



BASIC INFORMATION REGARDING FIELD PRACTICUM

The Grace Abbott School of Social Work has practicum students at 3 academic levels:

- **BSSW** (Generalist) students who primarily complete case management activities as well as a research and an evaluation project.
- **MSW Foundation** (Generalist) students (with a bachelor's degree in something other than social work) who complete case management activities as well as a research and an evaluation project.
- **MSW Advanced** (Advanced Generalist) students who primarily complete assessment and interventions with individuals, families, groups, organizations or communities, practice case conceptualization and clinical skills, practice social policy and program development, as well as a complete a research and an evaluation project.

Supervision

BSSW students must have either a MSW or LCSW (LMHP + CMSW) or LICSW (LIMHP + CMSW) supervise them for one hour per week throughout their practicum.

MSW students (Foundation and Advanced) must have a LCSW or a LICSW supervise them for one hour per week throughout their practicum, (or LISW from Iowa may supervise)

The *social work supervisor* is referred to as the **Educational Supervisor**. If necessary, the UNO Grace Abbott School of Social Work may assist in locating proper Educational Supervision.

Students may also have a **Task Supervisor**. The Task Supervisor does not need to be a social worker and can be from any discipline. This person should know their job well and be able to transmit information to the student regarding the day to day tasks of the practicum position.

Both the Educational and Task Supervisor must complete the **Practicum Supervisor Application** and go through the **Practicum Supervisor Training** (online with an optional follow up Zoom Q & A session).

Student Hours

All students are required to complete 512 hours in Practicum. Students can opt to complete a **Block/Full Time** practicum (32-40 hours per week over *one* semester), or they may choose to complete a **Concurrent/Part Time** practicum (16-20 hours per week over *two* semesters) depending on agency needs.

Student Goals/Objectives

Students must complete a **Learning Contract** at the beginning of their practicum. This document outlines the specific activities the student will be doing over the 512 hours in practicum at the agency. For the BSSW and MSW Foundation students, there are 6 goals on the Learning Contract and for the MSW Advanced level student, there are 7 goals.