

Social Work Affiliate Faculty of the Year 2021 Recipient



Ms. Judy Russell, BSW Adjunct Faculty

Ms. Judy Russell began teaching in the ECU BSW program in Spring 2005. She has taught each semester since that time. She has extensive experience in teaching all classification levels of our students from freshmen's coming into the program to graduating seniors. She has taught Introduction to Social Work, Micro Practice Skills, Group Practice Skills, the first Field Practicum seminar and the two Public Child Welfare Certification courses. Judy is the ECU Instructor for the Public Child Welfare Certification Program (PCWCP) and teaches two required courses (Child Maltreatment and Child Abuse Intervention). As a PCWCP Instructor she is committed to developing competent child welfare workers to work with families in crisis. Judy has to work closely with the training division of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services in updating the curriculum due to changes in policies, procedures, and best practices. This often involves workgroup meetings with other statewide PCWCP instructors during the fall-spring semesters when teaching but also when she is not on contract to teach (summer and winter breaks). Judy has taught the PCWCP courses probably longer than any of the current universities PCWCP instructors, so in addition to her teaching role she also helps to mentor new PCWCP Instructors. Judy has consistently been viewed as a great teacher who brings a lot of practice experience into the class. As a way to meet the needs of a growing social work program as well as to improve her teaching and delivery of content, Judy completed advanced Online Instructor Training.



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