



November 3, 2010

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President
Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

I am writing to notify the Commission on Colleges that The University of Texas at Arlington (UT Arlington) intends to offer the Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW) with a concentration in direct practice and certificate in administration at an approved off-campus location.

In 1967, The University of Texas at Arlington (UT Arlington) received approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer the MSSW degree on the Arlington campus. In August 2011, UT Arlington plans to initiate the MSSW degree program at the UT Arlington Fort Worth Higher Education Center - Santa Fe Station. The address of the Fort Worth Center is 1401 Jones Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102.

The curriculum is identical to that of the on-campus MSSW program, except that it will be offered in a cohort format, in which a group of students remain together throughout the program. For students entering the 2-year MSSW degree program, a total of 64 credits hours are required for graduation. For students entering the advance standing MSSW degree program (students with a Bachelor's in Social Work from an accredited program), a total of 41 credits are required for graduation. Because this MSSW program also includes a certificate in administration, 3 additional credit hours are necessary for program completion (the usual amounts are 61 and 38 credit hours, respectively). In general, classes will be delivered one course at a time in accelerated 5-week sessions. The program of work for the degree is scheduled to be completed in 2 years for those students in the 2-year MSSW program. The program of work for the degree is scheduled to be completed in 2 long semesters and 2 summer sessions for those students in the advanced standing program. Both programs of work require enrollment in winter intersession and spring intersession. Courses selected for winter and spring intersessions have been approved and offered in the past in this abbreviated format. Classes will be taught by faculty from the Arlington campus that will travel to the Fort Worth location for face-to-face instruction. The program is to commence in the fall 2011 semester.

Please let us know if you require additional information.

Sincerely,


James D. Spaniolo
President

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Donald Bobbitt
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