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TO: Continuing Distance Education Triangle Students

FROM: Anna Scheyett, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

DATE: July 2, 2009

Greetings! We trust that you are having a productive and restful summer, and we are very much looking forward to your return in August. We're expecting 300 full-time, distance education and advanced standing students in the fall, and we're excited that you will be one of them.

In addition to sending greetings and welcoming you back, this memorandum is intended to inform you of advising, registration and class schedules for the fall.

Fall 2009 Class Registration – Beth Sauer, Registrar for the School of Social Work (919-962-6443, bhsauer@email.unc.edu) will register you for your two required courses and field practicum (if you have not deferred your placement) in this distance education program. You should receive your tuition and fees invoice between late July and early August.

Welcome to Our New Entering Distance Education Students – We are expecting 23 new incoming Triangle Distance Education students in August. They will attend orientation on August 7 and 21 at UNC Chapel Hill. If you are available and interested in joining us for a student panel and lunch on August 7, please contact the DE Triangle Program Director Travis Albritton by July 24 at travis_albritton@unc.edu or 919-962-6432. Your assistance and participation is greatly appreciated!

Advising – Travis Albritton will be your Faculty Advisor again this year. He will meet with each of you in the fall semester after Concentration Orientation (date TBA) to review your academic progress and ensure your plans for your third year. You will also have a plan of study advisor, either Beth Sauer (for last names that begin with A-J) or Sarah Naylor (for last names that begin with K-Z). Your plan of study advisor will help you submit your plan of study in the spring and is available for consultation regarding MSW curriculum policies and procedures.

Foundation Field Placement Arrangements – The Field Education Office is processing the forms necessary to finalize your field placement match for the 2009-2010 academic year. Please be sure to go online and confirm your acceptance of the placement if you have not already done so. Please contact Ronni Zuckerman (ronniz@email.unc.edu) with questions or concerns regarding your foundation field placement.

Foundation Field Placement Orientation – Your foundation field placement orientation is scheduled for **Friday, August 21, 9:00 am-12:00 noon in Room 300**. Your attendance at this orientation is REQUIRED; the session will count toward your foundation field practicum hours.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are not enrolling in your foundation field practicum (i.e. you are deferring your field placement to a Spring or Summer 2010 block placement) you are NOT required to attend this field placement orientation session. If you have any questions or concerns regarding orientation, please be in touch with Ronni Zuckerman as soon as possible.

2009-2010 Foundation Field Practicum Seminar – As part of your foundation field practicum you will attend a foundation field seminar series during lunch on alternate Fridays throughout the academic year. A schedule and syllabus for this seminar series will be provided during the field orientation **August 21**. The seminar component is designed to assist students in integrating classroom learning with the direct experience of practicum and serves as a professional support group for discussing field issues. Students have the opportunity to review their basic understanding of group process as well as practice group leadership skills.

Tuition and Fees – We do not have an exact figure for your 2009-2010 tuition and fees. The final cost of tuition and fees will remain uncertain until the final state budget is approved by the North Carolina state legislature and signed by the Governor. Once final tuition and fees are determined you will receive an invoice from the University Cashier's Office. Please remember that your tuition is paid per credit hour. If you are registered for field for this fall in addition to your two classes, you will now be paying for 10 credit hours plus a \$300 field fee each semester. (If you are deferring field, you will still be registered for the 1 credit hour field seminar which takes your course load total to seven credit hours.)

Estimates for the 2009-2010 academic year tuition, fees and field fee for in-state, distance education continuing students are approximately \$3,122 per semester. For out-of-state students it should be about \$5,722 per semester.

Financial Aid / Jobs – Due to the downturn in the economy, we may have a limited number of positions to offer students this fall. We do not yet know what specific jobs will be available at the School to supplement student loans, although we anticipate that some research assistantships, program assistantships, building monitor, and computer lab monitor positions will be available. We hope to have all available job descriptions of student positions posted online by mid-August. You will be able to view job descriptions and apply for positions online at that time.

If you intend to apply for a loan and have questions, you may contact Aesha Greene in the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid. Her email address is aesha_greene@unc.edu. If you are enrolled in field placement, you may want to remind her that you are paying an additional \$300 per semester for the field fee.

Parking – Parking is at a premium on campus. You will need to give yourself ample time to find parking on the first day of classes. For campus and commuter options, please visit www.chtransit.org and www.dps.unc.edu. The on-campus buses run frequently and are free.

Change of Address – Please notify Student Services Manager Linda Wilson at 919-962-6442, or LWilson@unc.edu of any name, address, phone, and email changes you may have over the summer.

2009-2010 Special Events - We hope that you will reserve these dates on your calendar and plan to join faculty, staff and students for these fun events:

- **Welcome Reception**
Friday, August 21, 4-6:00 pm, School of Social Work lobby
- **School of Social Work Potluck**
Saturday, September 12, 2009, 4-7:00 pm, Wilson Park in Carrboro
- **Harambee** (a multi-cultural celebration)
Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 12-1:30 pm, 5th floor lounge

Continue to have a great summer and we'll see you August!

c: Sharon Holmes Thomas, Director of Recruitment, Admissions and Financial Aid
Travis Albritton, Director, Distance Education Triangle Program

Enclosures:

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