



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

PREPARING FOR YOUR BSSW- GENERALIST FIELD PRACTICUM

The BSSW field placement is oriented toward the generalist practice perspective. Generalist practice utilizes a broad spectrum of skills to intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. The focus is on building skills that are transferrable to different populations as opposed to specialty/clinical skills that are developed at the MSW level. Generalist interventions are guided by:

- ✓ Person-In-Environment Approach
- ✓ Social work values and ethics
- ✓ Strength-based philosophy
- ✓ Respect for Diversity
- ✓ Client self-determination

Field Curriculum

- Semester 1 : SWK 4189 Field Placement (5 credit hours) & SWK 4188.01 Field Seminar (1 credit hour)
- Semester 2: SWK 4189 Field Placement (5 credit hours) & SWK 4188.01 Field Seminar (1 credit hour)

Field (SWK 4189) requirements

- **Pre-Requisite: Successful completion of SWK 3501 & 3502**
- **Total Field Hours- 400**
- 13-15 hours per week
- 200 hours per semester over 2 semesters (Autumn/Spring or Spring/Summer)
- You must do your field hours in minimum 4 hour time blocks and a minimum of 12 hours per week
- Field placements are completed during 2-3 workdays during normal business hours (M-F, 8-5p.m.
- [Review hours policy](#) regarding holidays, breaks, and university closings.

Field Seminar (SWK 4188.01) requirements

- You must register for SWK 4188.01 while enrolled in field (SWK 4189). This is not automatic.
- Bi-weekly seminars concurrent with field
- 7 seminars each semester = 14 hours of seminar per semester

BSSW Block Placement Option::

- **Total Field Hours- 400**
- 30-40 hours per week
- 400 hours per semester over 1 semesters (Spring or Summer)
- Field Seminar (4188.02) occurs weekly for the duration of the semester
- Block students- required coursework will be shifted into other semester to allow for more time for field in block semester
- **Students must apply and be approved for a block placement**

Specialized Placement Options:

- **University Partnership Program (UPP)**- information and link to separate application found [here](#)
- **Global Option (GO) Social Work**- Designed to provide a global perspective to students through coursework, placement, and additional experiences. Please indicate this on your application.
- **School placement**- Offers students a placement in a K-12 school environment. Please indicate this on your application. Please know BSSW students are not eligible for School Social Worker licensure in Ohio but can pursue this at the MSW level.