

SWK 3350: SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE: PRACTICE & COMMUNICATION

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Goals

- ▶ Review course requirements
- ▶ Examine resources for identifying a service-learning opportunities
- ▶ FAQs

WELCOME!

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- ▶ 2 credits for the weekly class meeting

- ▶ Class is offered on-campus, hybrid, online
- ▶ On-campus class session is 1 hour and 50 minutes
- ▶ Online class requires weekly participation
- ▶ Hybrid alternates on-campus and online

- ▶ 1 credit for the agency volunteer experience

- ▶ 45 hours of volunteer work spread evenly over the semester
- ▶ 3 hours/week x 15 weeks

SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE



- ▶ Must be completed in a **community agency** whose focus is **providing human/social services**
- ▶ Must serve in a **helping role** and have **direct contact with clients or communities**
- ▶ Must have access to **ongoing support and feedback** through an agency staff person
- ▶ Must complete 1 mid-semester and 1 end-of-semester **evaluation**



QUALIFIED VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Acceptable

- ▶ Serving as an advocate at a shelter
- ▶ Working on a crisis-call line
- ▶ Providing assistance to social workers / case managers
- ▶ Helping in an after-school program
- ▶ Working in a homeless shelter
- ▶ Providing educational workshops/outreach to clients
- ▶ Providing general milieu support to clients in residential treatment
- ▶ Observing and/or participating in groups

Unacceptable

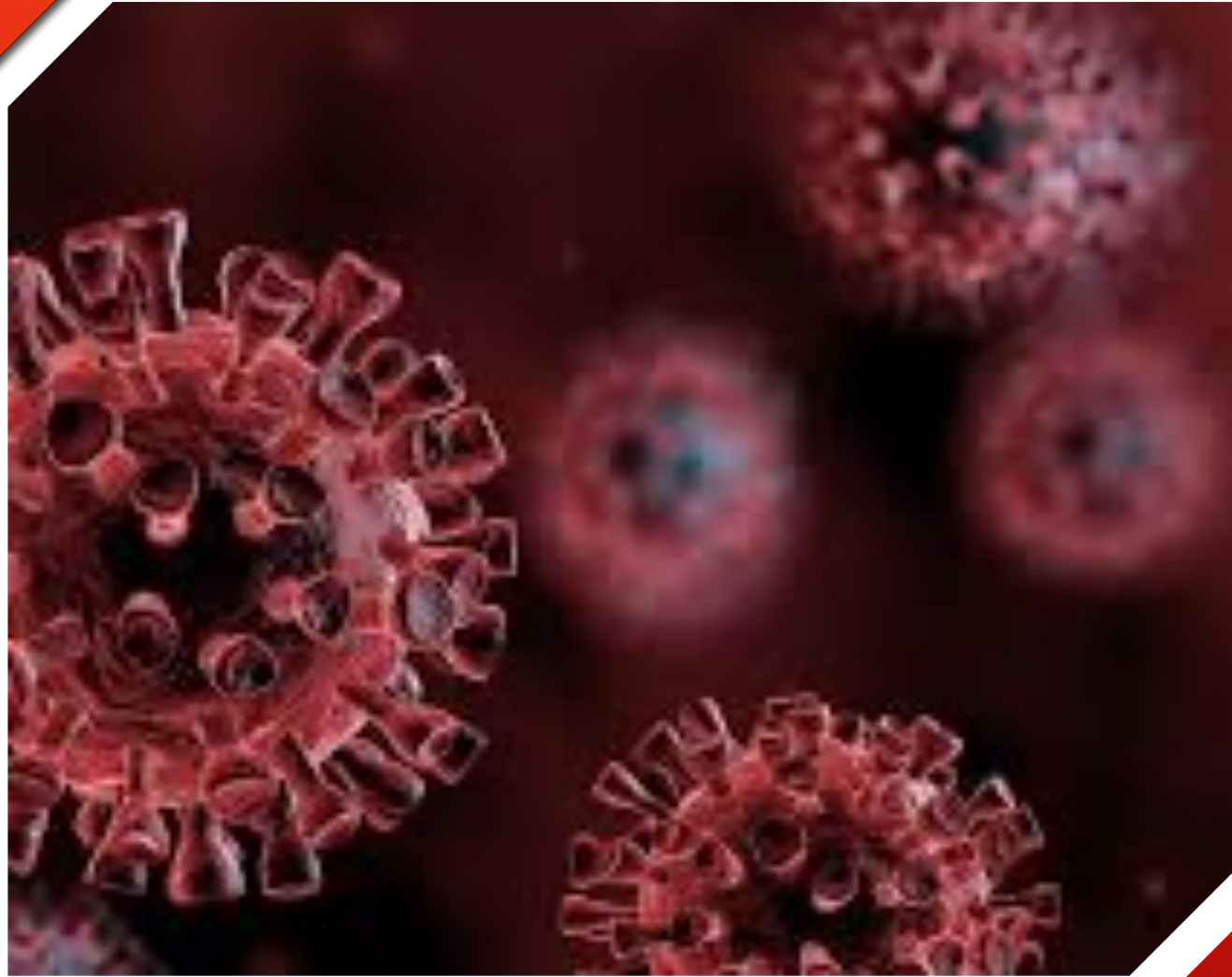
- ▶ Volunteering with an independent private therapist
- ▶ Working ONLY with animals
- ▶ Providing childcare at a church
- ▶ Solely being a one-on-one mentor in the community with minimal agency contact
- ▶ One time fundraising events, coalition or board work that does not involve direct outreach activities to communities and/or persons
- ▶ Assisting a classroom teacher with academic work in a regular school setting

SAMPLE VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES



- ▶ **May be able to use existing volunteer agencies or place of employment, but:**
 - ▶ Must meet all course requirements
 - ▶ Must be pre-approved through your course instructor

QUALIFIED VOLUNTEER OPTIONS



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- ▶ Communication!
- ▶ Plan ahead!
- ▶ Flexibility where possible

CLASSROOM TO CAREER HUB SUPPORT (C2 HUB)


OVERVIEW

- ▶ Alyssa Marks, MSW
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- ▶ C2Hub@msudenver.edu

- ▶ Can search for and secure your volunteer experience through the Classroom to Career (C2C) Hub
 - ▶ Students living outside the Denver Metro area may need to pursue other search options
- ▶ Review the Career Link database's options
- ▶ Apply for 2-3 positions (but no more than 5 at a time) through use of a professional cover letter and résumé
- ▶ Prepare for interviews and follow up with each agency contact in a timely and professional manner

VOLUNTEER SEARCH PROCESS

PROFESSIONAL DOCUMENTS & INTERACTIONS

- ▶ Prepare your resume & cover letter
 - ▶ Be ready for an interview
 - ▶ Update your LinkedIn Account
 - ▶ Utilize resources from the C2 Hub
 - ▶ Email C2Hub@msudenver.edu to secure an appointment for review/prep!
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VMOCK & VAULT



Resources to support you with resume writing and thinking through your path in a helping profession.

<https://www.vmock.com/msudenver>

Upload Resume (up to 10 times)

<https://www.msudenver.edu/career/jobsearch/resumesandinterviewing/>

Resources for resume templates, interviewing, and job search tips

<https://access.vault.com/>

Career advice, company research, industry guides

CAREER LINK

The screenshot displays the 'Career Link' student hub for Metropolitan State University of Denver. The interface features a top navigation bar with the university logo, a search bar, and user icons. A left sidebar lists various services: Home, Jobs & Internships, Documents, Events, Interviews, Internship Credit, Counseling Appt, Employers, Surveys, Resources, My Calendar, and My Account. The main content area has a large banner with the text 'Welcome to Career Link!' and a red 'Update My Profile!' button. Below the banner, a section titled 'People in your major are interested in' displays three recommended employers: Denver Children's Advocacy Center, Conflict Center (The) in Denver, Colorado, and Douglas County Public Health.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Colorado Non-profit Association

<https://www.coloradononprofits.org/>

Volunteer Match

<https://www.volunteermatch.org/>

LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com>

Metrovolunteers

www.metrovolunteers.org



- ▶ Visit the Career Link database through your student hub:
<https://www.msudenver.edu/studenthub/>
- ▶ Once you've secured a volunteer experience, you will work with your course instructor for final approval.
- ▶ **DEADLINE: Sept. 6th, 2021**

NEXT STEPS

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:



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