

Office of Field Education

Single Placement Option (SPO)

Completing the MSWI and MSWII field placement at the same agency is sometimes a viable option for non-ASAP graduate students. MSWI students are invited to discuss with their field instructor, their field liaison, and the field placement coordinator the potential for a second year placement in the current field setting.

The single placement option is based on the rationale that in satisfactory student-agency matches, the student has become oriented to the setting, has developed some credibility with the staff, and is ready to move into advanced practice. By remaining in the same setting, orientation does not need to be duplicated and emphasis on skill development can begin immediately. The second-year Learning Agreement can focus on new and more advanced competencies based upon the foundation the field instructor knows the student has already received.

Students wanting to explore the field might be better served by having two placements. However, for other students, the single placement option may be an efficient way of making the best use of limited resources. Both the student's educational goals and the varied learning opportunities available in a particular agency must be considered

Completing the SPO Application

1. The student must contact the field placement coordinator to request a Single Placement Option Application.
2. Once the application is assigned to the student in the Field Database, the completed application must be submitted with the Field Practicum Questionnaire.
3. The application must be signed by both the student and the field instructor.
4. The field placement coordinator and the director of field education will evaluate each request/application individually.
5. Once the application is reviewed, the student will be notified of the outcome.
 - If the application is approved, the student may coordinate their field placement days and hours with their field instructor.
 - If the application is not approved, the field placement coordinator and/or director of field education will indicate reasons for denial.

The student may contact the field placement coordinator with any questions about the application process.