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 II: The Interview Process

Segment 5

Interview Follow-up:

Thank You Letter(s) & Additional Interviews
Thank You Letter(s)

• Sent via…
  – email
  – snail mail

• Express gratitude for the interview
• Communicate your enthusiasm in the position
• Summarize your qualifications
• Provide requested additional information
Additional Interviews

• Be prepared for multiple face-to-face interviews
• Be prepared for team/group interviews
• Write down what you wore to each interview
• Prepare new questions for employer
• Practice. Practice. Practice.
Resources: The Interview Process

• Sample Interview Questions
  Document posted on the School of Social Work website: http://socialwork.ua.edu/

• Sample Questions for Employer
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• The University of Alabama Career Center offers *Mock Interviews* (face-to-face), *Interview Stream* (electronic) and has an excellent *Career Guide*. Visit your Career Center: http://www.uacc.ua.edu/
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
Segment 10 Career Enhancement
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