



Division of Education & Human Services
SOCIAL WORK

FIELD PLACEMENT – FACT SHEET

The Field Placement Program at Neumann University is designed to integrate social work practice courses with field experience, providing students with the opportunity to apply and contribute to growing their social work knowledge and professional experience. BSW placements provide students the opportunity to apply the generalist model to practice as they assess and develop or enhance their beginning level practice skills with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations.

- Once formally admitted to the Social Work Program, Social Work Majors with Senior status who have successfully completed prerequisite social work courses are eligible to register for Field Placement.
- The field placement experience consists of a **10 credit** field placement (**500-hours**) over two consecutive semesters in an approved social service setting. Based on a 15 week semester, students are expected to spend a minimum of 16 hours per week at their field placement site with an additional 10 hours over the course of the semester dedicated to related written requirements.
- While participating in the field experience, Social Work Majors are required to register for **concurrent Field Placement Seminars**. The seminars provide students with additional supervision and the opportunity to integrate skills learned in their field agency setting with content learned throughout the BSW program.
- The Director of Field Placement serves as a liaison between the agency and students, and makes a minimum of two visits per year to the student's field placement agency in order to continue collaboration with the agency, monitor student progress, and assist students and supervisors in completing required documentation.

Neumann University appreciates the service of our site supervisors who host our students in their internship placements. We understand that this is not a requirement for site supervisors and that most accept our students in order to contribute to the field of social work as a whole and to advance the knowledge base to the next generation of social workers.

- General Roles of the Site Supervisor:
 - Provide students with on-going guidance and constructive feedback in the areas of field setting activities, professionalism, agency environment, planning, and preparation for agency events.
 - Collaborate with the students to design their individualized Learning Agreement.
 - Sign a monthly attendance log.
 - Complete an end-of-semester Performance Evaluation for students.
 - Remain in contact with the Director of Field Placement throughout each semester to ensure students goals and agency requirements are being met.
 - Meet with the Director of Field Placement and the student at least once per semester.

For more information, please visit the Neumann University Social Work Program webpage:
<http://www.neumann.edu/academics/undergrad/SocialWork/default.asp>

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BSW - SAMPLE FIELD PLACEMENT AGENCIES

The BSW program at Neumann University seeks to partner with agencies that will reflect diverse practice settings and diverse client populations, and provide experiences in diversity for BSW students. Agencies in partnership with the BSW include, but are not limited to:

- *Community Health* - **Central Behavioral Health; Holcomb Behavioral Health**
- *Education/Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities* – **Melmark; Elwyn; Chester Community Charter School; Silver Springs – Martin Luther School**
- *Housing/Homelessness* - **Coordinated Homeless Outreach Center; Friendship House**
- *Aging* - **County of Delaware Services for the Aging**
- *Criminal Justice System* - **Defender Association of Philadelphia; Delaware County Juvenile Court and Probation; Philadelphia Adult Probation and Parole; Delaware County Children and Youth Services**
- *Domestic Violence and Victim Advocacy* - **Domestic Abuse Project; Domestic Violence Center of Chester County; Laurel House**
- *Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence in Communities* - **The Peace Center**
- *Family and Community Support* - **St. Francis Hospital; Catholic Social Services**