



2024 MSW Practicum Orientation

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Social Work Field Education

Field education is the signature pedagogy for social work. Signature pedagogies are elements of instruction and socialization that teach future practitioners the fundamental dimensions of professional work in their discipline: to think, to perform, and to act intentionally, ethically, and with integrity.

Field education is designed to integrate the theoretical and conceptual contributions of the explicit curriculum in the field setting. It is a basic precept of social work education that the two interrelated components of curriculum—classroom and field—are of equal importance, and each contributes to the development of the requisite competencies of professional practice.

[Council on Social Work Education, 2022 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards](#)



UVU MSW Field Education Hours

Generalist (1st year) Practicum

- 400 hours
 - 200 hours per semester (16 weeks)
 - 12.5 hours per week

Advanced Generalist (2nd year and Advanced Standing) Practicum

- 550 hours
 - 275 hours per semester (16 weeks)
 - 17.5 hours per week



UVU MSW Field Education Requirements

- Field Practicum (SW 6910, SW 6920, SW 6930, SW 6940)
 - Site visits
 - Evaluations
- Integrative Seminar (SW 6810, SW 6820, SW 6830, SW 6840)
 - Timesheet
 - Learning agreement
 - Supervision log
 - Weekly/monthly reflections



Scheduling Considerations

[Link to UVU Academic Calendar](#)

- Weekly schedule is coordinated with practicum agency
 - Agencies cannot require students to work or attend agency-related training(s) during scheduled class time (Fridays, 8am – 5pm)
 - Students are encouraged to use holiday and university breaks for rest and rejuvenation; work with supervisor to ensure continuity of care for clients
- Fall 2024 Semester: August 21 – December 13
 - Generalist practicum: 200 hours
 - Advanced generalist practicum: 275 hours
- Spring 2025 Semester: January 6 – April 30
 - Generalist practicum: 200 hours
 - Advanced generalist practicum: 275 hours



Generalist Practicum Settings

- Students engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities
- Settings include elementary and secondary schools, correctional facilities, hospitals, residential treatment centers, recovery programs, domestic violence shelters, mental health clinics, inpatient psychiatric facilities, and victim advocacy programs
- Generalist (1st year) students may not work in agencies where primary responsibility is individual therapy



Advanced Generalist Practicum Settings

- Students engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, or communities
- Settings include elementary and secondary schools, correctional facilities, hospitals, residential treatment centers, recovery programs, domestic violence shelters, mental health clinics, inpatient psychiatric facilities, and victim advocacy programs
- Advanced generalist (2nd year and Advanced Standing) students may choose to work in agencies where primary responsibility is individual therapy



Summer Practicum Hours

(2nd year & Advanced Standing Students Only)

- Maximum of 150 hours may be counted toward 550-hour requirement
- Must be approved by Field Director
 - Proposed schedule
 - Supervision agreement
- Timesheet
 - Detailed time entries (logged daily)
 - Approved time entries (weekly)
 - Regular, consistent supervision (weekly)



MSW Field Placement Process

1. Submit [Student Information Form](#)
2. Attend Field Fair
3. Follow up with practicum agencies
 - a. Send emails (within 1 week of Field Fair)
 - b. Interview as needed (per agency preference)
 - c. Follow through with all agency communications
4. Submit [Practicum Preference Form](#) (within 3 weeks of Field Fair)
5. Receive practicum assignment (within 4–6 weeks of Field Fair)
6. Complete Field Placement Agreement



Professional Communication & Behavior

- Students are representatives of the UVU MSW program
- Professional communication and behavior expected
 - Written communication
 - Interviews & other virtual or face-to-face interactions
- [UVU Core Values](#)
 - Exceptional Care
 - Exceptional Accountability
 - Exceptional Results



UVU Core Value: Exceptional Accountability

We are strongly committed to working ethically and effectively. We approach each situation from a position of integrity, knowing that everything we do can help or hinder a positive student experience. We honor the resources and mandates we have been entrusted with and strive always to do our best to honor that trust. We respect each member of our community, seek to understand and fulfill our responsibilities, and recognize both individual and collective successes.



Resources

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

[Code of Ethics](#)

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

[Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards](#)

Division of Professional Licensing (DOPL)

[Social work licensing \(laws & rules\)](#)

