

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)

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

Summer Generalist Practicum (BASW, Sioux City, & Online MSW)

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

Two-Semester (Fall/Spring) Generalist Practicum (BASW)

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

Specialist Practicum (MSW)

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