

FIELD CURRICULUM

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Mission

The primary goal of the internship is education and preparation for professional practice. The aim of the Field experience is to provide interns the opportunity to develop and integrate values, knowledge, and skills learned in the classroom with practice in actual practice settings. Through the Field internship experience, theory is applied, skills are refined, and attitudes, values, and ethical dilemmas are examined. It is expected that each intern will be fully engaged in the professional learning opportunities provided under the supervision of the Field Instructor. Foundation year graduate interns will be expected to achieve skill development similar to entry level generalist practitioners but at a level that shows readiness for specialized practice in the Advanced year. Advanced year graduate interns will be expected to achieve skill development and performance commensurate to entry level MSW practitioners in an area of specialized practice (Clinical Practice or Community Practice).

Field in the Curriculum

Field internship is the application of the knowledge and skills the student has obtained in the classroom courses. Graduate Foundation Field internship for full-time students begins in the first or second term of academic work, depending on their degree plan, and requires 480 hours in the field (240 per term for two consecutive terms). Full-time Foundation students are enrolled in generalist practice courses concurrently with Field internship and the accompanying seminar.

Standard program graduate students and advanced standing students in the Advanced year of the curriculum complete a total of 550 hours in the field, within an area of specialized practice (Clinical or Community). This internship is completed concurrently or following courses in the specialized practice curriculum. All students should refer to their degree plan for which courses must be completed prior to starting the foundation and advanced field internships.

Field Instructors and Field liaisons for the Advanced internship have experience in the area of specialized practice and are able to facilitate the student's learning and skill application in the specialization.

All policies related to Field Education, including application processes, prerequisites, minimum grade requirements, and other expectations can be found in the MSW@Baylor Online Field Education Manual that can be found on the MSW Field Education website (<https://socialwork.web.baylor.edu/admissions/field-education/msw-students/>).

Field Orientation

Prior to beginning Field internship, all students must complete their Field internship orientation requirements. This orientation content includes a presentation of Field policies, a discussion of Field requirements and evaluation, grading procedures, and a description of the Field faculty/liaison system. Failure to complete the orientation requirements will prohibit entry into Field internship and will therefore delay a student's course of study.

Students who are denied admission to the field internship are informed in writing and are directed to contact their student success advisor regarding any effect on the completion of the degree plan. Please see the corresponding Field Manual for the (<https://socialwork.web.baylor.edu/admissions/field-education/msw-students/>) MSW@Baylor online campus