

# THE NAVIGATOR

GSSW Opportunities and Career Advice for Charting  
Your Career Journey

August 2, 2019



## SIGHT SEEING: Upcoming Networking opportunities

80% of job opportunities are never listed on a job board. It is critical to utilize networking to be marketable.

### Private Practice Workshop

Aug. 10th - 9AM-2:30PM - Denver, CO

Sponsored by Colorado Society of Clinical Social Work

[https://www.coclinicalsocialwork.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=4002&club\\_id=25243&item\\_id=1036090](https://www.coclinicalsocialwork.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=25243&item_id=1036090)



**GSSW Alumni Cooking Class**  
8/13/2019 - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Comal Heritage Food Incubator

Register:

[http://www.alumni.du.edu/s/1150/interior2013/interior-2col.aspx?sid=1150&gid=1001&pgid=20351&content\\_id=22999](http://www.alumni.du.edu/s/1150/interior2013/interior-2col.aspx?sid=1150&gid=1001&pgid=20351&content_id=22999)

Join fellow GSSW alumni for an exclusive cooking class with Comal Heritage Food Incubator. During the cooking class, you will learn more about the Syrian heritage and culture behind the dishes that you will be preparing alongside native and expert chefs from the region. You will also have the opportunity to learn more about the mission of Comal from DU alumnus Matt Vernon.

### HCA Healthcare is hosting the DU Alumni Job Club

If you are interested in learning more about HCA opportunities and culture, including 500+ non-clinical and corporate openings.

Receive tips and tricks directly from HCA recruiters on how to stand out as a possible future candidate. Network directly with HCA employees who are also DU alums.

Registration is required and limited

[http://www.alumni.du.edu/s/1150/interior2013/interior-2col.aspx?sid=1150&gid=1001&pgid=20297&content\\_id=22956](http://www.alumni.du.edu/s/1150/interior2013/interior-2col.aspx?sid=1150&gid=1001&pgid=20297&content_id=22956)

9:00am - 10:30am, Thursday, Aug 15, 2019 (MDT)

### GSSW Alumni Happy Hour

August 27th, Bigsby's Folly in RHINO, 5-7pm

Socialize & network with fellow GSSW alumni!

SAVE THE DATE! Registration link coming soon.

### Do you know that Alumni events happen throughout the country?

Socialize & network with fellow GSSW alumni!

From Portland to New York and everywhere inbetween, check out the link and see what events are happening near you!

<http://www.alumni.du.edu/s/1150/interior2013/interior-2col.aspx?sid=1150&gid=1001&pgid=11759#upcoming>

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## TRAVEL TIPS: Useful Career Resources

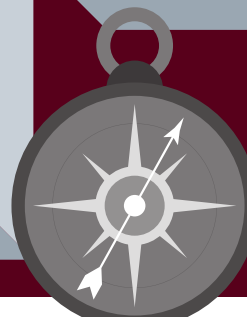
### How Do I Know if a Company is a Good Culture Fit?

You're completely elated because you've been offered a job, that looks amazing on paper, but is it a good culture fit? You've been looking at job description after description, and it's making your head spin! How can you tell if you are applying for the right positions?

If you are younger than a Generation X'er you've likely been taught that to be happy in your career you need to "find your passion". It's often said, "Love what you do, and you'll never work a day in your Life!" But how do you know if the career path you've been offered is a "passion" or, at least a step towards your passion?

Here are some questions to ask yourself,

- **Did you ask culture related questions in the interview?** For example, "How would you describe the work environment?" Then, reflect on how you saw this environment demonstrated.
  - **Do you feel like you will be utilizing your skills sets?** Most individuals like to believe that they are contributing to the mission of the organization. Will the position align with your strongest skill sets? Will the opportunity allow you to use more than entry level skills?
  - **What type of work environment are you best suited?** Preferred work environments change overtime, as your life and career develop. Will you thrive best working on a team or independently? Remote/virtual or face-to-face? Rural or urban environments? Established or emerging landscapes? 9 to 5 hours or flexible contracted roles? Understanding your needs and desires for your first post-graduate position can be pivotal.
  - **What are your non-negotiables?** Social work organizations often like to rock the boat or push a societal norm, others find comfort in providing consistent client resources. What side of the continuum would you like to be on? What do you need personally to feel valued & comfortable within an organization? Look to your personal network and what you can glean from online resources to see if the organization aligns with who you are as a professional.
  - **What are your NEXT career goals?** Some of you want to gain your license, others do not. Some of you want to work on a macro or mezzo level, others prefer micro practice. Some crave a good mixture! Will this position cater to your preferred area of work? Sometimes as you re-enter the field after your master's program, you need to "start at the bottom". However, will this position spring board quickly into your coveted position or desired level of practice? If not, consider passing on it...
  - **What skills will you grow within the position?** Will you be challenged? There's a reason why you were motivated to gain a higher degree, similarly your position should challenge you in formal & informal ways!
- and, finally...
- **Will the position accommodate your lifestyle?** You can't provide adequate care to clients if your basic needs are not met. Know what you need to be able to thrive financially! Negotiate for your needs or broaden your search to find opportunities to meet your needs.



## Pioneer Careers

Log onto Pioneer Careers to  
Have your resume reviewed,  
Make an appointment, & view  
Career Resources

[www.du.edu/pioneer-careers](http://www.du.edu/pioneer-careers)

Contact your Career Development Advisor,  
Stacy Said - [stacy.said@du.edu](mailto:stacy.said@du.edu) - 303.871.6146



## JOURNEY:

### Upcoming Events to attend

To see event details or register: [www.du.edu/pioneercareer](http://www.du.edu/pioneercareer)

#### AUGUST JOB CLUB w/ Alumni & Career Professional Development

Looking for a new job in 2019 but not sure how to get started? Interested in learning how to apply and actually be interviewed? Be part of an intimate group of 8-12 alumni job seekers. This skill building and leads group helps alumni learn to apply their strengths to their job search, perfect their resumes and cover letters, master in-person and digital networking, and interview confidently.

The club will meet for three weeks on the following days/times:

Thursday, August 8th, 15th & 22nd: 8:30-10:30am

Email Stacy for more information: [stacy.said@du.edu](mailto:stacy.said@du.edu)



Thursday, August 15

5:30 - 8 p.m.

Davis Auditorium, Sturm Hall

Join Denver Indian Health and Family Services (DIHFS) for an exclusive screening of the award-winning film Dodging Bullets: Stories from Survivors of Historical Trauma. Director Kathy Broere and GSSW alumna, Chenoa Patterson, will discuss the film and answer questions from the crowd following the showing of the film.

RSVP: [http://www.alumni.du.edu/s/1150/interior2013/interior-2col.aspx?sid=1150&gid=1001&pgid=20303&content\\_id=22960](http://www.alumni.du.edu/s/1150/interior2013/interior-2col.aspx?sid=1150&gid=1001&pgid=20303&content_id=22960)

### FALL QUARTER - Save the Dates!

All Majors Career Fair - Sept. 24th

Dress for Success/Career Readiness Workshops - Oct. 9th, 16th & 23rd

Lunch & Learn: Community Organizing - Oct. 15th

Connecting DU: Careers in Policy, Politics, & Campaigns - Oct. 29th

Lunch & Learn: Exploring Career Pathways - Oct. 31st

Association Fair - Nov. 4th

\*\*\*Registration now open for events on Pioneer Careers (PCO)!



Graduates!

## DESTINATION: Reminders for June Grads!

Are you working? Does your staff have openings to fill?

Register as an employer on PCO and let your fellow alumni know! Some of your fellow graduates already have!

[www.du.edu/hireapioneer](http://www.du.edu/hireapioneer)

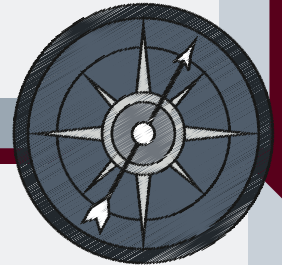


## DESTINATIONS:

### Find job details in PioneerCareers

The following job opportunities have all been posted on PCO in the last two weeks. To see their details, log onto PCO: [www.du.edu/pioneercareer](http://www.du.edu/pioneercareer) & login

- Program Coordinator - Think 360 Arts
- Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education Program Coordinator - CO Dept of Public Health & Environment
- Clinical Therapist - Behavioral Treatment Services
- \*\*\*Multiple positions, all levels posted.
- Behavioral Health Therapist - San Luis Valley Health
- Service Coordinator - Denver Housing Authority
- Children & Youth Behavioral Health Program Manager - CO Dept of Health Care Policy & Financing
- Policy Advisor IV - Colorado Dept of Human Services
- CDOC Unlicensed Mental Health Counselor (Limon) - CO Dept of Corrections
- Social Worker II PRN Behavior Health - Medical Center of Aurora
- Development Coordinator - American Civil Liberties Union Colorado - ACLU (may close Aug. 5th)
- Assistant Director Grants & Foundation Relations - Big Green
- Behavior Health Provider - Peak Vista Community Health Center
- Social Worker, LSW - Colorado Early Colleges Aurora
- Jefferson County Public Schools/Westgate Elementary
- Staff Assistant - Michigan Sate Health & Human Services
- STUDENT: Testing Center Assistant - Disability Services Program (DSP)
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## TRAVEL PARTNERS:

### Info for Glenwood Springs/Durango

Clinical Supervision for Licensure 101: "Knowing the Basics and Starting on the Path Beyond"

Aug. 2nd - Fort Lewis College - Durango, CO

6.0 hours of CE offered - Members: \$75; Nonmembers: \$150

This training builds on graduate-level social work skills and provides clinical supervisors with new tools to become more versatile in their roles. It is ideal for those interested in becoming clinical supervisors, or those who are new to clinical supervision. This is open to ALL mental health providers, not just MSWs, LCSW's.

During this interactive training attendees will engage with other professionals to strengthen their understanding of today's best practice knowledge and enhance their skills to function effectively in the role of clinical supervisor for licensure.

Register through NASW Social Work CE Online Institute:

<https://naswco.socialworkers.org/Events/Calendar-of-Events-Committees/ArtMID/32163/ArticleID/149/Clinical-Supervision-for-Licensure-101-Knowing-the-Basics-and-Starting-on-the-Path-Beyond>

#### CULTIVATING ACTIVE HOPE

#### THE WORK THAT RECONNECTS

A DAYLONG RETREAT WITH DELLA Z DUNCAN

Saturday, August 3rd from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Durango, CO

<https://www.durangohealthcenter.org/event-3454465>

### HRSA Virtual Job Fair

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

6:45 - 10:45 p.m. ET

<https://bhwh.hrsa.gov/provider-recruitment/virtual-job-fairs>

Have you ever considered joining a LEADS group? If you are interested in private practice, it's a great place to connect and build skills!

<https://glenwoodchamber.com/events-programs/leads-groups/>