What is Integrated Care?
Integrated care is the systematic coordination of physical and behavioral health care. Integrating mental health, substance abuse and primary care services has been shown to be the most effective approach to caring for people with multiple health needs. Integrated care is a model that works for professionals who can communicate and coordinate with others and who see the value in inter-professional collaboration.

What is UNC-PrimeCare?
UNC-PrimeCare is the name of a HRSA (Human Resources and Services Administration) funded project awarded to the School of Social Work in 2014, and to the School of Social Work and the School of Nursing in 2017. For students interested in integrated behavioral health care across the life-span with rural and/or underserved groups, UNC-PrimeCare offers a generous stipend and supplemental training. The goal of the project is to prepare MSWs to work effectively in integrated care settings after graduation and contribute to the behavioral health workforce.

Who is eligible?
This project is available to specialization year direct-practice MSW students. UNC-PrimeCare is not available to generalist students, or those who have declared a CMPP or self-directed concentration. This is a stipulation of the funding source. The program is also available to Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner students.

What is required of me as a UNC-PrimeCare trainee?
- UNC-PrimeCare trainees are required to have a field placement in an approved UNC-PrimeCare field placement. These will be sites that provide some level of integrated care with rural and/or underserved groups. Students can search SSWiS; http://ssw.unc.edu/sswis for Integrated Health Care sites.
- UNC-PrimeCare trainees are required to attend 3-4 seminars over the course of their specialization year to supplement their training and understanding of integrated care with rural and/or underserved groups. Trainees must attend all seminars.
- UNC-PrimeCare trainees are required to take SOWO741, Integrated Health Care with Underserved Populations (1.5 credits). This course is offered during Summer School Session 1 (May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, from 9-12) and also in the fall semester on three Saturdays from 9:00-4:00 (dates announced in the spring).
- UNC-PrimeCare trainees are required to fill out brief evaluations of the supplemental trainings and workshops. In addition, at the beginning and end of your specialization year, trainees are also required to fill out standardized measures regarding placement experiences and understanding of integrated health care.
- Once a semester, you and your field-team will be invited to the School of Social Work for a half-day workshop. Workshops are held on a field day and provide opportunities for your own learning, and for the continuing education of field instructors. These workshops will count as field-hours, and attendance is required for PrimeCare trainees.
- Trainees are required to create and complete a Capstone project in the spring semester.
How do I become a UNC-PrimeCare Trainee?
Students interested in applying to the UNC-PrimeCare program must complete the required application and then be selected into the program. **This is a competitive selection process and there are a limited number of training spots.** The UNC-PrimeCare application is due **January 20, 2019**. Applications are posted on the web site: [https://uncprimecare.sites.unc.edu](https://uncprimecare.sites.unc.edu). Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. The field-placement process will unfold after you have been selected to participate in the program.

**What if I am unable to commit to the seminars, workshops or all of the classes?**
We recognize students are busy and have a lot of demands on their time and schedules. However, because of the competitive nature of the project, and the generous stipend associated with it, it is imperative that only students who can fulfill all requirements apply.

**Are there other courses required for UNC-PrimeCare?**
UNC-PrimeCare trainees are required to take the 1.5 credit course, **SOWO 741**. See first page of this FAQ sheet for information about when this course is offered. Students will be advised on helpful courses to take once admitted to the program (i.e., Motivational Interviewing, Brief Treatment, CBT). The aforementioned courses are strongly recommended.

**Can I be a UNC-PrimeCare trainee and also complete requirements for the SUAS program?**
Several field placements meet criteria for UNC-PrimeCare and the SUAS programs. Faculty and staff can’t guarantee that you will be able to participate in both programs, but we will do all we can to accommodate your interests.

**How can students access the application?**
The UNC-PrimeCare application is posted on the website: [https://uncprimecare.sites.unc.edu](https://uncprimecare.sites.unc.edu) under the Student Information tab. Contact Meryl Kanfer, UNC-PrimeCare Coordinator if you need help locating the application materials.

**Is an in-person interview required for UNC-PrimeCare?**
Students who apply may be interviewed by one of the UNC-PrimeCare faculty members. Students will receive instructions for interviews in late January.

**When are students notified about being accepted into the UNC-PrimeCare program?**
Students selected to participate in UNC-PrimeCare should expect to be notified of their selection by **February 8, 2019**. At this time, students will then follow the specialization year field matching process; choosing three approved Integrated PrimeCare field sites. If you’re not chosen to receive the stipend, but still want to be trained, you’ll be given the opportunity to be a **waiver student**. You’ll be placed in a UNC-PrimeCare Field Placement, be expected to take SOWO 741, and attend all seminars and workshops.

**Who is the contact person if I have additional questions?**
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