

Simmons School of Social Work
Practicum Education Calendar - MSW On Ground Program
2023-2024

August	31	Virtual Practicum Education Orientation - 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Mandatory (Year I & Advanced Standing Students only)
September	5	Practicum starts (Year II and Advanced Standing)
	11	Practicum starts (Year I)
September	Individual Practicum Liaison meetings via Zoom (All Students) (date/time of meetings TBD between students and Practicum Liaisons)	
October	6	Due: Learning Plan (Year II and Advanced Standing)
	9	HOLIDAY - Indigenous People's Day*
	13	Due: Learning Plan (Year I)
November	22 - 24	HOLIDAY - Thanksgiving Recess: Students are entitled to the Thanksgiving Recess from their Practicum
November - December	Fall Practicum Site Visits via Zoom (All Students) (date/time of meetings TBD by students, Practicum Instructors, and Practicum Liaisons)	
December	8	Due: Mid-Year Evaluation (All Students)
	15	Practicum ends for the Fall Semester (All Students)
December 25 – January 3	UNIVERSITY CLOSED	
January	4	Practicum resumes (Year I, Year II, & Advanced Standing) Practicum starts (Accelerated Program)
	15	HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
January	Individual Practicum Liaison meetings via Zoom (Accelerated Program) (date/time of meetings TBD between students and Practicum Liaisons)	
February	9	Due: Learning Plan (Accelerated Program)
March	4 - 8	Spring Break*
	11	Practicum resumes after Spring Break (All Students)
March – April	Spring Practicum Site Visits for all students via Zoom (date/time of meetings TBD by students, Practicum Instructors, and Practicum Liaisons)	

April	15	HOLIDAY—Patriot’s Day*
	19	Due: Final Evaluation (Advanced Standing, Accelerated Program, and Year I & Year II 24 hours per week students) Due: Spring Progress Report (Year I & Year II 16 hours per week students)

May	3	Practicum ends for the Spring Semester (Advanced Standing, Accelerated Program, and Year I & Year II 24 hours per week students) (unless otherwise determined with the placement and approved by the Practicum Education Department)
	13	Summer Practicum resumes (see below)**
	17	Commencement
	27	HOLIDAY – Memorial Day*

June	Summer Practicum Site Visits via Zoom (Accelerated Program) Practicum Summer Liaison Transition Site Visits via Zoom (Year I & Year II 16 hours per week students)
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June	19	HOLIDAY—Juneteenth*
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July	4	HOLIDAY—Independence Day*
	19	Due: Final Evaluation (Accelerated Program and Year I & Year II 16 hours per week students)

August	16	Practicum ends (Accelerated Program and Year I & Year II 16 hours per week students)
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*Individual arrangements with agencies may be necessary to prevent interruption of client services during holidays and recesses.

- Public school & other school placements follow the agency calendar; please consult your Practicum Instructor for variations in placement dates.
- For holidays that occur on field days, students will follow the agency schedule.
- See [Manual](#) for policy on religious holidays.

Students and Practicum Liaisons should schedule individual advising meetings during their initial month of placement and as needed throughout the year.

****Students in Placements Over the Summer (Accelerated Program and 16 hours per week students)**

Accelerated Program and 16 hours per week students are entitled to a week off from May 6 – May 10, between the end of Spring session and the beginning of Summer session. The week may be negotiated between the agency & student to minimize disruption to services delivered to clients (this does not pertain to students placed in school settings).

The 2023-2024 calendar is subject to change due to the COVID-19 pandemic and/or other extenuating circumstances