

## **Overview of Practicum Requirements**

|                                       | BA Generalist Practicum   | Master's Generalist Practicum   | MSW Advanced Practicum   |
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| Purpose                               | Final preparation for entering bachelor's level practice by applying classroom curriculum to experiential learning in a supported practice setting.   | Introduction to master's level practice through agency-based learning for students without an accredited undergraduate degree in social work.   | Final preparation for entering master's level practice by applying classroom curriculum to experiential learning in a supported practice setting.              |
| Duration                              | 1 semester - Spring or summer   | 1 semester - Spring or summer   | 2 semesters - Fall and spring  |
| Hours                                 | min 400 clock hours (8 s.h.);<br>max 550 clock hours (11 s.h.)  | min 300 clock hours (3 s.h.)  | min 600 clock hours (6 s.h.)   |
| Supervision                           | One hour weekly by BSW or<br>MSW professional with at least<br>two years post-graduate<br>experience.   | One hour weekly by MSW professional with at least two years post-graduate experience.   | One hour weekly by MSW professional with at least two years post-graduate experience.  |
| Learning<br>Opportunities             | Hands-on learning opportunities that reflect the student's interest, experience, and skills; mutually determined by student and agency.   | Hands-on learning opportunities that reflect the student's interest, experience, and skills; mutually determined by student and agency.         | Masters-level hands-on and solo learning opportunities that reflect the student's interest, experience, and skills; mutually determined by student and agency. |
| Student<br>Generalist<br>Competencies | <ol> <li>Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior</li> <li>Advance human rights and social, racial, economic, and environmental justice</li> <li>Engage anti-racism, equity, and inclusion (ADEI) in practice</li> <li>Engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice</li> <li>Engage in policy practice</li> <li>Engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities*</li> <li>Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities*</li> <li>Intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities*</li> <li>Evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities*</li> <li>Students in specialist practicum focus on either clinical (individuals, families, groups) or leadership (organizations, communities) practice</li> </ol> |   |  |
| Seminar                               | Concurrent with practicum, students attend a seminar designed to integrate classroom learning with agency practice (conducted in a confidential setting).   |   |  |
| Site Visits                           | Two visits minimum, one in first month and one at end of semester.  | Two visits minimum, one in first month and one at end of semester.  | Three visits minimum, one in first month and one at end of fall and spring semesters.  |
| Evaluation                            | Based on the learning plan and narrative assessment provided by the practicum instructor, to be completed at the end of each semester. Graded S/U.  |   |  |
| Planning<br>Process                   | Begins in early fall. Students identify placement options, complete interviews, and match based on mutual agreement between agency and student.   | Begins in early fall. Students identify placement options, complete interviews, and match based on mutual agreement between agency and student. | Begins in fall/early spring. Students identify placement options, complete interviews, and match based on mutual agreement between agency and student.         |
| Questions?                            | Contact the practicum administrator for the student's center or Sarah Witry, Practicum Education Director, at sarah-witry@uiowa.edu or (319) 335-1256   |   |  |