

## ASU Social Work Students in Field Education

### **BSW Senior Year:**

The BSW undergraduate student in field placement is in their final year of undergraduate studies. A student intern at this level is prepared to engage in micro, mezzo, and macro service opportunities. BSW student's coursework engages the ecological systems theory and equips them with skills in conducting biopsychosocial-spiritual assessments, community needs assessments, and the strengths based, solution-focused, trauma informed approach to case management, resource navigation, community engagement and civic engagement. Bachelors of Social Work professionals occupy positions in:

- nonprofit organizations,
- residential treatment centers,
- community behavioral health agencies,
- government agencies,
- and some school settings.

### **MSW Concentration Year:**

The MSW concentration year student is in their second year of field placement and has selected a specific concentration. ASU's School of Social Work has three concentrations: Advanced Generalist; Advanced Direct Practice; or Policy, Administration, and Community Practice. Each concentration adheres to a learning contract tailored to the concentrations' targeted learning goals and objectives. The concentrations, although similar, are different and offer unique field learning experiences.

**Advanced Generalist (AG):** A student intern at this level is prepared to engage in advanced generalist social work with a specialized focus and concurrent field education experience.

**Please note the advanced generalist concentration is not a clinical concentration and all online students are in this concentration.**

MSW advanced generalist students are prepared to engage in advanced generalist practice in various social service settings to include:

- schools,
- nonprofits,
- residential treatment facilities,
- government agencies, community behavioral health agencies,
- hospitals,
- and other medical settings.

**Advanced Direct Practice (ADP):** A student intern at this level specializes in either; children, youth and families; health/behavioral health, and public child welfare. MSW advanced direct practice student interns are prepared to engage in numerous professional settings to include:

- hospitals,
- specialized medical offices,
- community behavioral agencies,
- residential treatment centers,
- private practice settings,
- schools,
- nonprofits,
- and government agencies.

**Policy, Administration and Community Practice (PAC):** Policy, Administration, and Community Practice students focus

on program planning and evaluation, administration, policy analysis, advocacy, and community practice. Student interns at this level are

prepared to engage in data collection and analysis, program planning and implementation, and organizational development and management. PAC field education sites include:

- community advocacy organizations,
- government and nonprofit social service agencies,
- the NASW,
- community prevention agencies,
- community collaboratives,
- tribal organizations,
- tribal social services,
- and various philanthropic organizations and foundation.

### **MSW Generalist (Foundation) Year:**

*The field education experience for generalist social work students is similar to the BSW field education experience (see positions listed in BSW Senior Year).*

The MSW generalist (foundation) year student is in their first year of field placement as a graduate social work student. The focus at this level is a generalist social work understanding of service engaging the ecological systems theory to conduct biopsychosocial-spiritual assessments, community needs assessments, resource navigation, community engagement, and civic engagement. A student intern at this level is prepared to engage in generalist social work, focusing on:

- advocacy,
- referrals,
- case management,
- and problem-solving functions with individuals, groups, families, organizations and the community.

For more information about the social work program, click [Field Manual](#).