**Office of Field Education**

**Out of Area Placements**

Social Work Students living outside of Central Texas will be asked to provide the Office of Field Education with three potential agencies where an internship may be secured on your behalf.

**READ CAREFULLY!**

Students who live outside of the Central Texas area need to collaborate with the Office of Field Education to secure an internship. This does not mean secure your own internship. Due to the vast geographic areas where students live, coordination of location for reasonable travel distance is needed. Additionally, there are many schools of social work placing students, the advantage local schools have is familiarity and networks in their respective community. We need your help to find the best opportunities for you to complete your educational requirements.

The formal vetting, communication about the social work program, formalizing paperwork, gaining agency agreements, answering questions about requirements, supervision or other practicum issues, is completed by the Field Office.  Field advisors contact all agencies directly and complete this process to secure an agency possibility for each student.

Agencies contract with the University - NOT students, so engaging in field office responsibilities by any student in not appropriate.  Students are given a suggestion sheet, to reasonable answer initial questions, but students’ responses should always include, "a Field Team Member will contact you with details about the program shortly."

**Student Responsibilities**:

* Obtain the information requested on the form
* Inform the agency that a field faculty office will contact them to provide additional information and detail
* Submit the **completed** form online as soon as possible

**Field Faculty Responsibilities**:

* Vet the agency for appropriateness and scope of work
* Secure the placement on your behalf
* Provide detailed information about practicum and the School’s requirements
* Secure required documentation
* Refer you to the appropriate person for interview
* Obtain interview feedback from the agency

**What you are NOT responsible for:**

* Securing a field placement
* Securing an interview prior to field advisor referring you for interview.
* Getting the agency to accept you as an intern
* Asking information about the agency that is not required on the form, or that you need to decide if you would like the agency considered.

**When Contacting a Prospective Agency Partner**

**If making inquiry calls to agencies - Script:**

Hello, my name is: and I am a social work student/faculty member at Texas State University School of Social Work. I am contacting agencies in the area open to hosting social work student interns (or those who are open to utilizing social work interns). I’m gathering information on behalf of the Field Education Office at my University and would like to ask you a few questions.

* What type of service is provided to the community (e.g. medical, child welfare, substance recovery, aging services, etc…)? You can usually find this information out by reviewing the website and forgo asking this question. If no website, please call and ask about this information.
* Do you currently have a social work internship program? If so ask - “who is the primary contact person? Can I have their contact information?” (name, number and e-mail if possible) - reiterate that this information is for the Field Team who will follow up with the contact person.
* If not ask – “who is the primary person in charge of interns at the agency that I can speak with about possibly partnering with this agency?” (name, number and e-mail if possible)?
* Does your agency have either BSW’s or MSW’s available to provide supervision to social work interns? If you are asked for detailed information about supervision, please let the agency know that Field Education team will contact them and provide all details regarding supervision criteria
* If not ask – “Do you currently have social work interns at the agency? What is the contact information for the person who supervises social work interns?” (name, number and e-mail if possible)?

Thank you for your time and information about the agency. The Field Education team at Texas State University School of Social Work will contact the agency about developing a partnership.

**Types of Agencies to Consider:**

* Foster Family Agencies
* Hospice
* Hospitals with social workers on staff
* Domestic violence services and shelters
* Drug recovery programs
* Family Services Agency
* County and State Social Services (CPS or APS)
* School Districts
* Criminal Justice Programs
* Non-Profits

Placement at these agencies is contingent on whether the agency can demonstrate that they have adequate supervision for social work students. The field team will address this with the agency.  You should not have a discussion with any agency about supervision or schedules.  Remember that you are not trying to secure a placement with these agencies, rather you are gathering information for the Field Education team, so we can determine if the agency meets the required criteria set by CSWE and the School of Social Work. .

**Titles of People in an Agency ask questions from:**

* Director of Social Services
* Agency Supervisor
* Intern Coordinator
* Managing Supervisor
* Clinical Director
* Social Work Supervisor
* Human Resource Director
* Social Worker Supervisor
* School Counselor
* Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
* Executive Director

Please complete the attached form and submit to your field advisor as soon as possible.

**Recommended Agency Contacts (Three Agencies)**

**STUDENT NAME**:

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY**: Please provide information for three agencies in your community where an internship/practicum may be feasible. You **must** contact agencies to ensure they are open to host a student and that they have a social worker with an MSW (from a CSWE accredited school) who could provide you weekly supervision. The Field Director, or designee, will provide the internship packet and answer any questions with any agency that is open to considering an intern.Only **TYPED** and **fully completed** forms will be accepted.

**First Agency Name**:

Type of Service Provided (aging, child welfare, medical, etc):

Agency Location (city/state/country):

**(Highlight the correct answer)**

Does this agency take MSW level students? Y N

Does this agency have an MSW to provide supervision? Y N

Does the agency currently have social work interns? Y N

**Name of contact** you verified this above information with:

**Title**:

Are they the contact for internships or someone else? Y N

If not, identify the contact person: **Title**:

**Number:** **E-mail**:

**Second Agency Name**:

Type of Service Provided (aging, child welfare, medical, etc):

Agency Location (city/state/country):

**(Highlight the correct answer)**

Does this agency take MSW level students? Y N

Does this agency have an MSW to provide supervision? Y N

Does the agency currently have social work interns? Y N

**Name of contact** you verified this above information with:

**Title**:

Are they the contact for internships or someone else? Y N

If not, identify the contact person: **Title**:

**Number:** **E-mail**:

**Third Agency Name**:

Type of Service Provided (aging, child welfare, medical, etc):

Agency Location (city/state/country):

**(Highlight the correct answer)**

Does this agency take MSW level students? Y N

Does this agency have an MSW to provide supervision? Y N

Does the agency currently have social work interns? Y N

**Name of contact** you verified this above information with:

**Title**:

Are they the contact for internships or someone else? Y N

If not, identify the contact person: **Title**:

**Number:** **E-mail**:

SUBMIT THIS FORM TO YOUR ASSIGNED FIELD ADVISOR. ANY FORM SUBMITTED WITH INCOMPLETE INFORMATION WILL DELAY ANY EFFORTS TO SECURE YOUR PLACEMENT.