

MSU School of Social Work

Field Instructor Qualifications, Benefits and Responsibilities

Field Instructor Qualifications

- For undergraduate students, the instructor must possess a baccalaureate degree or extensive social services practice experience.
- For graduate students, instructors must possess a master of social work degree and have two years post-masters experience (LMSW preferred but not required).

Field Instructor Responsibilities

- Provide one hour of educationally-focused supervision per week
- Help the student develop a Learning Agreement each semester
- Provide a mid-semester verbal evaluation
- Provide feedback on 1 Process Recording each semester
- Provide a final written evaluation with a recommended grade each semester

Active Field Instructor Benefits

- Unlimited use of the \$5 per CECH rate (discount D) for any of the MSU School of Social Work's continuing education offerings July 1-June 30 (early registration required).
- Appointment as a Clinical Faculty member with Michigan State University (optional).
 - Library privileges
 - Use of intramural facilities and Forest Akers Golf Courses
 - Purchase of athletic tickets at faculty rates
 - MSU Identification Card
 - Eligibility for faculty membership in University Club
 - Parking privileges (may purchase permits)
 - MSU Net ID/email accounts

Program Hours and Timelines

BASW program students complete one, 2-semester Generalist placement during their senior year. BASW students are in field 240 hours per semester, roughly 2 days/16 hours per week, Fall through Spring semesters.

Regular MSW program students complete one, 2-semester Generalist placement followed by a second, separate 2-semester Clinical or macro Organization and Community Leadership placement. Regular program MSW students are in field 240 hours per semester, roughly 2 days/16 hours per week, Fall through Spring semesters.

Advanced Standing MSW program students complete one, 2-semester Clinical or macro Organization and Community Leadership placement. Advanced Standing MSW students are in field 250 hours per semester, roughly 2 days/16 hours per week, Fall through Spring semesters.

Additional course of study options for MSW field education are: Spring through Full Summer semester (January-August 2 days/16 hours per week) and Full Summer semester (May-August, 4 days/32 hours per week).