



TO: Continuing (2nd year) Students in the 3-Year Chapel Hill Program
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RE: Fall 2020 Activities

Greetings!

We hope you are making the most of your summer, and we are looking very forward to your return in August. We recognize that remote instruction is different from how any of us had anticipated beginning the academic year but we are working hard to make sure you feel connected and have what you need for a successful matriculation through the MSW program. In addition to welcoming you back, this memorandum is intended to provide you with some important information and announcements regarding the beginning of the fall semester.

Registration, Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees must be paid or deferred by **August 17, 2020**. The School of Social Work Registrar, Ms. Beth Sauer, is registering you for your fall 2020 courses. Please contact her at bhsauer@email.unc.edu if you have any questions about registration. Your first day of class for the 3-year Chapel Hill MSW program is Friday, August 14.

Advising

Dr. Travis Albritton will be your Faculty Advisor again this year. He will meet with each of you throughout the year as you prepare for the specialization curriculum by selecting your concentration in the fall and completing your plan of study in the spring.

Generalist Field Placement Arrangements

The first day of field education for Fall 2020 is Wednesday, August 19. Be sure to check in with your field instructor to confirm the date, time and place for you to begin your placement. Please contact Ms. Andrea Murray Lichtman (ajmurray@email.unc.edu) or Dr. Travis Albritton (travis_albritton@unc.edu) with questions or concerns regarding your generalist field placement.

Generalist Field Placement Orientation – Required attendance

Your generalist field placement orientation is scheduled for **Friday, August 7 from 9:00am – 12:00pm via Zoom**. Your attendance at this orientation is **required**, and the session will count toward your generalist field practicum hours.

PLEASE NOTE: Students who are deferring field placement to spring or summer 2021 block placement (i.e., not enrolling in your generalist field practicum in fall 2020) are still required to attend this session.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding orientation, please be in touch with Ms. Andrea Murray-Lichtman and Dr. Travis Albritton as soon as possible.

2020-2021 Generalist Field Practicum Seminar

As part of your generalist field practicum you will attend a generalist field seminar on alternate Fridays throughout the academic year. A schedule and syllabus for this seminar will be provided during the generalist field

orientation on **August 7**. 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.

Financial Aid/Jobs

If you have questions regarding loans or your federal aid, please contact the UNC Office of Scholarships & Student Aid at 919-962-8396 or aidinfo@unc.edu. You can also find helpful information on their website at <http://studentaid.unc.edu/>. A limited number of research and program assistant positions will be emailed to all students by late August.

Purchasing Books

Textbooks can be purchased by logging into the Student Stores Course Materials portal found in <https://connectcarolina.unc.edu/>. Click on "Student Center," and then "Order My Textbooks." You can also contact UNC Student Stores at 919-962-5066. Another option is to purchase the textbooks online or at a local bookstore.

The SSW Office of Academic & Student Affairs' summer program assistant, Farrell O'Quinn (farrello@live.unc.edu), will coordinate a used book sale via Google docs. Farrell will send information via email to all students by the first week of August.

Change of Address

Changes to your mailing address should be made on the [ConnectCarolina](#) website.

Preferred Names

If you have a preferred name that is different from your legal name, please go into ConnectCarolina and update your name. You will have the option to indicate which name you want shared on student documents from the school as well as your diploma.

Health Insurance

Those of you who opted to remain off-campus students for your second year are not eligible for the student insurance and are not responsible for opting in or waiving out during their first and second years of generalist curriculum study in the program. ***If you have opted to remain an off-campus coded student, you should not be billed for health insurance; please double check your bill in July to make sure that you were not charged. You may continue receiving mass emails from the University regarding health insurance, but they do not require your attention. You are also not required to submit your immunization and health history records until you are transitioned from off-campus to on-campus status after you have completed your generalist curriculum requirements.***

Those of you who opted to change your designated student status to "on-campus" for your second year are required to have health insurance coverage (as are all on-campus undergraduate and graduate/professional students within the UNC system). This does not mean that you must enroll in the UNC System Student Health Insurance Plan; it means that you must provide proof of active [creditable](#) health insurance in order to opt out of the student health insurance plan. On-campus students will be automatically enrolled in and billed for the UNC system student health insurance plan, which is administered by [Blue Cross / Blue Shield of North Carolina called Student Blue](#), until they show evidence of an existing "credible" health insurance policy. *If you will have a research assistant position this fall that covers health insurance, please do not complete any UNC health insurance forms this summer. You will be given the option in late July to enroll in the [Graduate Student Health Insurance Program](#) which is a different program than Student Blue.

2020-2021 Special Events

On Tuesday, July 28, the School of Social Work will host the annual LGBTQ+ Welcome Event, a gathering designed for students who are members or allies of the LGBTQ+ community. The event will be held via Zoom from 5:00-6:30pm.

Additionally, on Thursday, July 30, the School of Social Work will host Students Achieving Graduate Education (S.A.G.E.), an annual pre-orientation program designed for entering and continuing students of color and international students. S.A.G.E. will be held via Zoom from 5:00-6:30pm. Please email Monique Tuset (mtuset@email.unc.edu), to RSVP for the LGBTQ+ Welcome Event and/or SAGE.

Additional Important Information

Please be sure to review the “Important Information for all Students” section of the *JumpStart!* webpage (<http://ssw.unc.edu/students/orientation>) for additional information such as the SSW 2020 New Student Guide, computer tips, housing information and much more.

Faculty and staff are hard at work preparing for fall semester and are excited to welcome you back. We look forward to your continued involvement with these and other activities this fall. If you have any questions, please contact 3-year Chapel Hill MSW Program Director, Dr. Travis Albritton (travis_albritton@unc.edu). Ms. Sharon Thomas, Assistant Dean of Recruitment, Admissions & Financial Aid (sharon_thomas@unc.edu) is also able to assist.
