

Generalist Practicum Preparation Calendar

Planning for Spring 2027 Generalist Practicum

REMINDER: Following the required planning process is an essential expectation, and all practicum students are expected to implement it consistently. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your Practicum Administrator:

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Week	Dates	Activity	Who	Location
1	M 8/24	Fall Semester begins REQUIRED: Practicum Planning ICON opens	Student & Practicum Team	All Locations
2	M 8/31	REQUIRED: Virtual Prep for Practicum Session (1-3 PM) <i>(Must attend 1 Prep for Practicum)</i>	Student & Practicum Team	All Locations
2	TH 9/3	REQUIRED: Virtual Prep for Practicum Session (5:30-7:30 PM) <i>(Must attend 1 Prep for Practicum)</i>	Student & Practicum Team	All Locations
4	SU 9/13	DUE: Practicum Interest Survey in ICON	Student	All Locations
4-5	9/14-25	Review practicum opportunities in Sonia <i>Note: Opportunities will be updated as sites respond</i>	Student	Students seeking in the Iowa City-area
5	F 9/25	Virtual Practicum Fair with Sites	Student & Sites	Students seeking in the Iowa City-area
5	F 9/25	DUE: Resume Assignment in ICON	Student & Sites	All Locations
6-7	9/28-10/9	Review and rank top 7 sites in Sonia <i>Consultation available with Practicum Team</i>	Student	Students seeking in the Iowa City-area
7	F 10/9	DUE: Top 7 Site Preferences in Sonia	Student	Students seeking in the Iowa City-area
8	10/12-16	Students are approved and matched with practicum sites	Practicum Team	Students seeking in the Iowa City-area
9	10/19-23	Reach out to sites to schedule interviews	Student	All Locations
10-12	10/26-11/13	Students interview with sites	Student & Sites	All Locations
12	11/9-13	Agencies make 1 st choice offers, Students make decisions	Student & Sites	All Locations
12	F 11/13	DUE: Practicum Search Update Survey in ICON	Student	All Locations
13-14	11/16-27	Agency interviews and offers- second round	Student & Sites	All Locations
14	11/22-29	Fall Break		
15	M 11/30	DUE: Placement Agreement in Sonia	Student & Sites	All Locations
	12/16-1/18	Students complete required onboarding activities ¹	Student & Sites	All Locations
Winter Break	1/2-18	OPTIONAL: Early practicum starts (with approval)	Student	All Locations
Spring Semester	F 1/22	REQUIRED: Virtual Practicum Orientation (1-4 PM)	Student & Practicum Team	All Locations

¹ Onboarding activities such as required immunizations, criminal background checks, CPR class, safety training, etc. may require advanced planning. Check with agency requirements and plan accordingly.