



TO: All Final Year, Specialization UNC Chapel Hill MSW Students

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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.

Classes and Field Education

Fall 2020 classes begin on **Monday, August 10**. Specialization year field placements are scheduled to begin on **Wednesday, August 19**. Contact your Agency Field Instructor to confirm when and where you should report on that day.

Registration, Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees must be paid or deferred by **August 17, 2020**. Please contact the SSW Registrar, Ms. Beth Sauer, at bhsauer@email.unc.edu if you have any questions about registration.

Financial Aid / Jobs

If you have questions regarding loans or your federal aid, please contact the UNC Office of Scholarships & Student Aid at 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.

UNC One Card

Final year students from the 3-Year Chapel Hill and 3-Year Winston-Salem programs are now officially “on-campus” students and will need to get a UNC One Card, which allows access to the library, recreational facilities, and other services. **Additionally, all Advanced Standing students should complete this process as well.** The One Card is offering virtual services this year. Please follow this link (<https://onecard.unc.edu/orientation/>) and complete the process no later than **July 15th**. Communication will be sent in August with days you can pick your card up from the School of Social Work or request that it be mailed to you.

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.

Health Insurance

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, along with all the other UNC system campuses, require on-campus students (undergraduate and graduate/professional) to have health insurance coverage. This does not mean a student must enroll in the UNC System Student Health Insurance Plan; it means a student must provide proof of active [creditable](#) health insurance.

All 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.

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.

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 questions or concerns about the enclosed materials, please feel free to contact Ms. Sharon Thomas, Assistant Dean of Recruitment, Admissions & Financial Aid at (919-962-4367 or sharon_thomas@unc.edu) or Ms. Monique Tuset, Coordinator of Student Affairs at (919-843-9227 or mtuset@email.unc.edu).