

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM AT TPC

Overview

The Philadelphia Center offers undergraduate Social Work majors exceptional opportunities to fulfill accreditation requirements for graduation. Participants will obtain the professional specialization and practice competencies necessary and expected of students entering the field or applying to graduate school.

By interning four full days per week during our 16 week semester, you can accrue up to 440 field practicum hours. Our extensive selection of placements include a variety of social service organizations that provide rich and diverse practical experience in an urban setting. You will enroll in a seminar that integrates and augments your field experience. Under the supervision of your TPC faculty advisor, you will have the opportunity to conduct research and fulfill any additional requirements mandated by your home campus.

You will develop a learning contract in consultation with your field supervisor and faculty advisor that describes how you will meet learning objectives in the areas of practice, policy, professional development, and research. Meetings with your faculty advisor and placement supervisor will further help you to direct this process. You will be required to keep a practicum journal as partial fulfillment of the portfolio of evidence you will develop.

Placement Process

Upon acceptance to the program, you will begin discussing your options with your TPC faculty advisor. When you arrive in Philadelphia, you will investigate and interview at several organizations to determine which of our placements will best meet your learning needs. You will be an active participant in the selection of your internship.

We will help you assess your interests and abilities, prepare your resume, develop interviewing skills, and process information to ensure the best possible fit.

TPC Offers

- Licensed, supportive, and collaborative supervision
- Learning Contract and Portfolio development
- Coursework that integrates and augments fieldwork
- Opportunities to interact with graduate students and local graduate schools of social work.
- Living, working, and experiencing life in Philadelphia
- Substantial and unique social work internships in an urban setting

When

Social Work practicums are offered during our Fall and Spring Semesters. Please refer to our academic calendar for details.

http://www.tpc.edu/apply/semester_calendar/

Credit Structure

Our credit structure can be adjusted as necessary to fit your campus' accreditation needs. Typically, students earn up to 16 academic credits from our managing institution, Hope College. Hope is fully accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and the Council on Social Work Education.

8 Credits	Field Practicum
4 Credits	Urban Political and Social Systems Issues and Practices
4 Credits	Elective (optional)

Clearances

You may be required to complete the following:

- Pennsylvania Criminal Record Check
<http://www.pa.cogentid.com/dpw/index.html>
- FBI Criminal Record Check
<http://www.pa.cogentif.com/>
- Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance Form
<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/Resources/Documents/Pdf/FillInForms/DPWchildabuse.pdf>

NOTE: Check for possible changes in policy with the Department of Public Welfare each semester.
<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/ChildWelfare/003671038.htm>

You will also need proof of a physical examination within the last 3 months and TB testing results.

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