

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY
Undergraduate Social Work Program
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Field Affiliation Application

Agency name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Web Address: _____

Director or Administrator: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Field Instructor(s) names, degrees, licenses, and years of experience: _____

Additional Telephone number(s): _____

Additional E-Mails: _____

About the TWU Field Experience

All TWU field placements must be generalist in nature, and field instructors must be knowledgeable about generalist practice. According to the Council on Social Work Education, the accrediting body for Social Work education, “the 2008 EPAS defines generalist practitioners as identifying with the social work profession, applying ethical principles and critical thinking in practice, incorporating diversity in practice, advocating for human rights and social and economic justice, engaging in research informed practice, applying knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, engaging in policy practice, responding to contents that shape practice, and engaging, assessing, intervening, and evaluating with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. In other words, student learning in the field, parallel to student learning in the classroom, will need to reflect all of the core competencies that define generalist practice as they are operationalized through the practice behaviors that define them.”

Will the student field experience be generalist in nature? YES _____ NO _____

Required Qualifications for Field Instructors

Social workers interested in serving as field instructors for the TWU social Work Program must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Graduated from a CSWE accredited social work program with a BSW or MSW
- 2) Have a minimum of two years of professional social work practice.
- 3) Be licensed in the State of Texas as a social worker
- 4) Agree to provide ongoing supervision and consultation with students, with a minimum of one meeting per week
- 5) Attend one full day of Field Instructor training
- 6) Attend one Orientation to Field at the beginning of the semester
- 7) Agree to attend additional training as offered and provide feedback and consultation to the program about the field

Selection Criteria for Field Settings

It is the intent of the TWU Social Work program to partner with a variety of agencies to provide students with quality generalist opportunities to begin their social work careers. The selection of field settings is done with the best interests of the students in mind. Agencies must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for field placements:

- 1) Have one or more full time social workers on staff that meet all of the “Required Qualifications for Field Instructors” described above.
- 2) Be a stable, safe agency that is engaged in services consistent with generalist social work practice.
- 3) Offer sufficient breadth and depth of opportunities to allow students to practice and demonstrate generalist competence as defined by the Ten Core Competencies and the 41 Practice Behaviors identified by CSWE
- 4) Communicate as needed with the TWU Field Director or other faculty liaisons to ensure optimal student outcomes
- 5) Agree to field visits by the Field Director or Field Liaison as requested, typically one per semester
- 6) Agree to submit all practicum related paperwork and student evaluations

Field Instructor Training

Field instructors that partner with TWU are expected to attend orientations at the beginning of the semester and to undergo a one time field instructor training (7 hours). The training program is offered once per semester in conjunction with the University of North Texas and is free of charge.

Will the field instructor/s in the agency agree to attend orientation and initial field instructor training?

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ALREADY TAKEN TRAINING

Continuing Education

Field instructors will be awarded .5 CEU's (5 hours) for each semester of field instruction up to 1.0 CEU's (10 hours) per year. Additionally, Field instructors will be awarded CEU's for attendance in orientations and initial training.

Additional information:

1. Brief description of the agency:

2. What client group(s) or population(s) does your agency serve and which of these would students work with?

3. Will the student have a space of her own (i.e. desk, computer, etc.)

4. Is the agency a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit agency?

5. Which of the following practice opportunities are available?

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Individual intervention (direct services, counseling, etc.)	_____	_____
Family work	_____	_____
Group Work	_____	_____

Research/evaluation	_____	_____

Work with larger groups such as neighborhoods or communities	_____	_____
Grant writing	_____	_____
Advocacy	_____	_____
Participation in planning/policy meetings	_____	_____

Please Note: Students must have opportunities to practice at micro, mezzo, and macro levels.

6. Please indicate any other information you would like to share with us concerning your agency that has relevancy to a field education placement.

7. Is a stipend available and/or are agency related travel expenses reimbursed? _____ Yes _____ No

8. Can your agency provide evening and/or weekend hours for field? If yes, what hours would be available?

Name of person completing application _____ Date application completed _____

Title _____

Thank you for your interest in partnering with the Social Work program at TWU. Please return to:

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