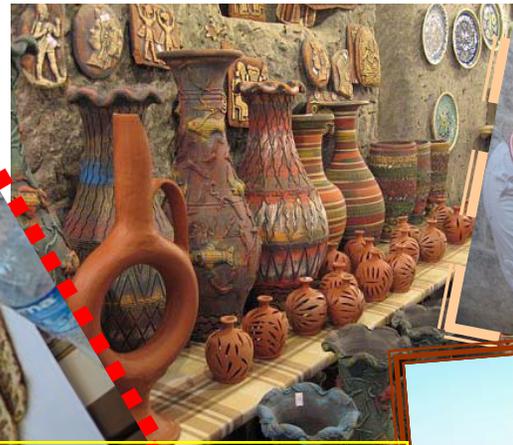


University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

Office for International Social Work Education



Rationale: The world community is rapidly changing and becoming an increasingly interdependent global marketplace. The social work profession recognizes that competent practice requires knowledge of other countries and peoples, appreciation of cultural diversity, and the capacity to function as internationally competent individuals.



Purpose: The GCSW's Office for International Social Work Education is committed to supporting, promoting, and celebrating individuals in an intercultural global environment. The Office will advocate for and facilitate international and cross-cultural experiences, perspectives, and initiatives.



Office Activities: The proposed Office will provide a myriad of services for the multiple and diverse communities served by the College. Illustrative activities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Encourage and facilitate [Memoranda of Understanding](#) with [international educational programs and professional associations](#)
- Encourage and facilitate GCSW [study abroad courses](#)
- Facilitate development of [international field placements](#)
- Promote [College-based international initiatives](#)
- Establish formal GCSW [linkages with other University](#) international programs
- Develop linkages and encourage partnerships with [international social work programs and professional associations](#)
- Develop, implement, and coordinate an [International Scholars Program](#)
- [Represent the GCSW](#) at appropriate social work forums
- Support GCSW and student-organized [international speakers and events](#)
- Direct students and faculty to the array of available [University international support services](#)

