

## LISTA

**(Latino/a Initiatives for Service, Training and Assessment)  
An Area of Emphasis for Social Work Students**



The Latino population is one of the fastest growing minority group in the United States, thus, it is imperative that social workers and other mental health practitioners be knowledgeable about how to effectively serve this community. LISTA fills this need by providing culturally sensitive training to social work students.

**LISTA includes:**

- *Courses offered in social work practice specific to Latino/a populations to increase cultural understanding.* Human behavior courses are offered as well as social work practice coursework.
- *Optional courses for social workers on the professional use of Spanish.* The social welfare needs of Hispanic clients may remain unmet without the availability of adequate numbers of Spanish-speaking social service providers to assist them.
- *A field education component placing students in agencies serving Hispanic communities.* Some stipends will be available for interested students.
- *Study abroad opportunities* in Mexico, Puerto Rico and/or Costa Rica.
- *Continuing Education opportunities* for mini-certification in this area.

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