University of Iowa School of Social Work Online MSW Program
Learning Community Mentor Job Description

This is a three-year commitment to provide mentorship to 5-7 graduate students in the University of Iowa's Online MSW Program. They have been divided into geographic learning communities: greater central Iowa; southeast Iowa; northeast Iowa; and northern Illinois. Time commitment is estimated to be 75 hours/year.

Reports to:
- Director of the School of Social Work

Works with:
- Distance Education Administrator
- Program Coordinator
- Students

Requirements:
- MSW and licensure required by state in order to practice at master's level of social work.
- Driver’s license and ability to travel.
- Access to high-speed internet service on a regular basis.
- Excellent interpersonal, group and conflict resolution skills.
- Professional verbal and written communication ability.
- Knowledge of social work systems, agency culture and the community human service delivery system.
- Ability to work independently. Good follow-through skills.

Responsibilities:
- Attend and participate in 2-day Summer Institute in Iowa City, Iowa in the summers of 2023 and 2024. Typically scheduled for a weekend in mid-August.
- Initiate and maintain contact with assigned students remotely (phone, email, Zoom, text, social media, etc). Initiate contact at minimum, two times each semester, including summer session.
- Support development of learning communities; foster group cohesion; facilitate problem solving and conflict resolution as needed.
- Work with students in accomplishing course goals as directed by course instructors
- Provide feedback to advisor, Program Coordinator and/or Distance Education Administrator as appropriate and/or requested.
- Coordinate facilitation of one fall and one spring virtual session with students in assigned learning community.

Stipend:
- $1,000/academic year, plus travel costs
- Free registration at University of Iowa School of Social Work continuing education events and workshops

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