Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, practicum hours have been reduced for the 2020-2021 academic year. This is a temporary reduction of hours for field education for this academic year. The new requirements continue to meet the CSWE accreditation standards for an MSW field practicum.

Individual student field placements for the 2020/2021 school year may have different start dates, end dates, days of the week, and number of hours in each week. Students are expected to indicate the days of the week and number of hours, for a typical week, they will be in field on their learning agreement. Hours in field placement will be recorded in the student’s monthly report in SSWIS.

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**Important Dates to Remember**

Special Note for 2020-2021 – All dates listed below are per the UNC academic calendar. If students begin their field placement or end their field placement on a different date, this must be agreed to with their field instructor and their field faculty must be notified. No student may complete their field placement before March 8 without prior approval from the Assistant Dean of Field Education.

**Fall Semester, First Day of Field:** August 19 for all students.

**Fall Semester, Last Day of Field:** November 12 for generalist students; November 13 for specialization.

**Spring Semester – First Day of Field:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021

**Spring Break – March 8-12, 2021**

**Holiday – April 2, 2021**

**Spring Semester, Last Day of Field:** Generalist Students - April 22, 2021; Specialist Students - April 23, 2021

**Due Dates:** Monthly Reports due on the last day of every month. (Except for months of November and April when they are due on the last day of field.)

*Hours spent in Jumpstart, Field Seminar and working on Field Seminar Assignments are not counted as Field Hours.

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1 An update was made January 13, 2021 to reflect the Wellness Day added Fall 2020
2 An update was made February 19, 2021 to reflect an inclement weather day (2/18)