

UMaine School of Social Work: MSW

FOUNDATION YEAR

- 16 hours weekly
- 1.5 hour weekly supervision by MSW
- Early September to beginning of May (Belfast and Distance Program students, May to December)
- Students participate in seminar at university to help supervise and direct learning opportunities
- Evaluation form is 8-10 pages, part scale, part narrative jointly completed by student and field instructor
- Students can have variety of learning opportunities: direct client contact; planning and administration; policy; research projects; community organizing
- Foundation students traditionally
 - Intervene with individuals, small groups, families or communities
 - Participate in team meetings
 - Attend staff meetings and board meetings
 - Under supervision, develop and enact intervention plans; manage caseloads; co-facilitate meetings and groups; interview and assess
 - Work in administrative planning projects; develop marketing strategies; assist with quality assurance or compliance plans
 - Assist in grant writing process
 - Have the opportunity to participate in basic level research, or be given the opportunity to locate research findings relevant to client base
 - Have the opportunity to assist in the development or implementation of social work policy
 - Examine their own social work ethics in the nature of the practice

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ADVANCED YEAR

- 18-20 hours weekly early September to beginning of May, second week of May to third week of August, or 38 hours weekly during summer block (14 weeks)
- 1.5 hour weekly supervision by MSW with minimum of 2 years practice experience
- Students participate in seminar at university to help supervise and direct learning opportunities
- Evaluation form is 8-10 pages, part scale, part narrative jointly completed by student and field instructor
- Students can have variety of learning opportunities: direct client contact; planning and administration; policy; research projects; community organizing. Some suggestions are:
 - Develop psychosocial assessments
 - Participate in or generate intervention plans for individuals, families, organizations, and/or communities
 - Begin to utilize theoretical frameworks from the social work knowledge-base, as they have ongoing contact with clients
 - Have opportunity to participate in group supervisions, team meetings, rounds, individual and/or group clinical interventions
 - Assist in the development of policy and the evaluation and initiation of state wide policy
 - Conduct basic research for the agency, or disseminate research findings relevant to the agency
 - Examine their own ethical practice
 - Evaluate their own practice