

Evaluation of Students in Field
University of Missouri- St. Louis, School of Social Work

Instructions for Agency Field Supervisors

The faculty at UM-St. Louis appreciates your willingness to work with our students. All students will receive an S/U grade for their practicum experience. In order to assign the student a grade, we need your help. Please carefully review the following instructions.

1. Upon approval of the Student Learning Agreement by the Office of Field Education, each agency supervisor will receive three forms; the signed Learning Agreement, a mid semester evaluation form and a final evaluation form. Keep these forms on file, as they will be needed during the semester. You may also access these forms online by visiting the UMSL School of Social Work Web site and selecting Field Education Forms.
2. Agency field instructors should meet with students weekly to provide ongoing feedback to the student about his/her progress. It is recommended that the student and field instructor review the student's learning agreement often to assess progress in meeting specific learning objectives.
3. At least once during the semester (more often if necessary), the student's faculty liaison will meet with you and the student to assess the student's progress and address any concerns raised by either you or the student.
4. At mid term, or when the student has completed approximately half of his/her field hours (150 hours), please complete the midterm evaluation form. The midterm evaluation should be reviewed with the student and returned to the Office of Field Education.
5. At the end of the semester, or when the student has completed his/her 300 hour experience, please complete and review with the student the final evaluation form. Completion of the final evaluation form should be a collaborative effort on the part of the field instructor and student. The process should begin with a review of the learning agreement where student and field instructor discuss tasks completed. The student should self-evaluate his/her progress toward meeting each of the competencies with the field instructor, and the field instructor should share his/her assessment of the student's progress. At the conclusion of this discussion, the field instructor should complete the final evaluation form. The final grade will be assigned by the practicum liaison at UM-St. Louis. Submit this form to the Office of Field Education by the date listed on the instructions received in the mail.
6. If at any time you have concerns about a student or need assistance with completing the forms please do not hesitate to contact Patti Rosenthal at 314-516-6506, Director of the Office of Field Education.

Please direct your questions to:

Patti Rosenthal, Director of Field Education - Phone: (314) 516-6506 – email rosenthalp@umsl.edu

Please return forms as an *email attachment to: socialwork@umsl.edu, by fax to: (314) 516-6416 or you may submit a hard copy mailed to: UMSL School of Social Work, Field Education Office, One University Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63121.

***Note:** Electronic signatures in any format are considered legal and binding by Missouri law and are therefore acceptable for practicum evaluation documents.