Welcome to Field Education at the Mandel School
Field Education

Creating Change Agents in Practice

Our Objectives Today:
• Welcome you to field education and the Mandel School community
• General overview
• Provide support & information
Field Education:  
*Creating Change Agents in Practice*

**Not Our Objective Today:**
Field Education:
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"Field is the heart of social work education."

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Inspiring Hope. Shaping the Future.
Field Education: Creating Change Agents in Practice

Field Education is the context through which social work students:

- **Integrate** Knowledge, skills, values and cognitive & affective processes that are central to our profession
- **Acquire** A professional knowledge base
- **Develop** A unique professional identity as a social worker
- **Reflect** Practice consistent with the values & ethics of the social work profession
Field is the Bridge Between Classroom and Practice
Field education is a pathway to developing your unique professional identity...

• Learn & practice skills
• Develop competence & expertise
• Find areas of interest
• Be challenged to grow & learn
• Network & connect
Field Education: The Signature Pedagogy

The Council on Social Work Education has determined Field Education to be the Signature Pedagogy for the Social Work profession.

Signature Pedagogies are elements of instruction and socialization that teach future practitioners the fundamentals of professional work within their discipline.

Field Education integrates theories and concepts taught in the classroom into practice settings—it’s where you put your learning to work!

Field Education is the context in which social work practice becomes “alive”!
Mandel School Relationship-Based Field Education Model

- Student (#1!)
- Field Instructor-Agency Based
- Task Supervisor-Agency Based
- Field Faculty Advisor-Mandel School
Field Instructor Role

• Critical relationship in field education
• Works in partnership with you as the student to develop meaningful field education tasks, projects & assignments
• Provide one hour of dedicated field supervision/instruction each week
Field Instructor Role

During each field period:

- Participates in the development of the Learning Agreement
- Completes student evaluation/assessment
- Signs all field education time sheets
- Observes students in practice
- Serves as teacher, mentor and guide
Field Faculty Advisor Role

During each field period:

• Course Instructor
• Attends field conference
• Provides feedback regarding the Learning Agreement & Evaluation
• Assigns grades
• Promotes accountability
• Provides resources, support and consultation to students & Field Instructors
Student Responsibilities

- *Communication is Key: Be Proactive!*
- Complete all requirements each field period:
  - Field hours/time sheets
  - Field conference
  - Professional Development (PD) hours
  - Learning Agreement & Evaluation
  - All assignments as outlined in syllabus/Canvas
Field Education Manual

http://msass.case.edu/fieldedu/field-education-student-resources/
Learning Agreement & Evaluation

- The Learning Agreement serves as the guide to your field education experiences
- Primary planning & assessment tool in field education
- Completed for each field period
- Generalist (601/602) and Specialized (603/604) Learning Agreements
- Assigned in the Intern Placement Tracking (IPT) system
- Student, Field Faculty Advisor & Field Instructor have access to the Learning Agreement
Intern Placement Tracking System

- IPT access letter was emailed by the Field Education Department to your **Case** account
- You must activate your Case ID to access email
- Learning Agreements/time sheets are issued through IPT
- Your Field Instructor/Task Supervisor will also be provided with IPT access
- IPT Tutorial available on Field Education webpage at [http://msass.case.edu/fieldedu/field-education-student-resources/](http://msass.case.edu/fieldedu/field-education-student-resources/)
- Username/passwords are case sensitive
- Log into IPT and set up your student page [www.runipt.com](http://www.runipt.com)
The Ten Competencies

The core of both classroom and field education at the Mandel School.
The MSSA curriculum is structured around the following ten competencies:

1. Demonstrate Ethical & Professional Behavior
2. Engage Diversity & Difference in Practice
3. Advance Human Rights & Social, Economic and Environmental Justice
4. Engage in Practice Informed Research & Research Informed Practice
5. Engage in Policy Practice
6. Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations and Communities
7. Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations and Communities
8. Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations and Communities
9. Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Groups, Organizations and Communities
10. Develop as a Social Work Leader

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Field Education Curriculum

Generalist Curriculum
• SASS 495 Field Seminar: 1 credit Traditional Students
• SASS 601 Field Education I: 2 credits Traditional Students
• SASS 602 Field Education II: 3 credits
  Advanced Standing students begin with 602 in the Fall

Specialized Curriculum
• SASS 603 Field Education III 3 credits
• SASS 604 Field Education IV 3 credits
Field Education Curriculum

20% of the MSSA Curriculum

• Concurrent model: field & academic courses

• Allows for maximum integration of knowledge & skill development

• Advanced Standing students complete a total of 900 field hours

• Traditional students complete a total of 1,050 field hours
# Field Education Curriculum

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*Intensive Weekend Students Average 10-12 hours per week for all field periods*

What are Professional Development hours?
- Supports your development as a life-long learner
- Self-directed
- Examples: Conferences, colloquia, trainings, CEU events
- There are many PD opportunities each semester offered through the school
- Check Mandel School Events Calendar for opportunities
SASS 495: Field Seminar

• **Classroom-based** field education course

The Field Seminar is designed to:
• Prepare & support students in field placement
• Offer a unique opportunity to share & learn from the field experiences of other students
• Classes meet in the Mandel Center, beginning:

  *On-Campus Format: Monday, September 17th*
  *Intensive Weekend: Friday, December 7th*
Field Education: What to Expect

Advanced Standing students begin field placement (SASS 602):

On-Campus Format: 9/4
Intensive Weekend: 8/27

*Required On-Campus Advanced Standing Student Meeting with Field Faculty 9/5/18 12:50-1:50 p.m. Mandel School Classroom 236

Traditional students begin field placement (SASS 601):

On-Campus Format: 9/18
Intensive Weekend: January 2019

*Required On-Campus Student Meetings with Field Faculty 9/4 or 9/6/18 12:50-1:50 p.m. Mandel School Classrooms TBD
Field Faculty Advisor & Canvas Course Assignments

• Field Advisor assignments and SIS/Canvas course sections will be finalized week of 8/21

• Course section may change in SIS

• Advisor/Instructor may email you the updated CRN for your field education courses

• Complete course swap in SIS if requested

• Access courses in Canvas
“Eight Tips”

1. It’s NORMAL to be nervous and unsure in the beginning—no one expects you to know the “job” before you start.

2. Always begin with a learner’s stance—allow others to share their expertise with you.


4. Beware of field placement envy...
“Eight Tips”

5. Communicate with your Field Instructor

6. If you are having difficulty at your agency, talk to someone—don’t be afraid ask for help

7. Develop your professional identity as a social worker

8. Remember you are making professional contacts along the way

Adapted from 8 Tips for New Social Workers by Dr. Sharon L. Young, The New Social Worker Magazine
Maximize Your Experience

• Being a student is a unique opportunity
• Be your own best advocate
• Develop field education objectives that will keep challenging you to learn in new areas & promote the integration of classroom learning
• Seek out and be open to constructive feedback
Welcome to the Mandel School!

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