

# IN THE LOOP

A WEEKLY SSW STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Spring 2025 | April 21

**IMPORTANT  
ANNOUNCEMENT**

**FALL  
PRACTICUM  
APPLICATIONS**



**OPEN APRIL 28TH**

**Tevera Cost:**

\$215+ tax online

\$286.75- UTA Bookstore



Questions?

Contact Amanda Land  
[amanda.land@uta.edu](mailto:amanda.land@uta.edu)

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**OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS**

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**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH EVENTS**  
 Hosted by the Title IV-E Project and Children and Families Curriculum Committee

- Friday, April 4- Go Blue Day**  
 Go Blue Day is when thousands of Texans wear blue, the official color of prevention. To show their support for ending child abuse, we are asking the SSW community to wear blue on April 4th! Share your picture on social media to raise awareness for child abuse prevention with #GoBlueDay #UTASSN. Go Blue Day is a great opportunity to perform outreach in the community to raise awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- Child Abuse Prevention Displays**  
**SSW Courtyard**- During the entire month of April, please visit the pinwheel display in the SSW courtyard and scan the QR code for additional information.  
**University Center**- From April 14-25, please visit the snowflake display at the UC and scan the QR code for additional information.
- FREE Training: The Ethics of Family Engagement in Child Welfare**  
**April 30, 2025**

**Child Abuse Prevention Month Events**

Join the Title IV-E Project and the Children and Families Curriculum Committee for a free training about the Ethics of Family Engagement in Child Welfare!

**April 30 | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**SSW Rm 104 | Free Pizza | 3 Ethics CEU**

[Join Virtually Here](#)

**GRADUATING WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR?**  
**EDGE CAREER STOLE**

**ELIGIBILITY**

- MUST BE A GRADUATE STUDENT
- GRADUATING IN SPRING, SUMMER OR FALL

**ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

COMPLETE 6 ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES WITHIN ONE YEAR BEFORE YOUR GRADUATION DATE

- MEET TWICE (2) WITH EDGE CENTER CAREER ADVISOR
- COMPLETE TWO (2) ENL-APPROVED LINKEDIN LEARNINGS
- ATTEND TWO (2) EDGE CENTER HOSTED CAREER EVENTS

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**Spring 2025 Career Events**

**LIFE AFTER GRAD SCHOOL: FIRST GENERATION TRA**  
 + MARCH 19TH | 4:30PM - 5:30PM - MS TEAMS

**GRADUATE CAREER FAIR**  
 + MARCH 26TH | 4:00PM - 7:00PM - THE GALLERY @UTA FORT WORTH

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 + APRIL 18TH | 9:00AM - 12:00PM - LC RIO GRANDE BALL ROOM (BY

**LIFE AFTER GRAD SCHOOL: THE ART OF SALARY NEG**  
 + APRIL 23RD | 4:00PM - 5:00PM - THE GALLERY @UTA FORT WORTH

**THE BIG EVENT + LUNCHEON ON LEVERAGING VOLUN**  
**IN THE JOB SEARCH**  
 + APRIL 18TH | 9:00AM - 12:00PM - LC RIO GRANDE BALL ROOM

**EDGE Career Graduation Stole – Earn Yours Today!**

Students celebrate your commitment to career advancement with the **EDGE Career Graduation Stole!** Eligible graduate students can earn their stole by completing six career engagement activities, including career coaching, LinkedIn Learning courses, and career events.

- Who’s Eligible?** Graduate students graduating in Spring, Summer, or Fall 2025
- How to Earn It?** Attend career events, complete coaching sessions, and finish two LinkedIn Learning courses
- Upcoming Career Events Count!**

[Register Here](#)



**Alert! New Groups Starting!**

**UTA School of Social Work Virtual Clinic: Grief, Loss, & Trauma Sessions**

The Virtual Clinic is back! Sessions are every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 12 pm and 6pm. Deepen your awareness of trauma's effects and learn practical tools and mindfulness strategies to cultivate resilience after challenging experiences.

Sessions start March 25 to May 1st

Sign up for a Session

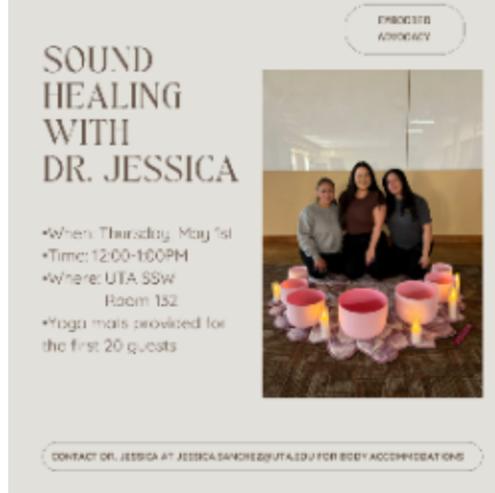


**MSW- Mental Health & Substance Misuse Specialty Students,**

Check out a **unique placement opportunity** with the School of Social Work in the **School of Social Work Peer Support Virtual Clinic**. If you are **looking for a placement in Summer and Fall '25**, consider reaching out for an **interview**.

**For more Information:** Please see the flyer and contact Stephen Silva-Brave at [stephen.silvabrave@uta.edu](mailto:stephen.silvabrave@uta.edu) to schedule an interview or to ask questions.

**Deadline to Apply is April 25th**



Experience **Embodied Advocacy**:

**Sound Healing with Dr. Jessica** on **Thursday, May 1st**, from **12:00–1:00 PM** in **UTA SSW Room 132**.

**Yoga mats will be provided for the first 20 guests.**

For body accommodations, contact Dr. Jessica at [jessica.sanchez@uta.edu](mailto:jessica.sanchez@uta.edu).



COUNCIL ON  
SOCIAL WORK  
EDUCATION

### **MFP—Master's**

With great excitement, we announce the launch of the [2025–2026 Master's of Social Work \(MSW\) MFP Application](#)! Applications are open March 21, 2025, and will be **accepted until May 19, 2025, at 11:59 PM (ET)**. To assist you with the application process, the MFP Team has prepared a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document along with an [Application Guidebook](#).

[More Information](#)

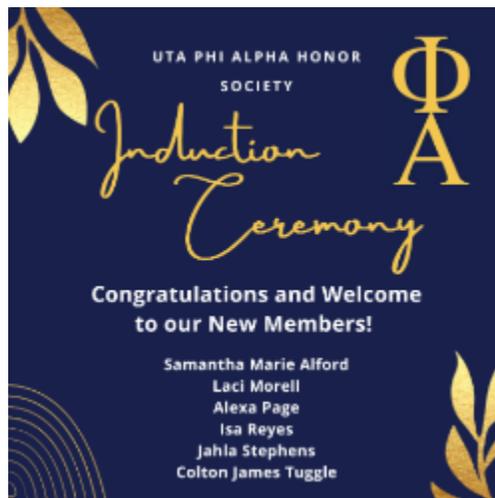


Celebration of Excellence on **May 8, 2025**, from **6–8 PM** at the Lonestar Auditorium, Maverick Activities Center, **500 W. Nedderman, Arlington, TX 76013**.

Join the UTA School of Social Work in honoring hard work and success—bring your family and be part of this **special evening!**

Reserve your spot today ☐☐

[RSVP Here](#)



Shout-out to the New Members ☐☐☐

Congratulations to our newest **Phi Alpha Honor Society** members!

Join us in welcoming **Samantha Marie Alford, Laci Morell, Alexa Page, Isa Reyes, Jahla Stephens, and Colton James Tuggle** on their induction.

We're proud to celebrate your achievement!

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## ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

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## Alcohol Awareness Month: The Center for Addiction and Recovery Studies

**April is Alcohol Awareness Month.** If you haven't personally been touched by addiction, you may know someone who has. Did you know the UTA School of Social Work includes a **Center for Addiction and Recovery Studies** known as **CARS**?

The mission of **CARS** is as follows: to provide researched, evidence-based, trauma-informed services in prevention, intervention, and recovery support services; train social work interns to be equipped in providing exceptional services; and add to addiction and recovery practice knowledge through collaborative research.

**CARS does research, community service, training, and education. Also, they offer internships!**

If you'd like to **learn more** about **CARS**, please visit their website and check out all of the work they're doing [here](#).

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# You Matter

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## Small Moments Matter: We're Here for You

The semester is almost over! Don't forget to take a moment to breathe. It's understandable to be stressed during finals. However, remember that taking small moments for yourself can help you in the long run. If you feel you need access to resources during this demanding time, reach out to your support systems. The School of Social Work is here to support you. So if you need help, reach out to your assigned Student Leader!

If you do not know who your Student Leader is, email: [icr4889@mavs.uta.edu](mailto:icr4889@mavs.uta.edu)

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## SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

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Advancing Neurodiversity—Autism Awareness 2025



World Autism Awareness Day highlights the strengths and resilience of many individuals on the spectrum while compassionately addressing their needs and concerns.

This year's theme is "**Advancing Neurodiversity**," which emphasizes listening to, learning from, and elevating the lives of individuals with autism.

Certain individuals living with autism may require significant support to manage their daily obligations, while others may live mostly independently. All these factors deserve recognition. Some on the spectrum go on to excel in careers, attend some of the world's most prestigious institutions, and more.

Despite growing awareness, many individuals and families still face barriers. These obstacles may include accessing quality services, understanding the diagnosis, or feeling genuinely accepted in their social circle or community.

World Autism Month stands as a vital reminder that support doesn't end with awareness. It continues with meaningful inclusion and evidence-based care. The conversation around autism is evolving, with a focus on "awareness," which emphasizes helping people understand what autism is.

Today, autism advocates also emphasize the importance of moving toward acceptance and action. It's not enough to recognize that autism exists. Turning the needle toward effective change involves building a world where individuals on the spectrum are fully welcomed, supported, and empowered to participate and lend their perspectives.

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## ADVISING UPDATES

UTA School of Social Work Advising FAQs can be found [here](#).

We have some changes in our Academic Advising & Practicum Offices, and we want to share those changes with you. For contact information to each person, please click [here for advisors](#) and [practicum specialist](#).

[Former Specialties]	Practicum Specialists	[New] Letters	Advisor
BSW/BSSUT	Dimekia Hicks	<i>no change</i>	Kyleigh Easter; Daisy Jones; Desiree Warren
Foundation	Vanessa Caraveo	A-D	George Jauss
Children & Families	Monica Brown	E-K	Meverlyn Maisonave
Aging, CAP, Health	Cindy Bassey	L-P	Cleondria Marable
MH	Sharon Martin	Q-Z	Tara Harris

We also have a Same Day advisor who can assist BSW, BSSUT, and MSW students and his information is below:

**Same Day Advisors: Matthew Williams & Keiana Crain**

If you need immediate assistance, please contact the Student Affairs Administrative Assistant,  
Emily Rappaport (emily.rappaport@uta.edu).

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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- **April 7 - May 11:** Registration is open for the 2025 Summer 14 weeks & intersession
- **April 7 - August 17:** Registration is open for Fall 2025
- **April 28 - June 6:** Fall Practicum applications are open
- **April 29:** Last day of classes
- **April 30:** Student Study Day (no classes)
- **May 1 - May 7:** Final exams
- **May 5:** Last day to earn hours
- **May 7:** Last day of term
- **May 8:** Celebration of Excellence 6p-8p
- **May 9:** Commencement Ceremonies
- **May 12:** Grades due
- **August 7:** SW Graduation at College Park

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## STUDENT SUCCESS

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### EDGE Center

The EDGE Center is a graduate student resource center developed to support the continuous success of post baccalaureate students at the University of Texas at Arlington. The EDGE Center aims to foster a well-rounded graduate experience, creating programs and resources that support a healthy school-life balance, personal/professional development, social events, and building a sense of community.

[More Information](#)

# SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK RESOURCES

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STUDENT SUCCESS

ACADEMIC ADVISING

PRACTICUM PLACEMENT

LICENSURE

DEAN'S LETTER FOR LICENSURE

## UTA RESOURCES

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- [UTA Academic Calendar](#)
- [Webinar Library](#)
- [UTA Counseling & Psychology Services \(CAPS\)](#)
- [SAR Center](#)
  
- [Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)
- [Free Windows Apps with Student ID](#)
- [Emergency Assistance Fund](#)
- [Free & Confidential HIV Testing](#)
- [UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry Distribution](#)

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