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Quality in Domestic Joint and Dual Master's Degrees

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**Victor Prybutok – Presenting:
an overview of joint University of
North Texas and Texas Women’s
University MSW**

**Michael Keynes – Presenting:
challenges and emerging solutions to
offering a joint degree, Ethics in
Global Affairs**

**John Keller – Presenting:
an overview of best practices related
to policies on double counting of
credits and ensuring a minimum
number of credits in each degree
program**

University of North Texas



Carnegie Tier 1 Research Institution

Fall 2019 Enrollment

Total: 39,190

Masters: 4,372

Doctoral: 1,891

MSW Joint Degree, slide 1

- Joint Master's of Social Work (MSW) between UNT & TWU
 - UNT: 3 FT faculty, + 1 FT clinical faculty who is Field Director
 - TWU: 3 FT faculty
 - How students are assigned to TWU or UNT:
 - Students complete a preliminary application and are assigned to a university before final and complete review of application but after they are seen to meet minimum standards.
 - How is the university to which they need to apply decided? Assignment is made to maintain equal distribution between TWU/UNT. After meeting minimum standards and before full review of the application (Step 1), the applicant is sent to ApplyTexas with their assigned university. Step 2 of the process involves full review of the program application and the ApplyTexas application.
 - Sometimes scholarships inform which university—If a student gets a scholarship they may request the university they attend. If a student has a family member at UNT or TWU they can request assignment to that university due to tuition benefits.
 - We have a rating system with teams from both universities doing the ratings for all students.
 - Do they apply for both universities and apply once for the program? They apply once to the university where they are assigned.

MSW Joint Degree, slide 2

- What does the Diploma say? Joint diploma saying TWU/UNT.
- Took over a year to develop
- Why develop a joint program between two Universities?
 - 50 Years of collaborative / shared degree experience with the Federation
 - Resources
 - Better option for students because
 - Broader faculty expertise & opportunities to connect with faculty
 - Institutional resources are combined, leveraging resources
 - Joint Parking Sticker—one pass for both campuses
 - Access to many resources of both Universities
 - Fosters collaborative research across universities

History with other Joint Degrees was the foundation for the MSW

- Federation Degrees that are collaborations among UNT, TWU and TAMU Commerce. The Federation has been active for over 50 years.
 - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology – Ph.D.
 - Counseling Psychology – Ph.D.
 - Interdisciplinary Studies – M.A./M.S.
 - Language and Literacy Studies – as a concentration under the Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction.
 - Literacy Education – as a specialization under the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction
 - Sociology – Ph.D.
 - Special Education – Ph.D.



Thank You!

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