

How to Become a TCU Field Instructor

To apply to be a Field Instructor at TCU, contact Dr. Lynn Jackson, Director of Field Education, at Lynn.Jackson@tcu.edu. Complete the Field Agency Application if your agency is currently not affiliated with TCU social work, along with the Field Instructor Application. If your agency is currently a site for TCU social work interns, complete the Field Instructor Application and attach a resume.

Send your applications, along with a resume for each field instructor application, to Lynn.Jackson@tcu.edu or fax to 817-257-5784.

What type of agency does TCU want for field sites?

TCU currently works with a range of field agencies and is continually expanding this network. At a minimum, your agency must be able to provide a 16 hour per week internship in the Fall and Spring semesters. Students are in the agencies 15 weeks for a total of 480 field hours for the BSW program and 400 field hours for MSW foundation students and 500 field hours for MSW concentration students.

You can expect that all social work students will plan and conduct a research project as part of their placement. The nature of the research will vary depending on whether they are in the BSW or MSW program (but generally BSW and foundation MSW students will do a secondary data analysis and the MSW concentration students will do something more advanced.)

What are the qualifications to become a field instructor?

Field instructors must be licensed bachelors' or master's level social workers and have a minimum of one year experience in the agency setting.

What are the advantages of being a field instructor?

Field instructors with TCU are eligible for adjunct faculty status, which includes privileges, other than financial compensation, extended to other part time members of TCU. Field instructors also receive .5 CEU's for each semester of field instruction.

What training is required to be a field instructor?

All Field instructors must complete an initial training that provides an overview of the CSWE educational standards as well as other relevant information to TCU students. In addition, other trainings may be offered from time to time to enhance working with field students. Trainings offer CEU's.