

Field Education Basics- Student Levels

BSW Practicum students will learn beginning generalist social work practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.

- Completed first year of SW coursework, which includes practice, research, diversity, and human behavior in the social environment.
- Starting second year of SW coursework, which includes practice, policy, mini courses focused on specific populations, and a seminar in professional issues.
- Must do a minimum of 16 hours/week in practicum, 15 weeks/semester for a total of 480 hours throughout the academic year.
- 50% of time must be spent on direct practice. This may include client work, advocacy on behalf of clients, seeking resources for clients, case staffings, etc.
- Should have at least one 8-hour day per week, if this is feasible for the agency.

MSW Foundation practicum students will complete their first year of the MSW program focused on a generalist model. During this year, they will be selecting a concentration of either Clinical or Macro social work for their advanced year coursework.

- Full-time students will be starting first year of SW coursework, which includes practice, policy, human behavior in the social environment, and research.
- Part-time students will have already completed policy, human behavior in the social environment, and research coursework the prior year, and will take practice coursework concurrently with practicum.
- Must do a minimum of 16 hours/week in practicum, 15 weeks/semester for a total of 480 hours throughout the academic year.
- 50% of time must be spent on direct practice. This may include client work, advocacy on behalf of clients, seeking resources for clients, case staffings, etc.
- Should have at least one 8-hour day per week, if this is feasible for the agency.

MSW Clinical practicum students will be focused on advancing their practice with individuals, families, and groups.

- Can be advanced standing (will have a BSW degree and will have taken summer coursework) or entering their advanced year after finishing MSW Foundation coursework.
- Starting clinical coursework including clinical practice, psychopathology, integrative seminar in one of three areas (health/mental health, children/families, or aging), diversity selective, and a clinical elective.
- Must do a minimum of 24 hours/week in practicum, 15 weeks/semester for a total of 720 hours. The exception to this are students approved for a Modified Practicum Plan, which involves 16 hours/week and stretches the practicum into the summer.
- 50% of time must be spent in **direct contact with clients**.
- Should have at least one 8-hour day per week, if this is feasible for the agency.

MSW Macro practicum students will be focused on advancing their practice with program development, outcome evaluation, policy analysis, personnel issues, community organizing and advocacy, and budgeting/grant-writing.

- Can be advanced standing (will have a BSW degree and will have taken summer coursework) or entering their advanced year after finishing MSW Foundation coursework.
- Starting Macro coursework, including program design & grantwriting, advanced policy, managing financial resources, assessing/managing outcomes, managing programs & supervision, and advanced community organizing and practice.
- Must do a minimum of 24 hours/week in practicum, 15 weeks/semester for a total of 720 hours. The exception to this are students approved for a Modified Practicum Plan, which involves 16 hours/week and stretches the practicum into the summer.
- No minimum requirement for client contact or direct practice.
- Should have at least one 8-hour day per week, if this is feasible for the agency.