Temple University College of Public Health School of Social Work- Office of Practicum Education ~ Practicum Requirements

Criteria to Become a Practicum Site

- Provision of opportunities for the student
- A staff of sufficient size
- Availability of a qualified practicum and/ or task instructor
- Stability of program and staff

- Provision of adequate space and equipment for a student placement
- Clearly defined agency practice
- Provision of appropriate learning experiences for students
- Ability to support student coursework

Practicum Instructor Role		Task Instructor Role	
TU School of Social Work Student Practicum Site	For MSW Students: must have a MSW degree from an accredited school of social work and two years post-degree practice experience. For BSW Students: must have a BSW degree from an accredited school of social work and two years post-degree practice experience.	Individuals who do not have a MSW or BSW degree, or do not have an BSW or MSW (2 years post graduate) but do have expertise in an area that would benefit the student's learning goals, may be considered Task Instructors.	
Models for Practicum	Practicum Instructor only model	Practicum and Task Instructor model	
instruction	All learning and task assignments are completed under the direction of the practicum instructor only.	Learning and task assignments are completed under the task instructor. Practicum instructor assists in the management of the educational experience of the student by providing mentoring and ongoing evaluation, in partnership with the task instructor.	
Supervision Requirements Practicum Instructor Supervision:		Task Instructor Supervision:	
Can take place in person and/or virtually. Can be group or individual supervision. Students must receive a minimum of one hour a week of supervision from the practicum instructor by engaging stud in applying, identifying and reviewing social work skills, the and models.		This is a supervisor who is involved with the student's day-to-day tasks and provides supervision in addition to that provided by the Practicum instructor.	
On-site and Offsite Practicum	On site Practicum Instructors:	Task Instructor:	
Instruction	Are identified as practicum instructors who work in the same unit/program as the student is interning.	If this role is a part of the experience, then this person must be a direct report for student during internship hours.	
	Off-site Practicum Instructor: (Internal or External to the		
	Agency) Assists in the management of the educational experience of the		
	student by providing instruction, mentoring and ongoing		
evaluation, in partnership with the task instructor.			

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Credentials	Practicum Instructor Role	Task Instructor Role	
	2 year post graduate, no licensure required.	Can be any discipline. Credentials may vary.	
Instructor Seminars	Two offered in the Fall and two offered in the spring on various	Two offered in the Fall and two offered in the spring on various	
	topics. Can earn free CEU's.	topics. Can earn free CEU's.	
	*Both Practicum and Task Instructors are required to attend	*Both Practicum and Task Instructors are required to attend one	
	one "Getting Started with Temple students" orientation within	"Getting Started with Temple students" orientation within the	
	the academic year.	academic year.	

Student Requirements	BSW Students	MSW Foundation Year Students	MSW Advanced Year Students
Minimum Hours Required	Minimum 200/semester 16 hours/week or Extended 15 hours/week	Minimum 225/semester 16 hours/weekly or Extended 15 hours/week	Minimum 300/semester 24 hours/weekly or Extended 18 hours/week
Assignments While in practicum course, students are concurrently taking courses that require assignments directly related to their internship. Assignments that are completed in conjunction with courses and agency should be listed on their learning contract.	 Learning Contract Supervision Forms Mid-term Time Sheets Final Evaluation 	 Learning Contract Supervision Forms Mid-term Time Sheets Final Evaluation 	 Learning Contract Supervision Forms Mid-term Time Sheets Final Evaluation
General Tasks	Generalist social work perspective (individuals, families and groups) including micro (client), mezzo (groups) and macro (organization or community) experiences per availability. See Field Manual for further clarification.	Generalist social work perspective (individuals, families and groups) including micro (client), mezzo (groups) and macro (organization or community) experiences per availability. See Field Manual for further clarification.	Social Work tasks that focus on student's concentration outlined in the learning contract. See Field Manual for further clarification.
Duration of Practicum	Fall/Spring only option (August-April) Students will have school breaks, please see the Field Calendars for dates.	Options: Fall/Spring (August-April) Spring/Summer(January –August) Summer Block (May-August) Students will have school breaks, please see the Field Calendars for dates	Options: • Fall/Spring (August-April) • Spring/Summer (January –August) • Summer Block (May-August) Students will have school breaks, please see the Field Calendars for dates