MSU School of Social Work

FIELD
EDUCATION
PROGRAM

It is the purpose of the field education program to provide experiential educational opportunities directed toward student development of professional identity, self-understanding, and competent practice. Classroom learning and theoretical content are integrated through a focus on generalist practice in the bachelor's and 1st year master's program, and a specialized practice in the second year.

Course of Study

BASW Program

- Complete two semesters of field education (5 credits each) for a total of 480 hours.

- Participate in field 16 hours per week for fifteen weeks, each semester.

- Must receive one hour per week of educationally focused supervision by a qualified field instructor.

- Participate in an integrative field seminar.

MSW Program

- Students in the 57 credit MSW Program complete 960 hours over 4 semesters.

- Students in the 38-credit advanced standing program complete 600 hours over 2.5 semesters (July-April).

- Participate in field 16 hours per week for fifteen weeks, each semester.

- Must receive one hour per week of educationally focused supervision by a qualified field instructor.

- Participate in an integrative field seminar.

Applying for a field placement

Applications are completed within Sonia, a web -based data system. Eligible students must regularly check their MSU email for further instructions and due dates.

Focus
Commitment
Advocacy Knowledge
Expertise
Leadership MSU
Learning

How do field coordinators determine where students are matched?

Matches are determined by the field coordinator for each program based on location, agency availability and student requests/learning needs, as outlined in the field application.

Field Instructor Qualifications

- For undergraduate students, the instructor must possess a baccalaureate degree or extensive social services practice experience.

- For graduate students, instructors must possess a master of social work degree and have two years post-masters experience (LMSW preferred but not required).

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