

Field Hour FAQs for ISW Students

Students are required to complete a minimum of 1100 field hours through internship with a Community-Based Placement and VFP (if applicable). Community-based field hours cannot be applied toward classroom/training/orientation hours.

Students are required to complete a minimum of 100 field hours through attendance and participation with their field class, and orientation and evidence-based intervention training (if applicable). These field hours cannot be applied to the community-based field hours. Students are expected to attend all their field classes.

Agencies and students are expected to create a schedule of 16 hours per week in 591 and 593 and 24 hours per week in 691 and 693. (SUMMER Semester: Students enrolled in 691 or 693 during the Summer will need to increase their weekly field hours an additional 4 hours per week. Students and agencies can develop a mutually agreed upon plan to complete these additional hours through self-paced/off-site alternative learning assignments).

We are aware that full attendance with no days off at internship may exceed the minimum field hours. This is intentional as we are creating a buffer for students in recognition of university holidays and unavoidable occasional absences from field that may occur during the 4 semesters of field education.

Students, even if they have met the minimum field hour requirements, are still expected to maintain a consistent schedule for field and are not allowed to end their field placements prior to the last day of field education. This is aligned with CSWE Competency 1 regarding professionalism and ensures continuity of care for clients.

Individual questions regarding scheduling and field hours should be addressed with your field liaison.

Field Education Semester/Course	Community Based Field Hours Campus-Based Program	Community Based Field Hours Virtual Academic Center (VAC) and Working Professional Program (WPP)	Expected Days/Hours per week In Community Based Field Placement	Classroom/Training/Orientation Hours
Semester 1 Course 591	210	210	2 days/16hours* (OCP) 2 days/14 hours (VAC/WPP)	OCP 40** VAC/WPP 40**
Semester 2 Course 593	240	240	2 days/16 hours (OCP/VAC/WPP)	30
Semester 3 Course 691	360	360	3 days/24 hours (OCP/VAC/WPP)	15
Semester 4 Course 693	360	360	3 days/24 hours (OCP/VAC/WPP)	15
Total	1170	1170		100

*OCP students begin 591 community-based field placement one week after VAC/WPP students

**Students achieve their 40 hours through a combination of class attendance (30 hours) and participation in Field Orientation and EBI Trainings (10 hours)