School of Liberal Arts and Education

Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BSSW)
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Requirements for Admission to Field Work

Field Education is the culminating educational experience for the BSSW student. In order to ensure that students are ready to begin their Field Placement in the fall, it is important for students to complete the application process the spring semester preceding their fall field placement. The application process is initiated by the Field Education Coordinator during the first weeks of the preceding spring semester. Completion of the application process will help to ensure that students meet the admission criteria and are adequately prepared to report to the field sites at the beginning of the fall semester. The selection of appropriate field assignments will be facilitated by the Field Education Coordinator. To qualify for field, all students are required to have completed SW 220, SW 231, SW 330, SW 331, and have taken all CORE courses.

To enter the field work phase of the program, students must meet specific criteria and submit an application. Only those students who have met the program's specified criteria and whose application has been approved will be permitted to continue on to the Field Education sequence of the degree program. Field Practicum I (SW 420) is offered in the fall semester and Field Practicum II (SW 421) is offered in the spring semester each year.

Criteria for acceptance into the field education include:

1. Admission to the Social Work Program;
2. Completion of at least 94 credits by the end of the semester in which the student applies for the fieldwork practicum;
3. Completion of all lower level and at least 90 credits of upper level courses including all CORE courses and SW 220, SW 231, SW 330, and SW 331;
4. Achievement of a grade of C+/58% or better in all social work courses;
5. Completion of an application form to Field Education;
6. Participation in a group Admission to Field Work interview (and at the request of social work department faculty, an individual interview);
7. Adherence to the NASW Code of Ethics, and
8. Adherence to the Medgar Evers College Code of Conduct.