

PRACTICUM PLACEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made on the _____ day of _____, 20____, 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 School Social Work students shall participate with the Agency in as 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 process by which students are selected and assigned to the practicum experience with Agency. 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.

The University will inform students that as a condition of participating in this affiliation, they will need to undergo whatever fingerprinting/background check procedures are required by the Agency and that the decision to permit a student to participate at that Agency based on the results of any background check remains solely with the Agency and not the University.

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 a military 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 July, _____, provided, however, that the Agreement shall continue thereafter automatically for successive one-year terms running from August 1 to July 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 July 1st immediately preceding the beginning of the next successive annual term on August 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

_____ Agency

_____ Name

_____ Signature

Catherine Jochens Date
Senior Manager of Business Services

_____ Title

_____ Date

UMSL School of Social Work

Agency's Address & Phone Number

Patricia A. Rosenthal Date
Director of Field Education

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