**SOAR**



**The UNT RMI/GIS Professional Development Program Series**

**Frequently asked questions:**

**What is the SOAR program?**

* The SOAR RMI/GIS Professional Development Program Series is a professional development initiative that will offer skills to help students soar above and beyond the expected skills received upon graduation.
* The program will offer three workshops during the semester, along with LinkedIn, personal resume, and Microsoft Teams requirement to be completed in order to be recognized as a successful participant in the program.

**Can I participate in the SOAR program series if I am a Non-RMI major?**

* Yes! The series is offered to RMI majors, RMI minors and RMI certificate recipients. It is also offered to non-RMI majors that are members of Gamma Iota Sigma (UNT Beta Zeta chapter), the risk management, insurance, and actuarial science fraternity.

**What type of workshops will be offered through the SOAR program?**

* Each semester the program plans to offer informative workshops that differ in content, throughout the fall and spring semesters of every school year.

**Why create a risk management and insurance specific professional development program?**

* The insurance industry has stated loud and clear that professional development is one of the top attributes they seek when hiring new RMI talent.

**How can I prove to an instructor or a potential employer that I completed a SOAR semester long series?**

* If a student successfully completes all of the requirements laid out in the attached SOAR requirements details, then they will receive a **SOAR Certificate of Achievement** at the end of every semester that they complete the series.

**SOAR - UNT RMI/GIS Professional Development Program Series Details**

**In order to obtain the SOAR Certificate of Achievement at the end of a semester, a student must successfully complete ALL of the following requirements:**

1. Workshop requirements
2. LinkedIn requirement
3. Resume requirement

**Workshop Requirement Details:**

* Attend two of the three RMI/GIS Professional Development Program Series workshops offered during the semester.
* Workshops must be attended in their entireties, from the beginning of the workshop through the end of the workshop. A student will not receive credit for attending portion(s) of a workshop.
* Student must complete the Google Form sign in sheet at all workshops that they attend to receive credit for the workshop.
* For virtual workshops, cameras must be on at all times.
* Workshop opportunities differing in content are offered each fall and each spring semester.
* Note: There is no minimum or maximum number of certificates to obtain. A student may obtain as many SOAR Certificates of Achievement as they like!

**LinkedIn Requirement Details:**

* Establish and successfully maintain a personal LinkedIn account.
* Upload a professional headshot for the personal LinkedIn profile.
* \*Note: Successful completion of the above requirements will be determined by Sally Carne, RMI Program Project Coordinator.

**Resume Requirement Details:**

* Create a resume that has been analyzed and **approved** by Sally Carne.

**Microsoft Team Details:**

* Successfully Join and actively participate in the SOAR Professional Development Program Series Microsoft Team (Sally Carne is Microsoft Team Owner).
* Note: The SOAR Microsoft Team will be used as the **main** method of communication between the owner of the Team (Sally Carne) and the students participating in the SOAR RMI/GIS Professional Development Program Series throughout the semester.

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