Fieldwork

Field instruction is a critical part of the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (BASW) program. All students in the second year of this major must complete a year-long Fieldwork Practicum and a seminar that integrates the knowledge learned in the classroom with your experiences in the field.

The 600-hour field instruction course consists of:

- Practicum in Generalist Social Work Practice in an agency setting: 570 hours.
- Integrative Seminar

Fieldwork Options

For the practicum, you'll work at a social service agency in close cooperation with an experienced supervisor. During your internship, you'll work with individual clients while being exposed to larger agency and systems practices and issues.

You have the choice of fulfilling your 570 on-site hours in one of three ways:

- Field education (21 hours): You'll work 21 hours, over three days per week. Placement begins in September and ends in early May.
- Field education (14 hours): You'll work 14 hours, over two days per week. Placement begins in September and ends in July.
- Work study: Some students may qualify to work either 21 or 14 hours per week at the social service agency where they are currently employed in a social work capacity.

If you have a conflicting work schedule and cannot perform fieldwork during weekday business hours, we will try to find evening and weekend placements for you but cannot guarantee this. However, you are still required to spend at least four consecutive hours per week at the internship during the agency’s regular working hours, typically 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Questions?

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