**Criteria for Block Placements:**

1. Block placements are only possible in the **spring semester** and students must submit their request for a block placement **no later than week 7 of the previous spring semester.** (Example: Student must submit application spring 2020 for a block placement in spring of 2021)
2. Students must have an **overall 3.4 GPA in the last 45 credits** at the time the application is submitted.
3. Students must demonstrate **personal and professional readiness** (outlined below) for practicum to request a block placement.
   1. Evidence of personal readiness: appropriate personal conduct, no current drug abuse, self-awareness and separation of personal issues from professional practice.
   2. Evidence of professional readiness: reliability, required practice skills, capacity to handle stress, appropriate professional boundaries, and adherence to the NASW Code of Ethics posted on the NASW [website](https://www.socialworkers.org/About/Ethics/Code-of-Ethics).
4. Students must submit a **one-page essay** (following APA guidelines) explaining why they want to enroll in a block practicum placement.
5. Block placements are **only permitted for international or out-of-town placements**.
6. Consideration will be given in rare circumstances to students who would like to complete their block placement in Missoula. Criteria for consideration of these students include:
   * Students must not be enrolled in more than SW 488, SW 495 (10 credits) and one other class in the semester they complete their block practicum placement.

**Selection Process:**

A committee consisting of Field Education faculty will review all essays and decide the appropriateness of a block practicum placement.

* If the student is approved for the block placement, they will enroll in and complete SW 487-Advanced Practice I in the fall semester prior to the block placement. (For example, a student approved to complete a block placement in the spring must complete SW 487 during the previous fall semester.)
* Students must complete all required practicum paperwork via Sonia prior to the block placement (including practicum application, MOU, Essential Skills Form, WHO Training and Risk Acknowledgment Form)

**Timeline:**

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| **Apply for Block Practicum** | **Complete SW 487** | **Complete Practicum & SW 488** |
| Spring Semester | Fall Semester | Following Spring Semester |

**Provisional Acceptance:**

Students who meet the above criteria are provisionally accepted for a block placement. The student’s grade point average will be audited again at the close of the semester to confirm eligibility for the block placement.

**Student Information**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: 790\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_@umontana.edu Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA at time of application: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Social Work GPA at time of application: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Plan for Practicum**

Agency practicum will likely be completed at: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning on working with IE3 or another study abroad program? Yes No Unsure

Semester/Year student will enroll in:

SW 487- Advance Practice I: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SW 488- Advance Practice II & SW 495- Practicum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Please attach your typed one-page essay (following APA guidelines) to this application\*\*

**This section to be completed by the field education program:**

GPA at time application is turned in: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ End of semester: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Audited by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Decision: Approved Denied

Reason for denial: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Director/Assistant Director of Field Education Signature

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