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Welcome to the School of Social Work and the Field Education Program. As you know, field education is an integral component of your graduate school experience. While classroom learning focuses on discrete knowledge and theoretical background, the field placement provides an opportunity to practice and exercise the skills and knowledge obtained in the classroom.

We hope that you understand that the health and safety of our students, agency personnel and clients is our top priority and right now agency field instructors need to be focused on the needs of their clients. Therefore, we will not be matching incoming students to their field placements until later in the summer. However, the UNC-CH, SSW field faculty are very interested in talking with you about your career and learning goals. By now, we should have received your Field Education Planning Guide and you should have been contacted by a field faculty member for an interview. If this has not occurred, please let me know: brigham@email.unc.edu.

You will be placed in one field placement during the academic year. You will begin your field placement on Wednesday, August 19 and continue through the spring 2021 semester, three (8 hour) days per week on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

As you are not able to begin your field placements this summer, as was originally planned, you will be engaged in a new one-credit remote class, SOWO 709 *Pre-Specialization Field Planning*. This class will occur during the second summer session. We will have more information about the schedule for this course at orientation.

Should you have questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact me, Rebecca Brigham, at brigham@email.unc.edu.

We look very forward to working with you and getting to know you over the coming months. Congratulations on your acceptance to UNC-CH, School of Social Work.