

# Practicum Timelines

These timelines provide a general overview of when practicum planning and related activities typically occur. Students will receive detailed calendars with specific dates from their center (Iowa City, Des Moines, Sioux City, or online) during the planning process.

**All students are required to participate in their center's practicum planning process.**

## Spring Generalist Practicum (BASW & MSW)

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| <b>Early September</b>         | Students receive practicum planning information from their center, including instructions, deadlines, and tips. |
| <b>October to November</b>     | Students follow their center's process to identify potential practicum sites and complete interviews.           |
| <b>November to December</b>    | Practicum sites extend offers to students.  |
| <b>Early to Mid-December</b>   | Students confirm practicum sites and submit required paperwork according to their center's instructions.        |
| <b>Early to Mid-January</b>    | Orientation for students, practicum supervisors, and liaisons   |
| <b>Mid-January</b>             | Practicum placements begin.   |
| <b>Early February</b>          | First draft of learning plan due.   |
| <b>Mid- to Late February</b>   | Initial site visits with practicum liaisons.  |
| <b>Mid- to Late March</b>      | Mid-semester check-ins with liaisons.   |
| <b>Late April to Early May</b> | Final site visits.  |
| <b>Early to Mid-May</b>        | Practicum ends.   |

## Summer Generalist Practicum (BASW & Sioux City MSW)

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| <b>Early September</b>             | Students receive practicum planning information from their center, including instructions, deadlines, and tips. |
| <b>Late January to Early March</b> | Students follow their center's process to identify potential practicum sites and complete interviews.           |
| <b>February to March</b>           | Practicum sites extend offers to students.  |
| <b>Mid-March to Early April</b>    | Students confirm practicum sites and submit required paperwork according to their center's instructions.        |
| <b>Late April to Early May</b>     | Orientation for students, practicum supervisors, and liaisons   |
| <b>Early May</b>                   | Practicum placements begin.   |
| <b>Early June</b>                  | First draft of learning plan due.   |
| <b>Early to Mid-June</b>           | Initial site visits with practicum liaisons.  |
| <b>Early to Mid-July</b>           | Mid-semester check-ins with liaisons.   |
| <b>Late July to Early August</b>   | Final site visits.  |
| <b>Early August</b>                | Practicum ends.   |

## Specialist Practicum (MSW)

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| <b>Late January (Year Prior)</b> | Students receive practicum planning information from their center, including instructions, deadlines, and tips. |
| <b>Late January to Mid-March</b> | Students follow their center's process to identify potential practicum sites and complete interviews.           |
| <b>Late March to Mid-April</b>   | Practicum sites extend offers to students.  |
| <b>Mid- to Late April</b>        | Students confirm practicum sites and submit required paperwork according to their center's instructions.        |
| <b>Mid- to Late August</b>       | Orientation for students, practicum supervisors, and liaisons   |
| <b>Late August</b>               | Practicum placements begin.   |
| <b>Mid-September</b>             | First draft of learning plan due.   |
| <b>Mid- to Late September</b>    | Initial site visits with practicum liaisons.  |
| <b>Early to Mid-December</b>     | Second site visits with practicum liaisons  |
| <b>Late April to Early May</b>   | Final site visits.  |
| <b>Early to Mid-May</b>          | Practicum ends.   |