affairs Book Stores. Another option is to get the title of the textbooks from the course syllabus and place an order online or at a local bookstore.

**SPECIAL NEEDS** – It is helpful for us to know if you have a particular condition that will require special arrangements in order for you to attend classes and do field practice. Not all UNC-Chapel Hill buildings are handicapped accessible and certain field sites also may not be accessible. You can notify us about special classroom or field placement needs by letter. If applicable, there are services provided through the [Department of Disability Services](#).

We hope that you will plan to bring your family to both the Welcome Weekend on April 17-18 and the Welcome Reception on Friday, August 21, at 4:00 pm at the UNC School of Social Work. You are not required to attend these events; however, it is an informal way of beginning to make those important connections with your peers as well as faculty and staff. More details about the event will be forthcoming.

On this website, you will find answers to many of your questions about advising, the curriculum, registration, field placement, housing, financial aid and parking. Please look at each section carefully and if you have questions or concerns, contact the people listed in each section for additional assistance.

Again, we welcome you to the MSW program and look forward to joining you in this exciting adventure in your professional development. Expect to work hard, question assumptions and meet life-long friends. We look forward to seeing you soon.

c: Jack M. Richman, Dean  
 Sharon Holmes Thomas, Director of Recruitment, Admissions & Financial Aid  
 Rebecca Brigham, Director of Field Education