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MSW Orientation Recording for Spring 2027

Recording-1(506 MB)

<https://etamu-edu.zoom.us/rec/play/1dFV5wby-duprCEeDp82N28puS6TilzJiUS2VNHqgo0uX7-Mzr9XWBxaQu7vNXv6z827mTepdPezKSOd.U2H8ylA6Afkz8ZuW>

TK20 Purchase (Mandatory Purchase)

<https://etamusw.tk20.com>

Agency Contact Sheet – (Student completes)

<https://dms.tamuc.edu/Forms/Student-Field-Instructor-Agency-Contact-Form>

Agency Partnership Application (Agency Completes)

<https://dms.tamuc.edu/Forms/Field-Education-Agency-Application>

CSWE Core Competencies for the Learning Plan

[https://www.cswe.org/getmedia/bb5d8afe-7680-42dc-a332-a6e6103f4998/2022-Educational-Policy-and-Accreditation-Standards-\(EPAS\).pdf](https://www.cswe.org/getmedia/bb5d8afe-7680-42dc-a332-a6e6103f4998/2022-Educational-Policy-and-Accreditation-Standards-(EPAS).pdf)

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Agency List

You can view the **list of current agencies** at the following link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1C-WUbejd391uCdunjVEy00Bz5Fbw_7w2bqajHQ-QUmg/edit#gid=1247405936

*If your agency is not listed in the link above, please have the agency representative complete the Agency Partnership Application. The link above is ONLY a guide.

Scripts for Reaching Out to An Agency

Reminder to Students: Be professional, confident, and courteous when contacting agencies. You are not simply asking for an internship; you are introducing yourself as an emerging social work professional who is eager to learn, develop professional competencies, and contribute meaningfully to the agency's mission.

All potential internships must be reviewed and approved by the university's Field Education Office before students begin their placement.

By Phone

Good morning/afternoon. My name is [Student's Full Name], and I am currently a Master of Social Work student at East Texas A&M University.

I am calling to inquire whether your agency offers field internship opportunities for MSW students for the upcoming [semester/year].

I am very interested in gaining hands-on social work experience, and I would welcome the opportunity to learn more about your agency and the populations you serve.

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May I please speak with the person responsible for coordinating student internships or field placements?”

When Connected to the Appropriate Person:

“Thank you for speaking with me. As part of my MSW degree requirements, I am seeking a supervised field internship where I can apply classroom knowledge, strengthen my professional social work skills, and contribute to your agency’s services.

I wanted to ask whether you are currently accepting MSW interns and, if so, what the application or interview process involves.

I would be happy to provide my résumé and additional information about my university’s field education requirements.”

Closing:

“Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you.

May I have your name and email address so I can send my information and follow up regarding potential internship opportunities?

Thank you again, and I look forward to hearing from you.”

By Email

Subject : Inquiry Regarding MSW Field Internship Opportunities

Dear [Agency Contact Name],

My name is [Student's Full Name], and I am currently a Master of Social Work (MSW) student at East Texas A&M University.

I am writing to inquire whether [Agency Name] is accepting MSW students for field internship opportunities during the upcoming [semester/year].

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As part of my graduate education, I am seeking a supervised field experience that will allow me to apply social work theories and skills in a professional setting while gaining valuable experience serving individuals, families, groups, and communities.

I am particularly interested in your agency's work and would appreciate the opportunity to learn more about potential internship opportunities within your organization.

If your agency is currently accepting MSW interns, I would be grateful for information regarding the application process, internship requirements, and the appropriate person to contact.

I would be happy to provide my résumé and any additional information needed for your consideration.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the possibility of completing my field internship with your organization.

Sincerely,

[Student's Full Name]
Master of Social Work Student
East Texas A&M University
[University Email Address]
[Phone Number]

Agency Spotlights

After 8 to Educate

<https://after8toeducate.com/>

Contact: Rosemary@after8toeducate.com

[469.914.1700](tel:469.914.1700)

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Potential Remote Placements

Leslie Vallarta <lvallarta@ipsrecovery.com>



Brittney Pearson LMSW, LCP...
Vice President of Permanency





[Click for my contact details](#)

Brittney Pearson
bpearson@3empower.org

VA Fair 2026 next Monday, March 30th from 9:30am to 12:30pm. We sure would like to have some East Texas A&M University social work students to come and participate with us.

Students can contact Ms. Fairchild for additional information and directions to the Dallas VA Atrium. Dallas VA email is: Sheryl.fairchild@va.gov or VA cell number at: 682-393-8679

Thank you,
Sherry Fairchild

VA Social Work Educator
Coordinator
North Texas VA Health Care System
Cell: 682-393-8679 or 214-502-171

Lori Seeds Payne, LCSW-S
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Ultimate Plus Hospice

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Greenville, Texas

Stanley Joseph

Manager, Psychosocial Services & Lead Chaplain

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Buckner Children and Family Services is a faith-based nonprofit organization committed to strengthening families and serving vulnerable children, seniors, and communities across Texas. Through our Family Hope Centers, Foster Care & Adoption programs, Family Pathways, and other community-based services, interns gain hands-on exposure to holistic, relationship-centered human services work.

Our internship program is designed to provide students with meaningful, real-world experience that complements their academic studies. Depending on their field of study and placement site, interns may have the opportunity to:

- Support family strengthening and case management services
- Assist with community outreach and program delivery
- Engage in volunteer and group engagement initiatives
- Contribute to program administration, research, or special projects
- Observe trauma-informed and strengths-based practices in action

Internship Structure & Locations

All Buckner internships are **in-person** to ensure students receive immersive, relational learning experiences within our programs and communities. We offer placements across **eleven cities throughout Texas**, though availability varies by site and term. Because placement capacity is limited, we encourage students to apply early and remain flexible regarding location.

Please note that Buckner internships are **unpaid**, educational placements designed to meet university practicum and field experience requirements while providing meaningful hands-on ministry and nonprofit experience.

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Applicable Degree Programs

We welcome students pursuing a variety of undergraduate and graduate degrees, including but not limited to:

- Social Work (BSW/MSW)
- Sociology or Human Services
- Nonprofit Management
- Public Administration
- Ministry or Theology
- Child & Family Studies / Human Development
- Communications or Marketing (for community engagement roles)

Students are invited to apply for an internship position by visiting our careers page at <https://www.buckner.org/current-nonprofit-job-openings/> and selecting **Internship** on the Department drop down.

To support a high-quality experience for both students and our ministry sites, we have established the following **application deadlines**:

- **Summer 2026 Term:** April 17, 2026
- **Fall 2026 Term:** June 26, 2026

These deadlines allow adequate time for our team to conduct interviews, complete required background screenings, and facilitate onboarding and orientation prior to each term's start date. Because many of our programs serve vulnerable populations, thorough screening and preparation are essential to ensuring student readiness and client safety.

We would be grateful if you would share this information with eligible students who may be seeking internship placement opportunities. Our team is happy to partner closely with universities to ensure students meet both academic and field placement requirements.

If you or your students have questions about placement opportunities, program areas, or supervision structures, please don't hesitate to reach out. We value our partnership with your university and appreciate the opportunity to invest in the next generation of nonprofit and human services leaders.

With gratitude,

Rebecca Hand, MPA, CVA

Senior Director of Volunteer Engagement

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