

Florida Atlantic University School of Social Work Field Education Program:

The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) has identified the Field Education Program as the signature pedagogy for social work. The FAU School of Social Work Program provides students with real life experience in agencies from Vero Beach, Florida to Miami, Florida. CSWE requirements are adhered to throughout all levels of the Field Education Program. FAU School of Social Work provides the internship experience on three levels, BSW, MSW Foundation year, and MSW Concentration year.

To enter field all students are required to complete a **Student Field Information form** informing the field department of their intention to enter field in an upcoming semester. Once this form is completed the student will receive notice that they have been added to the Intern Placement Tracking (IPT). This allows the student to login and complete the field application. The completed application will be reviewed for approval. The student will then be notified by email with additional steps to enter field in the designated semester.

**BSW students** are required to complete 400 hours in one semester in what is considered a block placement. All core coursework must be completed two semesters prior to entering field. Prior to entering field all course work is reviewed to determine readiness for graduation. Students are not allowed to take additional courses while in their field placement. Students are expected to demonstrate BSW core competencies and practice behaviors in generalist social work tasks while in their field placement.

**MSW Foundation year students** are required to complete 400 hours in a two semester placement. Students remain in the same placement for both semesters and are required to complete 200 placement hours each semester. This is a concurrent program as the students are in classes at the same time as the field placement. Students are expected to demonstrate MSW Foundation year core competencies in generalist social work tasks at the foundation year level.

**MSW Concentration year students** are completing their last year of the graduate degree. Students are required to complete 600 hours in a two semester placement. Students remain in the same placement for both semesters and are required to complete 300 hours each semester. This placement must be a clinical placement. The student must be able to demonstrate competencies expected of the concentration year student.