

# Delaware State University

## Department of Social Work

Dear Incoming Student:

Welcome! Congratulations on your admission to the Department of Social Work at Delaware State University. You have made an excellent decision and we look forward to working with you over the course of your graduate education as you begin your professional journey.

The Council on Social Work Education requires that all social work students successfully complete a field placement. The field placement will help you learn about social work's professional values and ethics and will give you an opportunity to integrate your classroom learning with practice in a fieldwork setting. You will enter a teaching relationship with your field instructor, and thus will receive valuable feedback, supervision, and evaluation from a qualified practitioner. Your field placement is to be taken seriously and makes up 25% of the curriculum. Please fill out the attached field application and return along with a copy of your resume to me as soon as possible for placement. Field placements are very competitive and so it is critical to fill out and return your field application with a sense of urgency.

Each placement site develops its own eligibility standards for student participation in their setting. For the field office to place you appropriately, all students going in field are required to obtain a criminal background check prior to starting field. Please note Delaware State University will not pay for this. A finding on a student's criminal background check may yield a rejection from some sites but may not yield a rejection from other sites. Some field placements will require fingerprinting, driving record and/or drug screening, in addition to a background check. It is your **responsibility** to confirm the requirements of your field placement site. It is important to be honest on the agency's human resource paperwork. Not every offense will be excusable; however, failure to be completely honest will be considered to be falsification and will result in you not being accepted as an intern or having a field placement.

You will receive additional information at a later date regarding your first field seminar. All students in the field course must attend the first week of classes. If you are coming into the program as a part time student, you will not take field and practice the first year. However, your field application must be completed and return as soon as possible, along with a resume.

Please feel free to contact the field office at 302-857-7949 or [lallen@desu.edu](mailto:lallen@desu.edu), if you have any questions or concerns.

Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Lauren Allen LMSW, M.Ed  
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