Agency Confirmation & Agreement for Distance Education MSW Field Placement

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Distance Education MSW Foundation Field

Name of MSW Student: ____________________________________________

BA/BS Degree: _______________________________________________

Area of study (psychology, etc.)  University or College that granted the degree

Placement time frame: Fall through Spring; Students follow the UNI Academic Calendar
Distance Education Foundation students enter the MSW program without an undergraduate degree in social work.

In providing a field placement for the UNI student, the agency has agreed to the following:
1. All agency instructors supervising the student have viewed the Agency Instructor Orientation video found at www.uni.edu/csbs/socialwork under "Field Instruction".
2. Weekly field placement supervision of the student.
3. Allotment of time for the agency instructor to complete student assessments and participate in meetings regarding student progress and assessment.
4. A student is not assigned a workload as extensive or at the same level of professional independence as a staff professional. This is done to ensure the student ample time to learn and reflect on the new experiences encountered.
5. A student is not assigned agency work during the times scheduled for university classes, field placement seminars, or other educational activities required through field placement.
6. The agency provides a field setting that affirms and respects diversity and difference in staff, populations served and students completing their field experience.

The following expectations have been reviewed with the student:
- How differences or conflicts are to be handled.
- How variations in field placement time will be handled (for example, university breaks).
- The guidelines the student should follow in relating to other staff, administration, board members, other agencies, and the community in general.
- Personnel policies that apply to students

Distance Education MSW Foundation students are required to complete no less than 400 hours in field placement. Concurrent Fall to Spring Semesters = 400 clock hours

The student is accepted by the agency for field placement:   ____ Yes   ____ No
The student has been informed of the above decision regarding placement:   ____ Yes   ____ No

Beginning Date of Student Placement: ________________________________
Important notation to agency:
Students in field placement are entitled to all scheduled university breaks. Once the student begins the field placement, or at the interview time, please clearly define the time periods, including university classes and required educational events (e.g., field seminars taught by the university Faculty Liaison), when the student does not plan to be at the agency (e.g., university breaks, finals week, religious holidays, times agency is closed).

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Signature below means that the content of this form has been thoroughly reviewed. Signature further signifies agreement to meet the criteria listed in the Field Instruction Manual while providing the student a field placement experience.

Agency Name, Address and Phone

Agency Administrator or Staff Authorized to Approve Placement

Agency Instructor of Student (Providing student’s supervision)

Agency Instructor E-mail address

Agency Instructor’s degree(s) and discipline of study
{discipline examples: social work or psychology}:

MSW ___ or MA ___  Discipline: ________________________________
Ph.D. ___  Discipline: ________________________________
Ed.D. ___  Discipline: ________________________________

UNI Director of Field Instruction

When completed, please make a copy of this form for your records and return the original to:
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