

PRACTICUM PLACEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made on the _____ day of _____, between THE CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, contracting on behalf of the University of Missouri-St. Louis Social Work Program (hereafter “University”) and _____ (hereafter “Agency”).

It is mutually agreed by the University and the Agency that a practicum experience for UM-St. Louis Social Work students will be provided by the Agency.

UM-St. Louis Social Work students shall participate with the Agency in a practicum experience for educational purposes. In arranging such assignment, appropriate consideration shall be given to the University and School of Social Work policy, accreditation criteria (voluntary and regulatory) and the professional standards, policies, procedures and regulations of the Agency.

The number of students assigned at a given time shall be determined by the Agency. Representatives of the Agency and the University shall cooperate in developing methods of instruction, objectives and other details of the field experience.

The faculty of the University will assume responsibility for the selection and assignment of students to the learning experience. The students shall follow the Agency’s rules, regulations and procedures. If problems arise, the Field Faculty Liaison for the University shall be notified and representatives from the University and the Agency will mutually handle such problems.

The Agency will provide the students with a thorough orientation to the Agency setting, policies and procedures. The University faculty members and the Agency staff supervisors will evaluate the students’ performances by mutual consultation. Final grades will be assigned by a University faculty member.

The Agency shall retain full responsibility for the clients of the Agency and will maintain overall administrative and professional supervision of students and/or faculty of the University insofar as their presence affects the operation of the Agency and/or the direct or indirect provision of services for clients of the agency.

The University acknowledges that during the course of practicum experiences, certain information may be divulged by the Agency to University, its faculty and/or students, which the Agency deems confidential and/or proprietary. The University agrees it will not disclose such information identified in advance by the Agency as confidential and/or proprietary without the prior written approval of the Agency except where disclosure is required by law.

The Agency shall be responsible for arranging immediate care in case of accident or illness of students but is not responsible for the costs involved, follow-up care or hospitalization.

University shall, at its own expense, obtain and maintain during the terms of this Agreement, the following insurance: Commercial General Liability coverage, or self-funded program, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and not less than \$2,000,000.00 per year in the aggregate; Professional Liability coverage, or self-funded program with limits not less than 1,000,000.00 per occurrence and not less than 3,000,000.00 per year in aggregate.

Each such policy shall provide coverage on an occurrence basis and the insurer shall be duly licensed and authorized to do business in Missouri.

Certificates of Insurance or proof of self-funding shall be provided to Agency on the execution of this Agreement and on renewal of coverage.

To the extent permitted by Missouri law and without waiving sovereign immunity, University shall defend, indemnify and hold Agency harmless from any and all claims, actions, liabilities and expenses (including costs of judgments, settlements, court costs and reasonable attorney fees) arising out of or resulting from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the University, its students, employees or faculty performing services or other activities pursuant to this Agreement.

It is understood that assigned students are not employees of the University or the Agency and therefore are not covered by Social Security, Unemployment Compensation or Worker's Compensation.

Neither party will discriminate against any student in assignment to experiences because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, national origin, age or status as Vietnam era veteran.

This agreement shall begin on the date set forth above in the initial paragraph of the Agreement and shall terminate on the 31st day of August, _____ provided, however, that the Agreement shall continue thereafter automatically for successive one-year terms running from September 1 to August 31, subject, however, to the right of either party to terminate the agreement, without liability or cause, at the end of the initial term or the end of any subsequent annual term by giving other party prior written notice no later than August 1st immediately preceding the beginning of the next successive annual term on September 1st.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be duly executed by their properly authorized representatives.

THE CURATORS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Catherine Jochens Date
Senior Manager of Business Services

UM-St. Louis School of Social Work

Patricia A. Rosenthal Date
Director of Field Education

Agency

Name

Signature

Title

Date

Agency's Mailing Address & Phone
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