

Nadia Islam

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Nadia Islam leads clinical and administrative operations for virtual tele-mental health services and directs training curriculum.

Biography

NADIA ISLAM is the first associate professor of clinical practice in social work. She has taught advanced and introductory social work practice courses including the Virtual Field Practicum. As a member of the faculty work group designing the DSW@USC, she has spearheaded the development of curricula for innovation laboratory courses.

As clinical director of USC Telehealth, a virtual outpatient behavioral health clinic, she leads clinical and administrative operations for virtual tele-mental health services. She developed and directs a rigorous six-week training curriculum consisting of online modules, live didactic sessions and role-plays. The curriculum also includes observations by licensed clinical social work supervisors/field instructors to develop Master of Social Work interns' skills in biopsychosocial assessment, diagnostic formulation, treatment planning, documentation, suicide/homicide risk assessment and cultural sensitivity to special populations within a virtual practice setting. She leads an experienced and talented team of licensed, clinical faculty who recruits and teaches MSW students.

Prior to co-launching USC Telehealth in 2012, she served as a clinical director with organizations working on behalf of people who have experienced intimate partner violence and sex or labor trafficking, managing emergency shelter, transitional housing, legal advocacy, outpatient therapeutic services, and community education and outreach activities. Her dissertation research explored the development of psychological empowerment among women who had experienced intimate partner violence.

She is licensed as a clinical social worker in the state of California.

Industry Expertise

Social Services, Education/Learning, Research, Writing and Editing

Areas of Expertise

Treatment Planning, Clinical Operations, Social Work, Virtual Outpatient Behavioral Health Clinic, Diagnostic Formulation

Education

University of Southern California
Ph.D.

Columbia University
M.S.

Wellesley College
B.A.

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