WELCOME TO FIELD
School of Social Work
Field Education Department
University at Buffalo
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Goals of Field Educator Orientation
• Provide field educators with resources to ensure they are prepared for working with MSW students
• Ensure that these resources are
  • Accessible – (web-based, mobile friendly)
  • Customizable– field educators can access only what they need
  • Concise

Today's Agenda
• Introduction of UBSSW Field Team
• The Importance of Field Education
• Benefits to Agencies and Field Educators
Margie Quartley oversees the Online MSW student field placement processes. She assigns field placements to students, including field educators, and coordinates the development and implementation of training programs. Margie also assists in problem-solving field issues and serves as a point of contact for students and agencies. Please contact Margie with questions related to the Online/Out-of-Region Field Placement process.

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Dr. Laura Lewis oversees the Field Department staff and day-to-day operations. She assigns all faculty liaisons to students and develops field education policies. Laura is responsible for negotiating and monitoring all field-related contracts, including paid outside field educators, agency contracts, and contracts with international placements. She also serves as a point of contact for students and agencies regarding administrative issues and serves as a liaison between field educators and students. Laura may be contacted regarding international placements or when unable to reach a Field Department member.

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What’s Unique about the UB School of Social Work

• Liaison Support
• Trauma-Informed and Human Rights Perspectives
• Self Care Resources
• Access to CEUs and ongoing training
Significance of Field Education

Field is widely seen as the signature pedagogy of social work – the central form of learning used to acclimate students to the role of a social worker.

FIELD:
- Connect classroom learning to real world practice
- Provides valuable community connections
- Exposes students to new opportunities and practice areas
- Competency-based model

Benefits for Agencies and Field Educators

- FE: Supervisory Experience, Tuition waivers, CEUs, Field Reception, Giving back to profession
- Agency:
  - Hiring Pool
  - Increase capacity
    - Billable services: Some agencies allow MSW students to see straight Medicaid clients by themselves and have clinician sign off
    - Some utilize students to see family members of identified client (sibling/parent)
    - Internal leadership development for promising social workers

Conclusion

- Please continue to go through modules
- Look through resources on the website