Social Work Job Preparation and Career Success

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Training Goal

Social work students will receive *just-in-time* online training to prepare them for employment. BSW and MSW students will obtain the knowledge, tools, and techniques necessary to be a prepared candidate for employment and to succeed as a viable employee.
Training Modules

Module I: The Preparation Process
Module II: The Interview Process
Module III: Career Growth & Development

There are three modules comprised of 10 segments. Students are encouraged to listen to all of the segments and review resources. Note: The online training was designed for you to obtain just-in-time information; therefore, feel free to listen to each segment in the order most beneficial to you.
Your Trainer

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Module III: Career Growth & Development

Segment 10
Career Enhancement
Our Membership Organization

• The professional membership organization for social workers is the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) [http://www.socialworkers.org/](http://www.socialworkers.org/)

• NASW is the largest membership organization of professional social workers with nearly 140,000 members. It promotes, develops, and protects the practice of social work and social workers. NASW also seeks to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities through its advocacy.
Benefits of NASW Membership

• 2-for-1 membership: National and Chapter (state/local) levels included
• Connection with other social work professionals
• Professional development
• Professional protection: http://www.naswassurance.org/
• Adherence to the NASW Code of Ethics

Join NASW today: http://www.socialworkers.org/
Other Membership Organizations

• There are other social work organizations that may focus on your specific type of social work practice

• Some organizations include:

  – Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)  
    http://www.cswe.org/


Professional Social Work Credentials

- Visit the NASW Credentialing Center to learn about credentials [http://www.socialworkers.org/credentials/default.asp](http://www.socialworkers.org/credentials/default.asp)

- Obtain:
  - an Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW) credential with 2-years post master’s experience and supervision
  - an advanced practice specialty credential at the BSW or MSW level in the areas of case management, gerontology, hospice & palliative care, military, and youth & family
  - an advanced practice specialty credential at the MSW level in the areas of: addictions, clinical, healthcare, and school social work
Professional & Volunteer Activities

• Professional development includes being involved in your community

• Involvement includes participating in activities and holding leadership positions in:
  – cause-related organizations
  – community organizations
  – membership organizations
  – religious organizations
  – school systems
Continuous Learning

- Attend social work continuing education events
- Read social work journals
- Read authors from the management and leadership arena: Ken Blanchard, Dale Carneige, Jim Collins, Peter Drucker, Spencer Johnson, Sheryl Sandberg, John C. Maxwell
- Participate in http://www.socialworkblog.org/
- Subscribe to http://www.socialworktoday.com/

*Career development is a lifelong process.*

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Additional Training Segments

Please visit http://socialwork.ua.edu/ to access more trainings

Segment 1  Resume Development & Cover Letter
Segment 2  Professional Networking
Segment 3  Essential Skills for Employment
Segment 4  Interview Research, Questions, & Answers
Segment 5  Interview Follow-up
Segment 6  Salary & Benefits Negotiation
Segment 7  Licensure
Segment 8  Supervision Preparation
Segment 9  Mentor Selection
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