

SOCIAL WORK FIELD FAQs 2021/22 ACADEMIC YEAR

Faculty and staff at HBSSW understand the concern, anxiety, and confusion around the completion of field education requirements during the pandemic and in the process of returning to post-pandemic status. To address the many questions, we have created this FAQs to assist in answering student's questions.

Students are expected to engage in all agency safety protocols to protect themselves, agency clients and agency staff. Students should engage in all CDC recommendations when not engaged in field agency activities such as wearing a mask, social distancing, hand washing, etc. Students are required to notify the field agency AND Field Liaison immediately if they have symptoms of illness or have been exposed to COVID.

Practicum models for the 2021/22 academic year:

- Traditional on-site practicum supervised by agency Field Instructor
- Employment-based field practicum supervised by agency employment supervisor or other approved agency staff
- Block placements - MSW students ONLY (completion of two field courses in one semester)

How many field hours do I need to complete?

Our Social Work Field Education Program plans to continue the reduction in field hour requirements allowed by CSWE for the 2021/22 academic year due to the challenges the prolonged pandemic has had on our students.

BSW STUDENTS

FIELD COURSE	FIELD HOUR REQUIREMENT	CREDITS
421	170	5
422	170	5

MSW STUDENTS

Foundation students - CSWE requires that MSW Foundation students complete 85% of the 900 field education hours or 765 total field hours through the end of the 2021/22 academic year. **You will need to complete the following 4 courses. Please note that 821 and 822 have variable credits and students should register for the correct credit hours based on the curriculum established with the MSW Advising Office @ msw-advising@uwm.edu.**

- 721 (165 hours & 3 credits)
- 722 (200 hours & 3 credits)
- 821 (200 hours and 3 credits OR 250 hours and 4 credits)
- 822 (200 hours and 3 credits OR 250 hours and 4 credits)

*****If you are a Foundation student, but have an approved 721 field course exemption you will need to complete the following 3 courses.**

- 722 (250 hours and 3 credits)
- 821 (250 hours and 4 credits)
- 822 (250 hours and 4 credits)

Advanced Standing students - Students who completed a BSW Program and have advanced standing need to complete the following 3 courses. **Please note that 821 and 822 have variable credits and students should register for the correct credit hours based on the curriculum established with the MSW Advising Office @ msw-advising@uwm.edu.**

- 722 (200 hours & 3 credits)
- 821 (200 hours and 3 credits OR 250 hours and 4 credits)
- 822 (200 hours and 3 credits OR 250 hours and 4 credits)
- 921 is a variable credit (1-4) **elective** course and needs Field Liaison approval for registration.

Which activities count toward the completion of my field hours?

All time spent on the following activities count toward total field hours:

- Field Seminar attendance
- Completion of MSW field assignments
- Completion of agency-directed field activities including training.
- Field supervision
- Field Orientation to the Field Practicum

What assignments do MSW students complete for the 25% field grade designation?

MSW students completing their field practicum in an agency should complete MSW field assignments totaling 5-points located on the Field Assignment Field webpage under the direction and supervision of their agency Field Instructor. <https://uwm.edu/socialwelfare/field-assignments/>

What assignments do BSW students complete for the 25% field grade designation?

BSW students attend a weekly field seminar which accounts for 25% of the field education grade and includes seminar attendance and participation and assignments.

Do I need to complete the Learning Plan and Mid-Term Self-evaluation?

Yes, both the Learning Plan, Mid-Term progress report, and final evaluations are required for all semesters in the 2021/22 academic years. The only exception is that the Mid-Term progress report is waived for students completing a Block placement.

I am completing an Employment-Based Field practicum. Are there separate requirements for this type of practicum?

An Employment-Based Field practicum has the same requirements for students and Field Instructors as all non-Employment-Based field practicums including weekly educational supervision and the assignment of additional new responsibilities to expand on social work competency development.

I am completing a Block placement this semester (only available for MSW students). What are the requirements?

A block placement essentially means that a student must complete all course requirements for **each** field course they are registered for in the semester. The first field course and all required documents should be completed by mid-semester at which time the student can begin their 2nd field course. The only document **not** required for both of the two field courses is the Mid-Term progress report since students and field instructors will be completing two final evaluations during the semester.

What should I do if I have questions or concerns during the semester?

Please direct your questions to your assigned Field Liaison. If they are out of the office, you can direct your questions to Jeanne Wagner, Field Director at jeannew@uwm.edu 414-367-9515.