



## Direct Practicum Tasks During COVID – 19

The following activities have been approved as direct practicum time during COVID – 19. Please contact the Practicum Office if you have any questions regarding your practicum or what may count as direct time.

### BSSW:

- Zoom staff meetings: Must be client centered staff meetings to count as direct hours...or staff meeting discussing COVID and how to meet the needs of the client population
- Zoom meeting or conference call co-facilitating an educational and/or skills building group with clients
- Zoom meeting or call with clients
- Zoom meeting or conference call with 2 or more colleagues/coworkers discussing a client
- Zoom meeting or calls with other professionals to advocate for a specific client need
- Triads with other practicum students, where one is the identified client (based on practicum client case), one is the social worker, and one observes and gives feedback on what went well and improvements to make. Must be recorded and discussed in supervision
- Supervision counts for BSSW students when they are discussing client cases and how to proceed with a specific client
- Skills Building or Educational Groups: see group document

### MSW Foundation:

- Zoom staff meetings: Must be client centered staff meetings to count as direct hours...or staff meeting discussing COVID and how to meet the needs of the client population
- Zoom meeting or conference call co-facilitating an educational and/or skills building group with clients (no therapy groups)
- Zoom meeting or call with clients
- Zoom meeting or conference call with 2 or more colleagues/coworkers discussing a client
- Zoom meeting or calls with other professionals to advocate for a specific client need
- Triads with other practicum students, where one is the identified client (based on practicum client case), one is the social worker, and one observes and gives feedback on what went well and improvements to make. Must be recorded and discussed in supervision
- Phone calls with clients may count as direct face-to-face time only if a client does not have access to computer or technology or is unable to otherwise engage in a Zoom or Telehealth call

### MSW Advanced:

- Zoom staff meetings: Must be client centered staff meetings to count as direct hours...or staff meeting discussing COVID and how to meet the needs of the client population
- Zoom meeting or conference call co-facilitating a therapy, educational, or skills building group with clients
- Zoom meeting or call with clients

- Zoom meeting or conference call with 2 or more colleagues/coworkers discussing a client
- Zoom meeting or calls with other professionals to advocate for a specific client need
- Triads with other practicum students, where one is the identified client (based on practicum client case), one is the social worker, and one observes and gives feedback on what went well and improvements to make. Must be recorded and discussed in supervision
- Telehealth with clients
- Phone calls with clients may count as direct face-to-face time only if a client does not have access to computer or technology or is unable to otherwise engage in a Zoom or Telehealth call

**NOTE:**

Students who have completed their MSW Foundation practicum with the UNO Grace Abbott School of Social Work will be permitted to “pull” more than 100 direct hours from their MSW Foundation practicum if they are having trouble getting the 300 direct hours to qualify for the provisional license post-graduation. Nebraska State statute mandates that people still need 300 direct hours (with a minimum of 150 of those hours being face to face direct hours) in a MSW practicum in order to qualify for their provisional license. Therefore, students still must have the 300 direct hours by the end of their MSW Social Work Program, with at least 150 of those direct hours being face-to-face direct time.

Students who have completed their BSSW Social Work Program with UNO GASSW or another school, may not count any direct hours from a BSSW social work practicum toward hours to apply for their provision license post-graduation. The state mandates the practicum hours must come from a MSW practicum.