Uganda Studies Program – Social Work Emphasis

**USP Highlights:**
- 10 day trip to Rwanda
- Urban and rural home stays
- Orientation and debrief retreats
- “Faith and Action” Core Course
- Participation in Uganda Christian University student life
- Program Assistants live in residence halls and provide extra support

**Social Work Emphasis Highlights:**
- International BSW field education in a supportive environment
- Wide variety of field placement opportunities that develop cultural humility, cross-cultural engagement skills, and provide transferrable social work practice experience
- Dual supervision by Ugandan Field Instructor and American Social Work Professor (MSW)
- Junior and Senior level social work practicum & seminar
- Seminar that integrates Ugandan field experience and CSWE social work competencies
- Exposure to a variety of East African service organizations
- Cross-cultural social work education in collaboration with Uganda Christian University’s Social Work Department
- Within the structure, support and safety of an established CCCU BestSemester Program

**Practicum Levels:**
- Social Work Practicum for Junior Level (6 credit hours/min 150 practicum hours)
- Social Work Practicum for Senior Level (10 credit hours/min 400 practicum hours)
- Social Work Seminar for the Ugandan Context (2 credit hours/2 classroom hours per week)

*These credits can be adjusted to fulfill the requirements of individual BSW programs.*

**Practicum Opportunities Include:**
- Orphans and vulnerable children programs
- Refugee services
- Community development initiatives
- Local and international organizations
- Compassion International Child Development Centers
- HIV/AIDS prevention and patient care
- Schools
- Services for the elderly and grandchildren
- Children’s homes / child welfare agencies
- Maternal-child health programs
- Crisis pregnancy center
- Mental health hospital
- Rehab center for children with disabilities

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Acheru is a rehabilitation clinic that offers both in-patient and out-patient services to children with physical impairments and disabilities, empowering the patients, their families and communities to help them recover and thrive.

Butabika is the National Referral Mental Health Institution in Uganda, providing specialized care to people with mental illness. The social work department works within a multi-disciplinary team of professionals to treat, support, and empower this marginalized population in Uganda.

Chain Foundation is a Ugandan founded and run organization that supports orphans and vulnerable children through various programs, including a USAID grant-funded community programs, a children’s home, as well as an integrated school for children who are sighted and visually impaired.

Compassion International Child Development Centers partner with local churches in providing sponsorship and other support services to orphans and vulnerable children. Some of these sites also offer practicum opportunities within the Home-Based Care and Survival Programs with a mission to provide maternal and child health support to expectant mothers and their young children.

Hospice Africa Uganda provides palliative care for patients in Kampala with terminal illnesses. Students work alongside medical and social work professionals in conducting patient care during home visits. Students may also help with patient and community education efforts and income generating skill development.

MildMay Uganda / TASO is the largest HIV care and treatment provider in Central Uganda. It also provides a variety of general health services, research and strategic planning for the region, as well as extensive training and education programs. Students will work alongside the social work department in providing psycho-social support to patients of MildMay through administrative and clinical services with individuals, families and groups experiencing health-related problems.

Mirembe House & Suubi Home are Youth for Christ ministries that provide a home and services for abandoned, teenage girls from 11-19 years who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Students can participate in vocational training, life skills education, parenting classes, and individual & group counseling. Suubi Home is a partner to Mirembe House and provides housing, training and support to teenage mothers.

Noah’s Ark is a Christian organization with a range of services for orphans and vulnerable children. Nearly 200 children live at their children’s home. They also provide health care and free education to vulnerable children in the surrounding community.

Off-Tu Mission and Academy is a Christian ministry for children who have been abandoned or are currently/formerly living on the street. Students work directly with children living at the children’s home, conduct life-skills trainings, teach at the school, lead trainings and activities with the children at a drop-in center in Kampala, and work with vulnerable and at-risk children through home visits and community outreach events in Mukono and Katanga, a slum of Kampala.

Reach One Touch One Ministries (ROTO) is a unique ministry that offers “friendship and hope to the disadvantaged elderly in Africa” through it’s provision of services that aim to meet the spiritual, social, physical, and psychological needs of the elderly and the children under their care. Students work within interventions associated with 3 pillars of support: spiritual support, health support and food & income security.

Refugee Law Project (RLP) is a Ugandan organization that aims to promote the protection, well-being, and dignity, of forced migrants through micro, mezzo, and macro approaches. Social workers are integral in their Mental Health and Psychosocial Wellbeing and Gender & Sexuality departments.

*For more information on these practicum partners, please refer to the Practicum Partner Guide at www.bestsemester.com/swe or contact Lisa Tokpa (uspsocialwork@gmail.com)