

# BSW Field Practicum Experience

## BSW SENIOR YEAR STUDENTS

- Complete a minimum of 400 hours over two semesters (200 hours per semester or 14-16 hours avg. weekly)
  - September - May
- Receive 1.5 hour weekly supervision by BSW or MSW with 2 years post grad experience
  - 1 hour individual supervision and 0.5 hours “on the fly” or in group weekly
- Participate in weekly, faculty-lead field seminar at UMaine to help supervise and direct learning opportunities
- Demonstrate progress towards 9 Social Work Competencies and Behaviors
  - Student creates learning plan and completes weekly progress updates as part of field seminar
  - Supervisor completes Student Progress Evaluation Form at end of each semester (part scaling/part narrative)
- Have a variety of learning opportunities that are experiential and educational - real opportunities to manage client cases or projects while under the supervision of a social worker. BSW Senior Year students traditionally:
  - Learn about social work ethics in the nature of the practice
  - Learn about the agency through trainings, team meetings, committee meetings, staff meetings and/or board meetings
  - Engage with diverse groups; develop increased cultural awareness and demonstrate cultural humility
  - Advocate for human rights and social, economic and environmental justice at many levels of practice (micro-macro)
  - Under supervision, provide engagement, intervention, assessment and evaluation with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. Examples: Interview clients; Perform simple assessments; Assist in the development of treatment plans; Participate in case management functions ; Assist in the facilitation of educational or support groups; Assist in discharge planning
  - Help with administrative planning projects; social media marketing; gather data for quality assurance or compliance plans
  - Learn about grant writing process, participate in community outreach events, write for agency newsletter
  - Have the opportunity to participate in basic level research, or locate research findings relevant to client base
  - Have the opportunity to assist in the development or implementation of social work policy
  - Participate in program evaluation processes, or help design a survey