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TO: New First-year Full-time Students
FROM: Anna Scheyett, PhD, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
DATE: May 1, 2009

Congratulations and welcome to the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. We are pleased that you have chosen to spend the next two years with us pursuing professional social work education. We are especially looking forward to our face-to-face welcome and orientation activities with you in August, which we are planning now. This online information will help you get ready for us and will help us prepare for you.

Orientation will be held Thursday, August 20, 2009. We will begin at 8:45 am with registration and a continental breakfast in the lobby of the School of Social Work. We have a full day of orientation activities planned including a meeting with the Student Ambassadors and a welcome assembly to meet the faculty and staff. A complimentary lunch will be served. You will receive more information in early July that will include a more detailed orientation schedule with activities that continue through the end of September. The Graduate School has also scheduled an orientation day on August 20; however, the departmental orientation day takes precedence, so we look forward to seeing you at the School of Social Work August 20.

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.

JumpSTART! Preparation for Social Work Practice begins on Friday, August 21, 2009, and continues August 24-27, 2009. You will receive a more detailed schedule in July. This required program is intended to prepare you for social work graduate education, ground you in knowledge and understanding of the profession and introduce you to skills needed to successfully complete the MSW program.

Field Placement Planning Field education is an important part of your graduate experience and you will begin your Foundation field placement during the Fall semester. Prior to beginning the placement process, we need to learn more about you, your experiences, and your interests. In the Field Education memo you will find information about how to locate the on-line forms and complete your Foundation Practicum Planning Guide. As soon as possible complete the Foundation Practicum Planning Guide, but **no later than May 29, 2009.**

Registration and Tuition You must register for your courses, and pay tuition and fees, before you arrive on campus. You should **register by June 19, 2009** after which you will be billed for the fall semester tuition and fees. **Tuition and fees must be paid by August 4, 2009. Foundation classes begin on Friday, August 28, 2009, immediately following JumpSTART.**

You may register by using the internet or by contacting the School of Social Work Registrar Beth Sauer at bhsauer@email.unc.edu. For more details review the information in the Advising and Curriculum memo from Dr. Sarah Naylor.

The estimated cost of tuition and fees per semester is \$3,800 for in-state students (includes a \$300 field fee) and \$10,900 for out-of-state students. Please note this is an estimate. You will receive a bill following registration that indicates the correct amount. The cost of books and supplies for any semester can range from \$400-\$600. Hidden costs such as paper, computer disks, and travel costs to field practica are sometimes overlooked in planning. For the most current updates on tuition rates, access the Cashiers Office website at: <http://finance.unc.edu/asst.-vc--controller/student-account-services/student-billing.html> .

Students expecting to receive a Tuition Remission, Merit award, Federal Work Study, or a loan from the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid should complete a request to defer tuition and fee payment. The form will be included with your tuition bill.

Residency The Graduate School handles residency concerns. If you have a question, please contact Shalonda Arnold at 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 is on the Graduate School's website at: <http://gradschool.unc.edu/student/residency/>

Financial Aid Students receiving Merit awards, Weiss fellowships, and scholarships from the School of Social Work have been notified. The School of Social Work will not be able to make decisions regarding Federal Work Study, Tuition Remissions, and Dean's Research Awards until this summer due to budget uncertainty. Students should contact the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid to discuss loans to cover tuition and fees. For questions about scholarship funds from the School of Social Work, contact Sharon Thomas at sharon_thomas@unc.edu. See the "Financial Aid" section of this website for information about research assistant positions.

Special Needs It is helpful for us to know if you have needs that require special accommodations to attend classes and field practice. Not all UNC-Chapel Hill classrooms are handicapped accessible, and some field sites may not provide accessibility. For classroom needs, please inform us in a return letter. The Field Planning Guide will have a place for you to note special field-learning needs. Also, if you need to obtain accommodations for your classroom instruction you must speak with the Office of Disability Services first. Their website is at <http://disabilityservices.unc.edu/>.

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 any local bookstore. The Social Work Student Organization (SoWoSO) will be coordinating a book sale in August for those students wanting to buy used books. There is usually a NC Tax-Free Weekend in August. Due to the bad economy it may be cut this year, but historically it is the first weekend in August.

Change of Address and UNC Email Address Please notify Student Services Manager Linda Wilson (919-962-6442 or LWilson@unc.edu) to update address changes you may have over the summer. We will need a current mailing address, phone, and email, as we will be mailing additional information to you throughout the summer. Address changes should also be made on Student Central which is online at www.unc.edu. Ms. Wilson will also need to know your UNC email address as soon as you set up your ONYEN. (See the Computer Literacy section of this booklet for instructions on how to set up the email address.)

We look forward to spending the next two years with you as you prepare for professional practice. The faculty and staff are involved in a variety of research, program planning, evaluation and training projects on local, state, national, and international levels. We are working to bring you the best opportunities to expand your knowledge and develop your skills. We welcome you to our learning community. Expect to work hard, question assumptions and meet life-long friends.

c: Jack M. Richman, Ph.D., Dean and Professor
Sharon Thomas, MSW, Director of Recruitment, Admissions, and Financial Aid

Other Online information:

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Things We Wish We'd Known
