



MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT DEAN OF FIELD EDUCATION

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Dear incoming BCSSW students,

As a proud graduate of the school, let me be among the first to welcome you to our program. You will join a strong cohort of BCSSW alumni who believe in and champion the values of social work in all they do. Those values are:

SERVICE

INTEGRITY

DIGNITY AND WORTH OF THE PERSON

COMPETENCE

SOCIAL JUSTICE

IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

The experiential learning and training you will receive in your agency setting will allow you to explore and internalize these values as you prepare for a social work career. The practica are organized as follows:

- ➔ First Field Ed experience—16 hours a week for the academic year for 480 hours minimum. This internship helps you develop a strong foundation and exposure to the breadth of the field of social work
- ➔ Second Field Ed experience—24 hours per week for the academic year for 720 hours minimum. This internship will provide more depth as you develop more practice skills and have increased autonomy
- ➔ You will practice under the direction of a skilled supervisor who will provide instruction, feedback, and practice wisdom for your development
- ➔ You will receive support and guidance from an advisor at the school, another experienced professional who is committed to your learning
- ➔ You will complete learning activities in Field Education, which include written assignments to foster reflection and skill development, as well as mastery of social work tenets

As the signature pedagogy in social work education, your Field Education experiences are integral to your development as a competent practitioner. The didactic learning in the classroom comes to life in the applied learning experiences at the internship. The value of supervision, practice experience, and self-awareness are central to the formation of a social worker. Field Education brings this learning together, to prepare you to accompany our communities to meet the challenges the world presents. We look forward to accompanying you as you begin this journey.



Sincerely,

*Susan Coleman*

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