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 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 Field Placement**
Applications are completed within Intern Placement Tracking (IPT), a web-based system. Eligible students must regularly check their MSU email for further instructions and due dates.

**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)