

Simmons School of Social Work

Practicum Education Calendar MSW On Ground Program 2025-2026

August	
20	Practicum Instructor Orientation - 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
27	Practicum Orientation - 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Mandatory (Year I & Advanced Standing Students only)

September	
2	Practicum starts (Year II and Advanced Standing)
8	Practicum starts (Year I)

October	
3	Due: Learning Plan (Year II) Due: Learning Plan (Advanced Standing)
10	Due: Learning Plan (Year I)
13	HOLIDAY -Indigenous Peoples' Day*
31	Due: Fall Student Progress Report

November	
11	Veteran's Day* (Simmons University Open)
26 - 28	HOLIDAY - Thanksgiving Recess: Students are entitled to the Thanksgiving Recess from their Practicum

December	
5	Due: Mid-Year Evaluation (All Students)
12	Practicum ends for the Fall Semester (All Students)
22	HOLIDAY - Winter Break: University is closed December 22 - Jan 2

January	
5	Practicum resumes (Year I, Year II, & Advanced Standing) Practicum starts (Accelerated)
19	HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

February	
6	Due: Learning Plan (Accelerated)
27	Due: Spring Student Progress Report (Advanced Standing and Year I & Year II 24 hour students only)

March	
2 - 6	Spring Break*
9	Practicum resumes after Spring Break (All Students)

April	
20	HOLIDAY—Patriot's Day*
24	Due: Final Evaluation (Advanced Standing and Year I & Year II 24 hour students only) Due: Mid-Year Evaluation (Accelerated) Due: Spring Student Progress Report (16 hour students) *16 hour students do not turn in their Final Evaluation until July

May	
1	Practicum ends for the Spring Semester (Advanced Standing, Accelerated, and Year I & Year II 24 hour students only) (unless otherwise determined with the placement and approved by the Practicum Education Department)
11	Summer Practicum Placements resume (see below)**
15	Commencement
25	HOLIDAY – Memorial Day*

June	
19	HOLIDAY—Juneteenth*

July	
3	HOLIDAY—Independence Day*
24	Due: Final Evaluation (Accelerated and 16 hour students)

August	
7 [^]	Practicum ends (Accelerated and 16 hour students)

*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 Practicum Instructor for variations in placement dates.
- For holidays that occur on Practicum days, students will follow the agency schedule.
- See [Manual](#) for policy on religious holidays.

Students and Practicum Liaisons should schedule individual advising meetings during September and as needed throughout the year. Practicum Liaisons should schedule site visits with the students and Practicum Instructors for at least once each semester.

****Students in Placements Over the Summer (Accelerated and 16 hour students)**

Accelerated and 16 hours per week students are entitled to a week off from May 4 – May 8, 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).

[^]Summer dates have not yet been confirmed by the registrar (as of 5/31/25). These dates may be subject to change.

The 2025-2026 calendar is subject to change due to the COVID-19 pandemic and/or other extenuating circumstances.