



WellStar College of Health and Human Services

Department of Social Work and Human Services

Field Education Application – Specialization Year

The signature pedagogy of social work at Kennesaw State University Masters of Social Work Program is the field education. Social work field education attempts to integrate knowledge, values, and skills offered in the classroom into practice at the field settings. The practicum experience is intended to reinforce student learning in all areas of the social work curriculum. Therefore, by completing this application, I acknowledge that I understand the importance of representing myself, the Social Work Department, Wellstar College, and the University in an ethical and professional manner at all times, in both field and classroom settings. I further understand that failure to maintain a professional and ethical approach to interacting with my peers, KSU employees (faculty, staff, and administration), agency field supervisors, agency colleagues, and clients may result in my immediate removal from field.

Contact Information

Name: _____
(Last) (First)

Address: _____

(City, State) (Zip Code)

Email Address: _____

Primary Phone #: _____ Alternate Phone #: _____

Field Attendance and Tasks

Field Education is the place where students demonstrate the values, knowledge, and skill of entry level generalist practitioners under the supervision of an approved Agency Field Instructor. As such, attendance (physical, emotional, and cognitive) in the field setting is a required part of field education. Therefore,

Students are not allowed to use field assigned days/times to complete course assignments. _____
(*Student's Initials*).

Students are not allowed to misrepresent attendance in the field setting. All field logs/time sheets must be complete, accurate, and submitted 'on time' on the due date. Further, all field logs/time sheets must reflect actual tasks, supervision meetings, lunch breaks (required), and arrival and departure times. _____ (*Student's Initials*).

As a whole, classes and required group meetings/trainings are scheduled as follows:

2nd Year/Specialization MSW Students

Class & Group Meetings: Monday and Tuesday 9:00a.m. – 7:45p.m. of each week

Field Work: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00a.m. – 6:00p.m. of each week

Scheduled classes and group meetings are ***required***. Students are responsible for the completion of **24 hours** of field work on **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday** of each week. _____ (*Student's Initials*).

Field Education Hours

Students in the Master of Social Work program complete a total of 1200 field education hours over four semesters. Of these hours, 480 field hours are completed in the first year of internship. The second year of internship students are to complete a total of 720 field education hours. The 1200 hours of field education should be completed at the field agency during regular business hours, which typically range between 8:00a.m. to 6:00p.m., Monday to Friday.

Employment

Social work field students are strongly encouraged NOT to maintain employment while in the program, as the conflict between employment and academic demands may prevent successful progress towards graduation. _____ (*Student's Initials*).

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, where? _____ How many hours per week? _____

Students are not allowed to accept employment at their agency site while enrolled in Field Education. _____ (*Student's Initials*).

Any ***student who accepts employment at their agency while actively enrolled in Field Education*** is considered to be acting unprofessionally and out of line with clearly stated publicized field requirements. As such, these students will have their field education terminated immediately and forfeit all accumulated hours for the given semester. _____ (*Student's Initials*).

Any student requesting consideration of the opportunity to complete field hours in their agency/organization of employment **MUST** complete the appropriate request, provide the required documentation, and meet with the Director of Field for instruction before discussing this option. _____ (*Student's Initials*).

Are you requesting consideration of the opportunity to complete field hours in your agency/organization of employment? Yes No

Practice Area Skills

Choose three (3) client groups that you would work with in this practice area.

- Children
- Adolescents
- Adults
- Elderly
- Men
- Women
- Families
- No Preference
- Other (specify) _____

Location

Choose two (2) regions where you would prefer to be located.

- Bartow
- Cherokee
- Clayton
- Cobb
- Dekalb
- Douglas
- Fulton
- Gwinnett
- Paulding
- No Preference
- Other (specify) _____

Field Education Experience

NOTE: The KSU Social Work Department recognizes that students often come with various experiences for which they would like to receive academic credit. While we recognize that those experiences have contributed to your knowledge, values, and skills development as a pre-professional, as per Council on Social Work Education requirements, ***no student will receive academic credit for life or employment experiences outside of the academic environment. This includes the field practicum setting.***

1. Briefly describe what you expect to gain from Field Instruction.

2. What are your career plans?

3. How do you take care of yourself?

Are there any questions or concerns that you would like to have answered/addressed during your field interview? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please list or describe in the space provided:

Student's Signature

Date

MSW Field Education Director Signature

Date