

# Widener Social Work



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## **Position Announcement**

### **Assistant Director of Field Education for Online Programs and Assistant Professor**

The Center for Social Work Education invites applications for an Assistant Director of Field Education for On-Line Programs with a faculty rank of Assistant Professor. The Assistant Director of Field Education will have primary responsibility for all facets of field education for students in the online MSW program. This includes assessing the field education needs of each student, developing and maintaining appropriate agency-based field sites, providing in person and online education to field instructors, monitoring student placements, coordinating with faculty field liaisons, and developing student remediation plans when needed. The Assistant Director of Field Education for the on-line MSW program will also carry a 1/1 teaching load, teaching one online Integrative Field Seminar section each semester. S/he will report to the Director of Field Education and work collaboratively with the Assistant Director of Field Education for Campus-Based Programs and the Assistant MSW Program Director for Online Programs.

**Required Qualifications:** To be considered for this position, the candidate must have (1) A CSWE-accredited MSW degree, (2) an LSW or LCSW license, (3) at least five years of direct social work practice employment, and (4) prior experience supervising staff and/or student interns.

**Preferred Qualifications:** In addition to the above requirements, preference will be given to candidates who have (1) strong assessment, interpersonal, and problem solving skills, (2) the ability to work autonomously, (3) exceptional organizational skills and attention to detail, (4) the capacity to communicate effectively in-person, on the telephone, and electronically, (5) the ability to multitask and effectively manage multiple demands, (6) prior social work teaching experience at the BSW and/or MSW level, and (7) knowledge of and experience with distance education.

**Salary:** Salary is competitive with a generous benefit package

**Appointment:** The position is a twelve-month administrative appointment (non-tenure track) with faculty rank as an Assistant Professor of Social Work.

**Start Date:** January 2015

About Us: Widener University, an independent, metropolitan, doctoral-intensive university, connects curricula to social issues through civic engagement. Dynamic teaching, active scholarship, personal attention and experiential learning are key components of the Widener Experience. Located in Chester, Pennsylvania, Widener's main campus is nestled between Philadelphia, PA and Wilmington, DE, with satellite campuses in Exton and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and Wilmington, Delaware. For more information about the University, please visit our website at [www.widener.edu](http://www.widener.edu).

The Center for Social Work Education is a dynamic and vibrant community with a variety of educational programs and initiatives. The Center has a diverse student body and faculty who share a strong commitment to social justice, community service and the University's civic engagement mission. We currently have 21 full-time social work faculty members and anticipate adding several more in the next two years.

We have a growing BSW program with approximately 60 social work majors. The BSW program prepares students for generalist social work practice and/or graduate school. The MSW program has a single concentration in clinical social work with a trauma-informed curriculum. We currently have approximately 350 full and part-time students in our campus-based MSW program and about 150 students in our newly launched on-line MSW program option. We anticipate that on-line MSW program will have an enrollment of 400 plus students by 2017. The MSW program also offers a dual degree option with human sexuality. The BSW and MSW programs are fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The PhD program prepares candidates for academic and research careers. We currently have approximately 35 PhD students and admit a cohort of five students a year.

Widener Social Work also runs a community based clinic called Social Work Counseling Services (SWCS) that provides pro bono social work and capacity building

services to community based organizations and community residents. SWCS is staffed primarily by social work interns and serves as a state-of-the-art internship site for BSW and MSW students. Our Clinical Services for Vulnerable Adults program at SWCS provides treatment services to vulnerable adult community residents, their families and caregivers. SWCS interns and faculty also provide capacity building and social work services in collaboration with grassroots community organizations that serve community residents but do not have MSW social workers on staff. For more information about the Widener Social Work, please visit our website at [www.widener.edu/socisalwork](http://www.widener.edu/socisalwork).

**Applications:** To apply go to

[https://widener.igreentree.com/CSS\\_External/CSSPage\\_Welcome.asp](https://widener.igreentree.com/CSS_External/CSSPage_Welcome.asp) and enter job number **A14-0071** in the search by job number box. Applicants must submit the following:

(1) a letter of application describing your teaching experience, prior social work experience and why the position is of interest and/or a good fit for your career aspirations, (2) a curriculum vitae, and (3) names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of three professional references.