

Foundation Practicum (SOWK 641/642)

205 hours in the field + 18 hours seminar = 223 hours per semester or 410 hours in the field + 36 hours seminar = 446 total)

Students are required to intern in the respective agency at least two days per week.

The two semester foundation field practicum and supporting seminar provides a forum in which students apply the knowledge, skills, and values acquired from the foundation curriculum to direct and macro practice. The concepts and theories of the generalist perspective are applied. An emphasis is placed on assessment and practice grounded in theory. The ecological and person-in-environment theoretical frameworks provide a basis for entering into practice. Social construction and empowerment theories help focus client interaction toward the use of practice methods which respect "client" decision making. Practice is based on ethical decision making, valuing and respecting diversity, working toward the dismantling of oppression, and establishing social and economic justice.

The focus is placed on assessment/analysis of client needs, client-worker relationships, professional values and ethics, service delivery issues, agency/organizational dynamics, and social work supervision. Practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels are incorporated and the application of the multiple practice methods introduced in SOWK 631 & 632 is encouraged. This is a practicum experience that utilizes an electronic and/or face-to-face seminar as methods of instruction.

Concentration Practicum (SOWK 791/792)

300 hours in the field + 18 hours seminar = 318 hours per semester or 600 hours in the field + 36 hours seminar = 636 hours total

Students are required to intern in the respective agency at least three days per week.

The two semester concentration practicum and supporting seminar provides a forum in which the knowledge, skills, and values acquired from the specialized concentration curriculum are applied. The concepts and theories of community-based family practice (CBFP) are applied. The skills and knowledge taught in SOWK 783 and 784 are applied through multiple environments and across the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. Service delivery issues, agency/organizational dynamics, and practice skills are emphasized. This is a practicum experience that utilizes an electronic and/or face-to-face seminar as methods of instruction. The knowledge and skills for direct and macro practice with diverse populations are developed and applied, emphasizing the dismantling of oppression and applying methods which work toward social and economic justice for populations at risk. The seminar supports the exploration of ethical decision making.