

**SWK 3350:
SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE:
PRACTICE &
COMMUNICATION**

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Goals


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

WELCOME!

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<p>▶ 2 credits for the weekly class meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ 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	<p>▶ 1 credit for the agency volunteer experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ 45 hours of volunteer work spread evenly over the semester▶ 3 hours/week x 15 weeks
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SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE



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- ▶ 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

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<p>Acceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 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 	<p>Unacceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 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
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SAMPLE VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES


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- ▶ **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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3350 IN THE TIME OF COVID

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

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VOLUNTEER

- ▶ Search considerations
- ▶ Processes
- ▶ Resources
 - ▶ C2 Hub- Career Link
 - ▶ Online resources
 - ▶ Office of Field Education

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THINGS TO CONSIDER

SEARCH CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ Transportation and location?
- ▶ Type of learning experience?
- ▶ Days/times?
- ▶ Type of contact?
- ▶ Paid v unpaid?

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SEARCH PROCESSES

- 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
- 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)

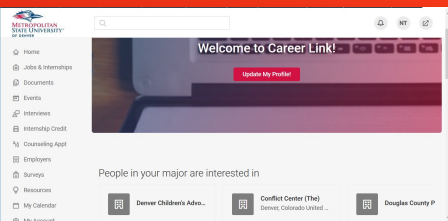
<https://www.msudenver.edu/career/jobsearch/resumesandinterviewing/>
Resources for resume templates, interviewing, and job search tips

<https://access.vault.com/>
Career advice, company research, industry guides




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CAREER LINK



<https://www.msudenver.edu/careerlink/>

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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>

Spark the Change CO
<https://www.sparkthechangeincolorado.org/>

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▶ Once you've secured a volunteer experience, you will work with your course instructor for final approval.

▶ **DEADLINE: Sept. 5th, 2022**

NEXT STEPS

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FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:



Your 3350 course instructor

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