



SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR FIELD PRACTICUM

CONGRATULATIONS – AND WELCOME TO THE FIELD INSTRUCTION COURSE SEQUENCE – THE VERY TOP OF THE SOCIAL WORK CURRICULUM PYRAMID!

If you will meet the following criteria by the end of this semester, you are ready to apply for your field instruction placement:

1. _____ Junior Status _____ Senior Status
2. Accepted as a Social Work Major – Probationary status must be removed prior to entry into 400 level course work.
3. Successful completion (C or better) of Social Work 210, SOWK 260 & STAT 210 and Certification for Preparedness for Field Instruction from the Social Work 370 instructor.
4. Overall GPA of 2.5 and GPA in the required Social Work Curriculum of 2.5.

Students meeting these prerequisites should submit an Application for Field Instruction and two copies of a current resume to the Director of Field Education prior to the last day for dropping a class or withdrawing from the University without penalty of failing grade (see catalogue) of the regular semester preceding placement.

All applicants will be interviewed by the Director of Field Education, and if qualified, placed by the Director in a cooperating agency.

Every effort is made to respond to student preferences for placement when possible. However, the Director of Field Education will base the final decision for the placement upon the following criteria in the order listed:

1. Educational opportunity
2. Student preferences
3. Geographical location of agency

Please complete the following pages, attach your resume copies, and then sign up for an interview. The social work program welcomes you to this exciting phase of your social work education.

SOCIAL WORK FIELD INSTRUCTION APPLICATION

General Information:

The process of application for field instruction placement is completed in the spring or fall semester preceding actual placement. See schedule for *Calendar for Field Application* distributed in SOWK 370 and available from the Director of Field Education.

Instructions:

Please complete this form and submit it, along with two (2) copies of your resume, to the Director of Field Education. This form must be completed and received no later than the last day for dropping a course or withdrawing from the University without penalty of a failing grade (see catalogue)/ or by due date established by the Director of Field Education. A late application may result in delay of field instruction placement.

NOTE: PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND REVIEW IT WITH YOUR ADVISOR BEFORE SUBMITTING IT TO THE DIRECTOR OF FIELD EDUCATION.

Date of Application _____ Advisor _____

SECTION I

Field Instruction Course and Semester for which Applying

<u>Course</u>	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Year</u>
_____ SOWK 399 Junior Field Practicum	_____	_____
_____ SOWK 490 Senior Field Practicum I	_____	_____
_____ SOWK 499 Senior Field Practicum II	_____	_____

NAME _____ GENDER: ___ M ___ F

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____
(Number and Street)

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ If none, a number where you can be reached: _____

VSU EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

VSU V-NUMBER: _____ AGE: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

(Number and Street)

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION

YES

NO

AUTO

LICENSE

SECTION I

My current overall GPA (end of previous semester) is _____

SOCIAL WORK COURSES (SOWK)	SEMESTER	GRADE	COMPLETED	MARK (X) IF TAKING	
				IN CURRENT SEMESTER	PLANNED
210 Introduction to Social Work					
260 History of Social Welfare Policy					
315 Social Work Research I					
318 Writing for the Social Work Profession					
320 Human Behavior & the Social Environment I					
321 Human Behavior & the Social Environment II					
330 Diversity and Cultural Competence in SOWK Practice					
340 Social Welfare Policy & Services					
370 Generalist Practice I					
375 Generalist Practice II					
395 Topics Course					
399 Field Instruction I & Seminar					
475 Generalist Practice III					
490 Professional Field Practicum I & Seminar					
495 Topics Course					
498 Social Work Senior Seminar					
499 Professional Field Practicum II & Seminar					

NOTE: STUDENTS MUST REGISTER FOR THE APPROPRIATE CONCURRENT PRACTICE COURSE WHEN THEY REGISTER FOR EACH

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SEMESTER OF FIELD

SECTION III

List previous work and volunteer experiences:

Briefly summarize your interests/career goals and the experiences you think would be relevant in selecting a placement for you:

Briefly describe the strengths you will bring to the field practicum and obstacles or potential limitations to your learning during the practicum:

SECTION IV

Indicate any possible restrictions on the days and /or hours you will be available to do field work.

Please list any limitations which may need to be considered in the selection of your placements (i.e., geographic, family responsibilities, employment, etc.) If any please list and explain:

Have you ever been convicted of a law violation, including moving traffic violations but excluding offenses committed before your eighteenth birthday which were finally adjudicated in a juvenile court or under a youth offender law? _____ Yes _____ No. If yes, list and explain:

Is there any history of health, mental health or other circumstances which would interfere with or limit your performance of field placement?

_____ Yes _____ No If yes, please explain:

SECTION V

What are your career goals in social work (i.e., what do you want to be doing in the field upon graduation and in the future).

Do your future plans include graduate school in social work? _____ YES _____ NO

If YES, will you be applying for advanced standing? _____ YES _____ NO

SECTION VI

Written Statement: Please attach a one page statement confirming your earlier decision to major in social work and explaining your readiness to enter the field instruction sequence.

SECTION VII

Please list your desired field placement agencies. (Note that the final placement assignment is at the discretion of the VSU Director of Field Education.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

In applying for Field Practicum _____ SOWK 399 _____ SOWK 490 _____ SOWK 499

I hereby agree to abide by the *NASW Code of Ethics* and the policies governing VSU Field Placements as explained in the *VSU Social Work Field Manual*.

Advisors Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Remember that two (2) copies of your resume must be submitted to the Director of Field Education with your application.