**Hartford Partnership Program for Aging Education (HPPAE)**

**Buffalo-Rochester Consortium for Gerontological Social Work**

HPPAE Internship experiences include in-depth individual exposure to a continua of care for older adults, such as home and community based services, long-term care, Alzheimer’s care, end-of-life and palliative care, geriatric health and mental health.

Interns are placed in partner agencies and experience a rotational model of field within the placement organization; enhancing exposure to the continuum of services offered to older adults.

**Interactive field seminars**

Held bimonthly, ninety-minute field seminars build on internship experiences and focus on competency development in social work practice with older adults. Year-end evaluations of student competencies in geriatric social work include a videotaped interview with a “standardized” client. The interviews are viewed and evaluated by the field educator, faculty liaison and student. Consortium-wide seminars are conducted in partnership with the Buffalo-Rochester Consortium via distance learning and introduce students to diverse populations and contemporary concerns. Semi-annual regional networking meetings also occur.

**Resources** Current information about issues and upcoming community events

will be disseminated to participants in both programs.

**Course work** Students are required to register for *Aging Populations and their*

*Families* (SW706) during either the Summer or Spring semester.

**Application Process**

Students interested in applying should submit the following to Dr. Deborah Waldrop in advance of the deadline for submission of advanced year field applications.

1. A **300 word abstract** which identifies your area of practice and why,

answers the question, “I am applying for the PPP internship because…”

and describes your current long term career goal.

2. A **1-page essay** (12-point font; double spaced) which describes your

interest in social work practice with older adults.

3. A **current resume** which includes employment and field education experiences in

social work.

Please note that students will need to indicate on their Advanced Year Field Application ‘Agency Request Form’ that they have submitted an application to the Hartford Program. Students should still list three placement agencies so that the placement process can proceed should a student opt out of the program or not be selected.

Following an application screening process, selected candidates will be invited to

participate in a brief interview with Dr. Waldrop.

**Please submit your applications to Dr. Deborah Waldrop by email**

**(****dwaldrop@buffalo.edu****)**

Due dates for Hartford applications coincide with Advanced Year Field

Applications due dates. Contact the office at sw-field@buffalo.edu for more info.

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