

## OSU Field Placement Supervision Requirements

### **BSSW Field Placements**

The BSSW is the minimum degree for supervision of an undergraduate student. In addition, BSSW Field Instructors must have 2 years of experience.

### **MSW/ASAP Field Placements**

Field Instructors who accept graduate students as interns must have a MSW degree and 2 years of experience.

- A Field Instructor must have a LISW only if the student is providing direct diagnosis and billable hours.

### **Roles in Supervision**

- **Field Instructor:** A social work practitioner employed by an agency who serves as the student's field supervisor on a voluntary (unpaid) basis. This individual is responsible for the education of student(s) while the student(s) is at their agency.
- **Task Instructor:** An agency-based individual who does not hold a degree in social work (meaning a BSSW or MSW) but may be responsible for social work related activities at the agency. This individual would be the primary contact for students and fulfill a secondary role to be responsible for learning objectives, evaluations, and overseeing other activities related to student field experience.
- **Co-Instructor:** A college approved, experienced MSW degreed professional who co-instructs and serves as primary Field Instructor with the Task Instructor to ensure that the requirements for social work supervision are met. The use of co-instruction has historically been significant in the development of non-traditional field settings and allows for the use of the practicum site in the absence of an experienced BSSW or MSW degreed practitioner.

### **Supervision Requirements**

Students should receive at least one hour of weekly supervision. Students must complete documentation in Sonia each time they have supervision. When a Co-instructor is assigned to student, they must also document the supervision meetings in Sonia. Agency Field and Task Instructors do not have this same requirement.

When students have a Co-Instructor and Task Instructor, the requirement is for the student to meet with the Task Instructor weekly and the Co-instructor every other week. The student, Task Instructor, and Co-Instructor should meet together at least once a month, but are encouraged to all meet together bi-weekly.

All BSSW and MSW Field and Task Instructors must attend college-sponsored orientations and training including the Field Instruction Training (FIT) prior to accepting a student. The FIT should be renewed every two years.

