***West Chester University’s***

***Undergraduate and Graduate Social Work Programs***

Fact Sheet for Field Placements

Objective: To provide quality internship experiences for undergraduate and graduate level social work students. Internship experiences must be designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop the values, knowledge and skills necessary for competency in social work practice.

Levels of Field Placements:

MSW – Concentration/Second Year – Students are required to complete 20 hours/week of advanced social work practice at their internship site for both the fall and spring semesters. This experience needs to be under the supervision of a MSW with the experience necessary to provide supervision for advanced social work practice with individuals, families and communities.

BSW, Senior Year and MSW, Foundation/First Year – Student are required to complete 16 hours/week of generalist social work practice at their internship site for both the fall and spring semesters. First year MSW students need to have a MSW field supervisor. BSW senior level students need a supervisor with a BSW or MSW degree.

BSW – Junior Year – Students are required to complete 16 hours/week of beginning level generalist social work practice during the spring semester. We prefer the field supervisor to have a BSW or MSW; however, it is possible for someone with a related degree plus experience to supervise a junior level student.

Requirements of Field Placement Sites: Sites need to be able to provide appropriate direct practice experience for the level of student. There must be a qualified field instructor willing to provide the student with one to one and a half hours of educational supervision which also focuses on the student’s professional development and identification. Field instructors are required to complete a field instructor’s application and submit a resume and copy of their diploma Field sites need to sign an Affiliation Agreement with West Chester University.

If you are interested in becoming a field placement site, please contact:

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