



University of
Pittsburgh

School of
Social Work

Many good field placement opportunities exist for our students, but they are under-utilized because of a lack of social work supervision on site. To best meet the needs of our students, the School of Social Work is seeking interested social workers (MSW degree with two years post-masters experience) to volunteer a minimal of two hours a week to mentor a student by becoming an 'off-site' field instructor. Becoming an off-site field instructor can be a rewarding experience which will provide the opportunity for you to educate and prepare the next generation of social workers.

The Responsibilities of the Off-site Field Instructor are to essentially reinforce the Social Work Perspective with the Student. This work can be done in-person or remotely depending on the needs of the student and the placement situation. Prior field instruction experience and affiliation with the agency where the student is placed is not required.

The Off-site Designated Field Instructor Requirements:

- a. Must hold an MSW from a CSWE accredited program and have at least two years post masters work experience.
- b. Will meet with the student for a minimum of one hour per week, to provide professional social work supervision and to ensure that the student's learning and skill development are firmly rooted in the social work perspective.
- c. Will collaborate with the task supervisor to assist student in completing Field Learning Plan.
- d. Will provide regular, monthly contact with the agency *task supervisor* to discuss the student's development and progress.
- e. Will participate in the field liaison visit (usually 1 per term).
- f. Will collaborate with the task supervisor to assist student in completing a Field Placement Evaluation reflecting the student's growth and development at the end of each term of the field placement.

Other benefits include:

- A. Ability to earn up to 18 free Continuing Education Units (CEUs) by attending a ½ day orientation and watching 3 hours of on-line webinars and attending four additional, 3-credit hour optional training courses.
- B. A 50% discount on all Continuing Education Programs sponsored by the School of Social Work, as space is available.
- C. Ability to be involved in the life of the School and to identify as part of the school's adjunct faculty.

If you are interested in becoming an off-site field instructor, please complete [this form](#) and we will be in touch with you.

<https://www.socialwork.pitt.edu/academics/field-education>

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