

Dear Students,

We know many of you have questions about how to complete your field education requirements for the semester. Please know that your health, safety and development as a professional social worker are the primary factors in our decision-making. **Based on current and developing circumstances**, we are suspending <u>in-person</u> field activities until the end of the semester. Please continue to develop plans with your field instructor and agency to work remotely during this time.

The Field Education team is committed to supporting your successful completion of the MSW program. We have created a Google folder that includes various documents and resources that we will update regularly. Please click on <u>Field Resources Addressing COVID-19</u> to access the folder or cut and paste: <u>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/131Yz2HcLZd09T0qlpvSZxJpv7hC5fiPv?usp=sharing</u> into your internet browser. Attached are the Word or PDF version of three important documents:

- Field Practicum Log to track your hours worked remotely
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Remote Learning Plan

Two online documents that are included in the folder are <u>Field Education Competency-Based Remote</u> <u>Learning Activities</u> and <u>Online Learning Opportunities and Resources for COVID-19</u> in addition to information on conducting telehealth services. These resources should help you and your field instructor develop plans for remote work to complete this semester's field requirements. Please contact your field faculty liaison to discuss and problem solve any issues that arise during this process. Our Field Education team is consulting with School leadership and meeting regularly to develop strategies to respond to the various challenges some students are facing as this situation unfolds.

Many vulnerable members of our society are struggling right now and social workers are needed to provide support, education, and resources. Your MSW education is preparing you to be part of the response to this enormous societal upheaval and we want to ensure you have all the tools you need to be part of this response. If you are struggling with your own personal challenges at this time, please take care of yourself first by accessing the resources in the attached *Student Reference Quick Guide* and communicating with your field faculty liaison if needed. Each one of us must be safe and healthy if we are to help others in need.

On behalf of the Feld Education Department, we thank you for your understanding, patience and flexibility during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

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