

## SOCIAL WORK FIELD FAQs SPRING/SUMMER 2022

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 (Field Liaison approval required)
- Block placements - MSW students ONLY (completion of two field courses in one semester and Field Liaison approval required)

### 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

CSWE requires that MSW students complete 85% of the required Field Education hours through the end of the 2021/22 academic year. **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 @ [maw-advising@uwm.edu](mailto:maw-advising@uwm.edu).**

MSW students should use the following chart to determine the number of total hours needed for each field course.

	<b>SPRING 2022 COVID FIELD HOUR REDUCTION</b>	<b>SUMMER 2022 COVID FIELD HOUR REDUCTION</b>	<b>FALL 2022</b>
721 Foundation student	165 (3 credits)	165 (3 credits)	215 (3 credits)
722 Foundation Student	200 (3 credits)	200 (3 credits)	200 (3 credits)
722 Foundation Student with 721 exemption & no BSW	250 hours (3 credits)	250 hours (3 credits)	250 hours (3 credits)
722 Advanced Standing Student with BSW	200 hours (3 credits)	200 hours (3 credits)	200 (3 credits)
821 Foundation Student	200 hours (3 credits) 250 hours (4 credits)	200 hours (3 credits) 250 hours (4 credits)	250 hours (3 credits) 300 hours (4 credits)
821 Foundation Student with 721 exemption & no BSW	250 hours (4 credits)	250 hours (4 credits)	300 hours (4 credits)
821 Advanced Standing Student with BSW	200 hours (3 credits) 250 hours (4 credits)	200 hours (3 credits) 250 hours (4 credits)	250 hours (3 credits) 300 hours (4 credits)
822 Foundation Student	200 hours (3 credits) 250 hours (4 credits)	200 hours (3 credits) 250 hours (4 credits)	250 hours (3 credits) 300 hours (4 credits)
822 Foundation Student with 721 exemption & no BSW	250 hours (4 credits)	250 hours (4 credits)	300 hours (4 credits)
822 Advanced Standing Student with BSW	200 hours (3 credits) 250 hours (4 credits)	200 hours (3 credits) 250 hours (4 credits)	250 hours (3 credits) 300 hours (4 credits)

### **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 approved 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 [jeanne@uwm.edu](mailto:jeanne@uwm.edu) 414-367-9515.