BSW Beginning Placement Orientation

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Check In



- What are you looking forward to?
- What concerns you?

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Purpose of Practicum

- Significant learning
- Translating theory into practice
- Opportunity to engage in reflective practice
- Social Justice and Social Work
- Philosophy of Placement
- Teamwork
- (Start) Building networks/contacts

Social Justice and Social Work

- Integrating critical theory into the practicum experience
- Reflective practice is the essence of Social Work practice
- You are representing York U School of Social Work and the perspectives you have learned here

Pre-placement agency requirements

- Vulnerable Sector Screening—it is your responsibility to show the placement site the results of your screening
- Driver's license and access to a car
- Health documentation:
 - **10-year booster shot (MMR, TdP)
 - **Chickenpox (Varicella) vaccine
 - **Hepatitis B vaccine
 - **Flu shot
 - TB Two-Step Tuberculin Skin Testing
 - N95 Respirator Mask Fit
 - COVID-19 Screening or vaccine (if requested by the agency)

Practicum Particulars

<u>MUST</u> register for practicum courses W/S SOWK 4000 and F/W SOWK 4001 (Total 12 credits) As Soon As Placement is Confirmed (Permission has already been granted) – YOU WILL <u>NOT</u> GET A GRADE OR BE COVERED FOR WSIB IF NOT ENROLLED IN THESE COURSES!

Your In-Person Integrative Seminar details will be listed in your Confirmation of Placement on Experience York

- <u>MUST</u> complete **700** hours at the placement site or remotely by **April 28th, 2023 and** submit your placement documentation by **April 14th, 2023 (with Post-Degree students this will vary depending on how many days at placement)** in order to convocate in June of 2023.
 - REMEMBER TO <u>APPLY TO GRADUATE</u> THROUGH THE REGISTRAR'S WEBSITE: <u>http://registrar.yorku.ca/</u>
- If you will not complete all hours by April 28th, you <u>must</u> contact your Faculty Advisor and the Field Office to request a <u>deferral</u>. The form must be completed by the student, field instructor, faculty advisor and approved by Field Education Manager. IF YOU DO <u>NOT</u> SUBMIT THIS FORM YOU WILL NOT BE COVERED BY WSIB.



Practicum Particulars

- Calculate your hours carefully
 - Lunch, Sick Time or Statutory Holidays are <u>NOT</u> included in placement hours
 - Placement hours completed on statutory holidays are <u>NOT</u> considered time and a half.
 - Integrative Seminars are <u>NOT</u> counted as hours
 - Attending this orientation cannot be counted in your hours
 - Make a schedule with your Field Instructor try to plan for unforeseen circumstances

Practicum Particulars

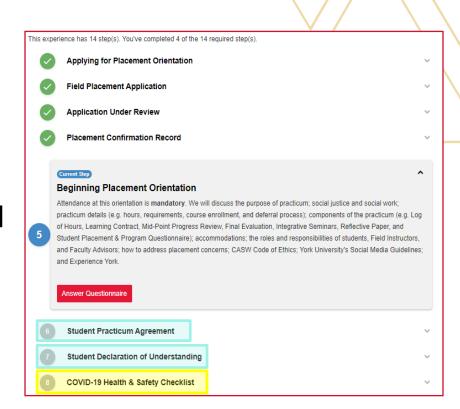
- <u>Direct Entry</u> Students are required to be in placement 3 FULL days per week
- Post Degree Students are required to be in placement 2 5 FULL days per week
- Placement days are 8 hours long including breaks lunch can be 1 hour or 30 mins (don't count lunch time as placement time).
- Familiarize yourself with the BSW Practicum Manual:
 - Click Here for the Manual
 - * Please Carefully Review the Placement Breakdown Policy (Pages 48-54)

Hours for Placement

- Plan your hours accordingly
- Meet with your Field Instructor(s) and plan out all your hours in a calendar by the end of your first month in placement
- Your hours should be completed on the days per week that you have negotiated with your Field Instructor(s)
- 700 hours are very tight, so we encourage you to do
 1 extra day a month if planning to convocate in June

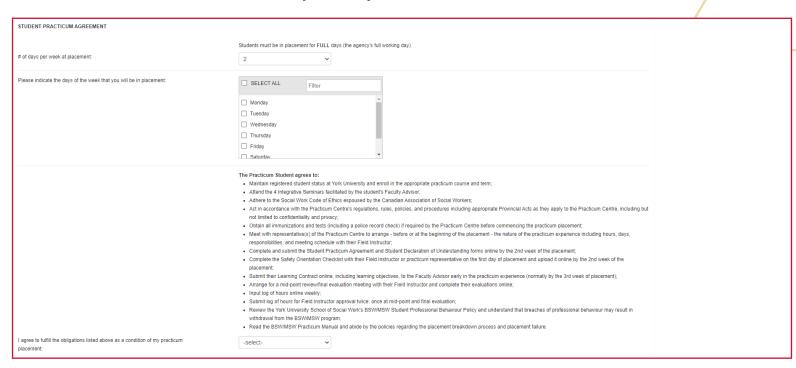
Placement requirements

- 1. Student Practicum Agreement
- 2. Student Declaration of Understanding (WSIB)
- These 2 forms must be submitted on Experience York by the second week of your placement
- 3. Health & Safety Checklist



1. Student Practicum Agreement

• Complete on Experience York *no later* than the **second week** of your placement



2. Student Declaration of Understanding (WSIB)

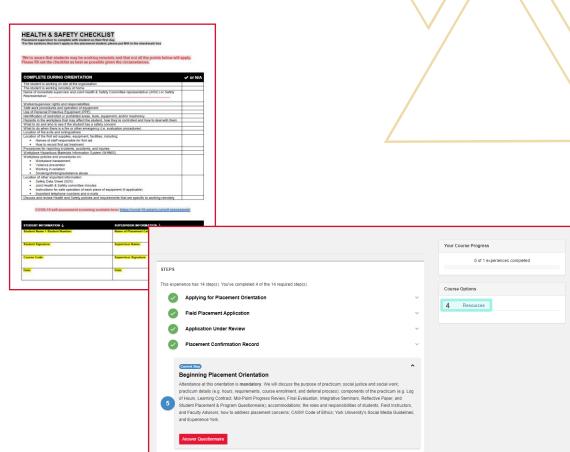
- Complete online no later than the second week of your placement
- WSIB reporting procedures—you must report an accident/injury to the Field Education Office ASAP

Student Declaration of Understanding Workplace Safety and Insurance Board or Private Insurance Coverage Students on Program Related Placements Student Name: Test Test 987654321 Student Number: MSW-F16-5350FT Name of Practicum Center: Testing Agency Student coverage while on placement The government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD), formerly Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU), reimburses WSIB for the cost of benefits it pays to Student Trainees enrolled in an approved program at a Training Agency (university). Ontario students are eligible for Workplace Safety Insurance Board (WSIB) coverage while on placements that are required by their program of study. MAESD also provides private insurance to students should their unpaid placement required by their program of study take place with an employer who is not covered under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act. Furthermore, MAESD provides limited private insurance coverage for students in Ontario publicly supported postsecondary programs whose placements are arranged by their postsecondary institution to take place outside of Ontario (international and other Canadian jurisdictions) Declaration I have read and understand that WSIB or private insurance coverage will be provided through the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development while I am on a placement as arranged by the university as a requirement of my program of study. I understand that should an injury occur at my placement, I am to inform my supervisor and the School immediately (preferably on the



3. Health & Safety Checklist

- Complete alongside your Field Instructor(s) no later than the first week of placement
- This form can be found in the Resources tab under "Course Options"
- Upload directly to Experience York





COVID-19 York University COVID19 Fact and

Information Sheet

Please review the above-mentioned information sheet in the email confirmation package Esther sent to you.

Transportation while on Placement

- Students do not receive any compensation from York for public transit, mileage or otherwise.
- We advise you not to transport clients in your own cars unless directly required to by the placement site.
 If you are required to do so, please ensure you obtain the necessary car insurance.
- Covid-19: make sure to follow precautions/prescreening/PPE set out by the agency
- Your Field Instructor cannot transport you in their own vehicle.



Accommodations

- If you require any health-related accommodations for placement, they must be submitted in writing to the Field Education Office by your Student Accessibility Services Counsellor: https://accessibility.students.yorku.ca/
- It is encouraged that you communicate your needs to the Field Education Office and/or your Field Instructor(s) prior to the start of placement
- Academic accommodations in the classroom may present differently in the placement setting

Components of the Practicum

- Integrative Seminars (Mandatory in-person)
- Learning Contract
- Log of Hours
- Mid-Point Progress Review
- Final Evaluation
- Student Placement & Program Questionnaire
- Reflective Paper (1000-1200 words)



Integrative Seminars

- Four (4) Integrative Seminars (the seminars are in-person)
- Attendance is MANDATORY (Lack of attendance can result in a placement failure)
- Must attend even if during placement hours (make up the hours missed)
 - Your field instructors are aware that you need to attend the seminars as the dates were provided to them. They will support you being away from placement to attend
- Reflective practice paper (1000-1200 words—Faculty Advisor will give you instructions for the content of this paper)

The Learning Contract

- Completed in first 3 weeks of placement (completed by the first 60 hours)
- Joint effort between student and Field Instructor(s)
- Living Document: Can change at midpoint
- Used to evaluate learning
- Submit via Experience York

Due Dates

Practicum requirement	Deadline	Reviewed by
Log of Hours (submit via Experience York)	Submit daily or weekly, verified once at mid-point (350 hours) and again at final (700 hours), no later than April 14, 2023	Faculty Advisor (via Experience York)
Learning Contract (submit via Experience York)	3 rd week of placement (~60 hours)	Faculty Advisor (via Experience York)
Mid-point Progress Review (submit via Experience York)	At the <i>half-way</i> mark of your placement (350 hours)	Faculty Advisor (via Experience York)
Final Evaluation (submit via Experience York)	No later than April 14, 2023	Faculty Advisor (via Experience York)
Reflective Paper (submit via Experience York)	No later than April 14, 2023	Faculty Advisor (via Experience York)
Student Placement & Program Questionnaire (submit via Experience York)	No later than <mark>April 14, 2023</mark>	Field Education Office (via Experience York)



LEARNING CONTRACT 5 MAJOR OBJECTIVES



Social issues addressed by the organization (meta or macro)



Organizational context (mezzo)



Critical social work skills (micro)



Critical reflexive practice skills (micro)



Professional context of practice (mezzo and micro)



Learning Goals

Learning Goals are:

S.M.A.R.T.

Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timely

Example 1 (Critical Social Work Skills):

Learning Goal – To become familiar with community resources in order to refer clients and recognize how resources would benefit clients

Plans for Goal Attainment – Discuss with supervisor when referrals are necessary, research agencies/programs/services online, and learn who qualifies for certain programs



Learning Goals

Example 2 (Critical Reflexive Practice Skills):

- Learning Goal To learn and recognize how my social identity as a white, heterosexual, adult male can impinge or impact my working relationship with a client.
- Plans for Goal Attainment Document and summarize an experience with a client whom is a visible minority. The summarization will explain a scenario where my social privileges may have had an impact on the working relationship (positive or negative)

Learning Goals

Example 3 (Organizational Context):

- **Learning Goal -** Review different government policies that affect newcomers to Canada, such as the Canadian requirements for immigrant professionals to continue their career.
- Plans for Goal Attainment Attend meetings to gain knowledge of the different Canadian policies and requirements that create barriers for newcomer professionals. Research and create resources for clients wishing to remain in their specific occupation to help them continue their career.

Mid-Point Progress Review

- Completed online roughly halfway through placement (~350 hours)
- Joint effort between student and Field Instructor(s)
- Check Point for modification
 - The goals that were initially on your learning contract can be modified here
- Submit via Experience York

Final Evaluation, Reflective Practice Paper & Log of Hours

- Final Evaluation is a joint process between student and Field Instructor
- Goals can be modified if change prior to submitting the final evaluation
- SUBMIT ONLINE via EXPERIENCE YORK
- CREDIT is granted after we receive authorization from your Faculty Advisor (Will show as "P" on your transcript)
- It is encouraged that students retain a copy of their final evaluations
- Reflective practice paper (submit via Experience York)
- Log of Hours (submit online keep a hard copy for your records)

Student Placement & Program Questionnaire

- An opportunity for you to provide feedback about the placement process, your placement, and your overall experience of York University's Social Work program
- With your consent, we can share your feedback with your Field Instructor(s), Faculty Advisor, and/or Academic leaders at the School of Social Work

Faculty Advisor Summary

- Students can view the Faculty Advisor Summary Assessment on Experience York.
- This summary includes the grade that will be posted through the registrar's office.
- Please note that placement grades are entered manually by program staff. As such, there is processing time from when you see the grade in Experience York and when it is uploaded on the student information system.

Roles and Responsibilities The Triad

Faculty Advisor



Student

Field Instructor

Students: Roles and Responsibilities

- You are a student (not a volunteer/not an employee)
- Learning Contract and Regular Supervision helps define your role
- Your responsibility is to ensure all documentation for placement (e.g. evaluations) are completed and submitted
- Notify the school and field instructor of work-related injury ASAP (WSIB)
 AND any concerns related to COVID-19
- Follow York University's Covid-19 protocols as they pertain to enrollment in the course. And following placement site's COVID-19 requirements
- Dress appropriately
- Be on time and ready to learn and engage
- Be prepared for supervision
- Use of agency resources for placement purposes ONLY
- Training and conferences
- Consult Practicum Manual



Field Instructor: Roles and Responsibilities

- Provide guidance and mentorship
- Treat student with respect
- Acknowledge and understand the power dynamics
- Honour student status
- Provide supervision time
- Help ensure evaluations are completed in timely manner
- Notify the school of work-related injury ASAP (WSIB) AND any concerns related to COVID-19
- Ensure time is allocated for attendance to integrative seminars

Faculty Advisor: Roles and Responsibilities

- Maintain a relationship between placement, student and School
- Integrative Seminars
- Help guide/facilitate the transformation of theory into practice
- In-person site visits
- Trouble shooter
- Advises Field Office of completion of placement requirements so credit can be issued
- Field Office must receive signed form from Faculty Advisor to grant CREDIT

ADDRESSING A PLACEMENT CONCERN



Connect with Field Instructor(s) directly



Connect with Faculty Advisor independently



Explore concern(s) during Integrative Seminar(s)



Connect with Field Education
Coordinator



Connect with Field Education Manager

Placement Concerns

- Issues do come up in placements just like in all other areas of life
- Not an issue of failure or something to avoid, but opportunity to practice problem solving and conflict resolution skills
- ADDRESS ISSUES EARLY!
- Use clear/direct communication
- Involuntary Withdrawal
- Placement Breakdown
 - READ IN PRACTICUM MANUAL

Social Work Code of Ethics

- Confidentiality
- Be familiar with policy and procedures at the agency – ask questions if unclear about anything
- Social Work Code of Ethics Available

https://www.casw-

acts.ca/files/attachements/casw code of ethics 0.pdf



Social Work Code of Ethics

Example 1: Confidentiality

- Inform clients early in their relationship of any limits of client confidentiality
- Have clients sign completed consent forms prior to the disclosure of information. Verbal consent can be obtained in urgent situations, however the worker must document this
- Do not disclose more information than required
- Limits to confidentiality risk to self, risk to others, disclosure of abuse of a minor

Social Work Code of Ethics

Example 2: Representation

- College members do not misrepresent professional qualifications, education, experience, or affiliation.
- Advise clients of your role as a social work <u>student</u>.

Example 3: Professional boundaries

- Relationship serves the needs of the client, over the needs of the social worker. We avoid conflicts of interest that may interfere with professional discretion and impartial judgment.
 - Ex. Physical contact with clients, "lending" clients money
 - Keep your personal issues separate from your placement performance, seek support from outside sources for personal issues, don't put your agency in that position.
 - Sharing personal contact info (cell, social media etc.)



York U Social Media Guidelines

- Review the Social Media Terms of Use (Click Here)
- Students are advised not to use their personal social media accounts for placement-related work
- Ensure that all information posted on your "professional" social media account (e.g., LinkedIn) is approved by your Field Instructor(s)
- Do not post client photos, videos, and/or information anywhere without written consent



Experience York STUDENT GUIDE

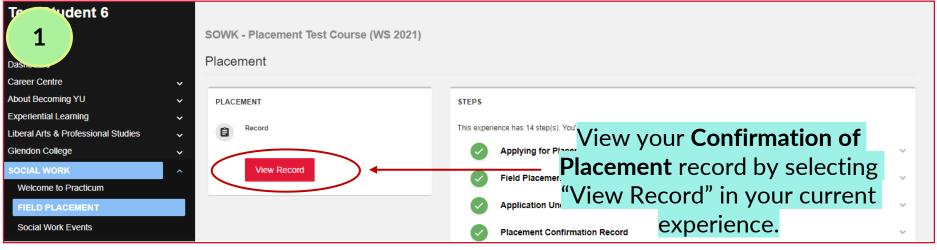
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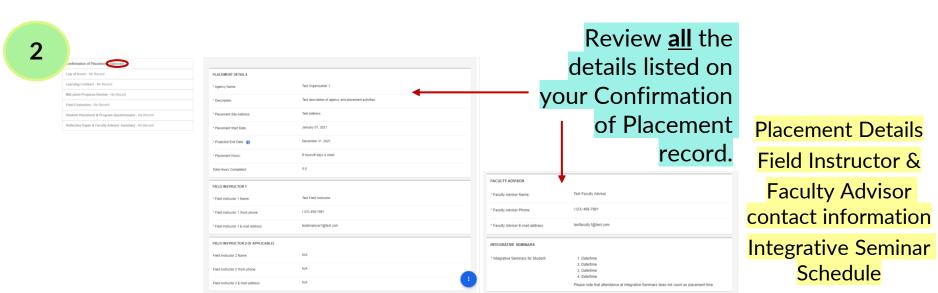


Reviewing your Confirmation of Placement

EXPERIENCE YORK – REVIEWING YOUR CONFIRMATION OF PLACEMENT







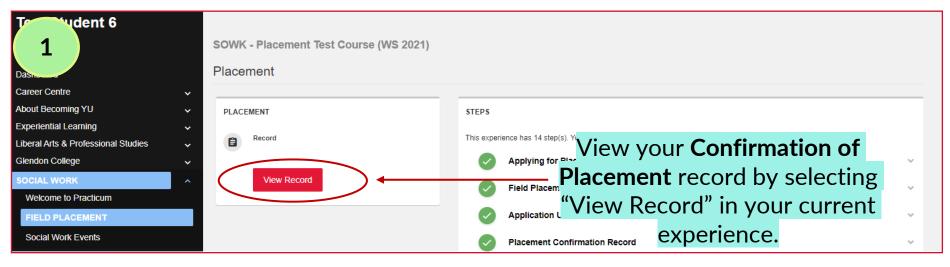


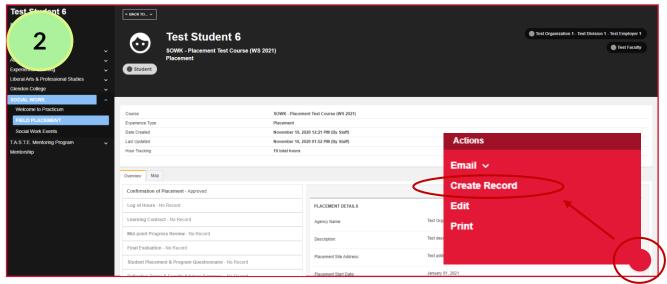
Creating record forms

Log of Hours
Learning Contract
Mid-point Progress Review
Final Evaluation
Student Placement & Program Questionnaire
Reflective Paper & Faculty Advisor Summary

EXPERIENCE YORK - CREATING RECORD FORMS



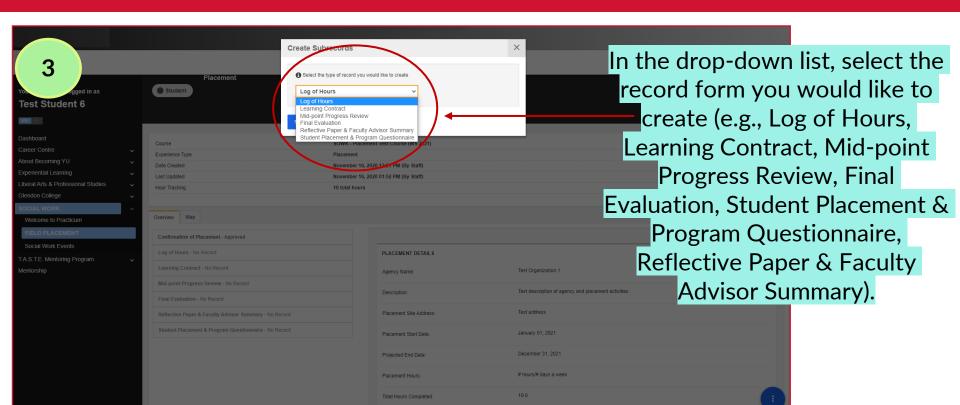




In the bottom, right-hand corner of the Confirmation of Placement page, click on the RED circle and select "CREATE RECORD."

EXPERIENCE YORK - CREATING RECORD FORMS







Logging hours Daily or weekly

LOG OF HOURS PROCESS FLOW CHART



Student records their Log of Hours on a daily or weekly basis via Experience York—submitting their hours to their Field Instructor(s) for approval *prior* to submitting their Mid-point Progress Review/Final Evaluation



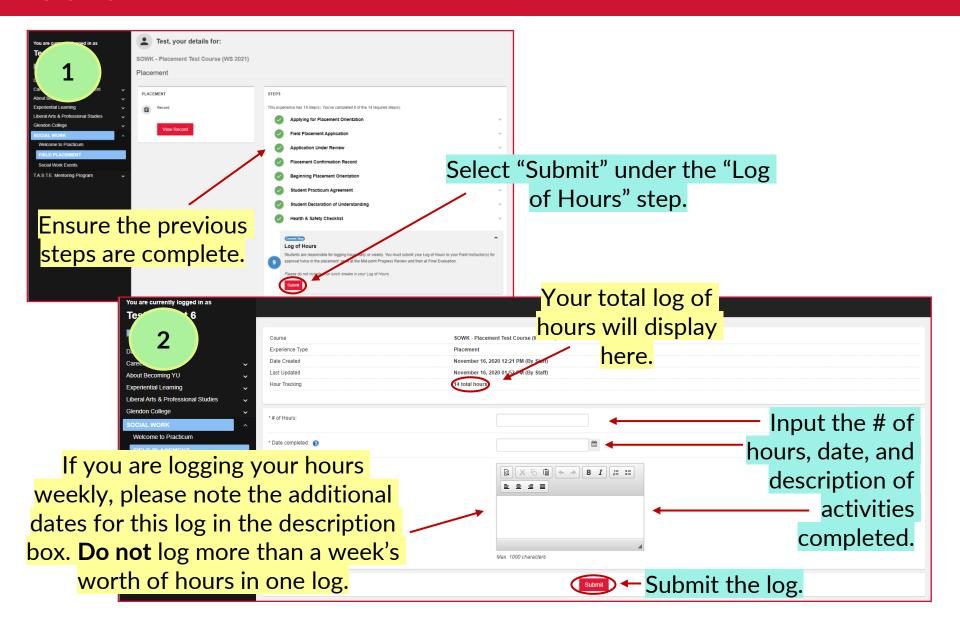
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Faculty Advisor *reviews* the Log of Hours on Experience York

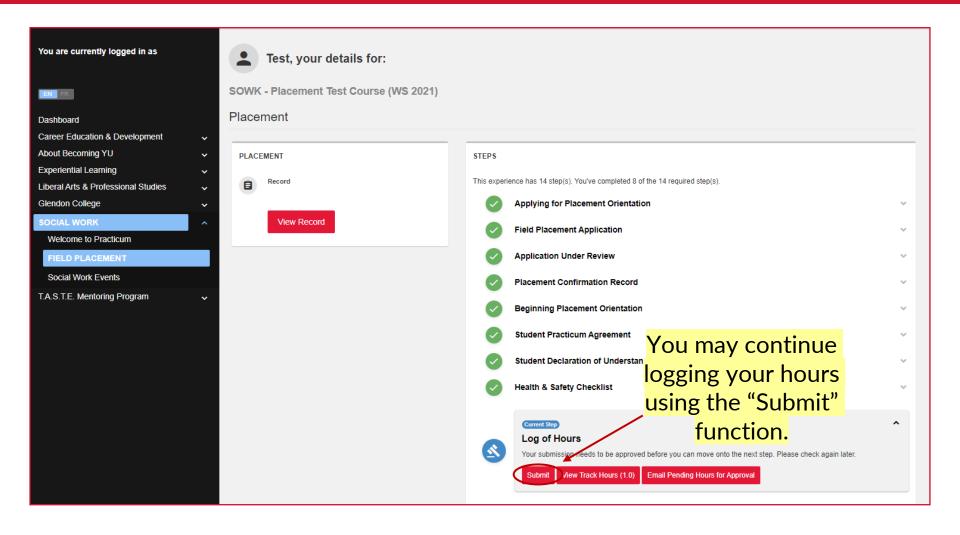
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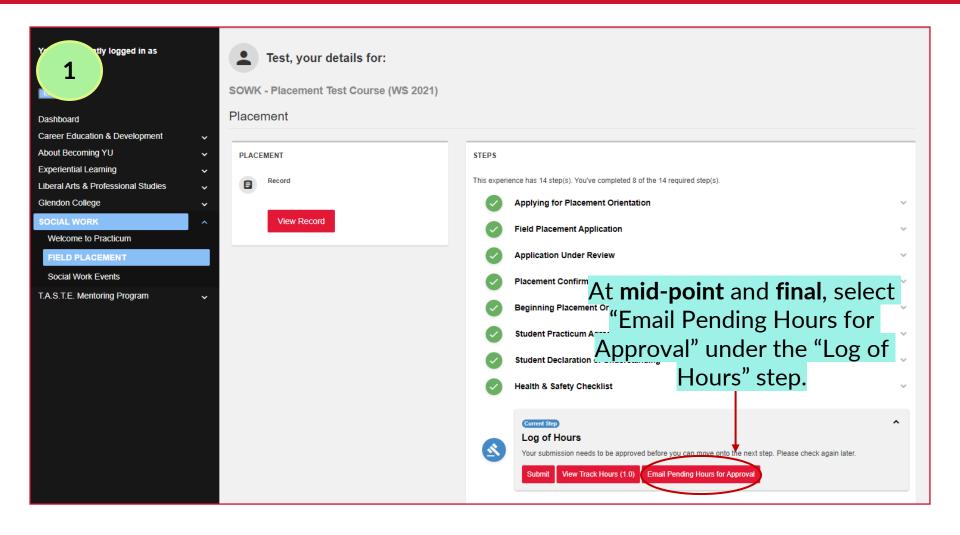


E-mailing Log of Hours for approval

Once at mid-point and again at final

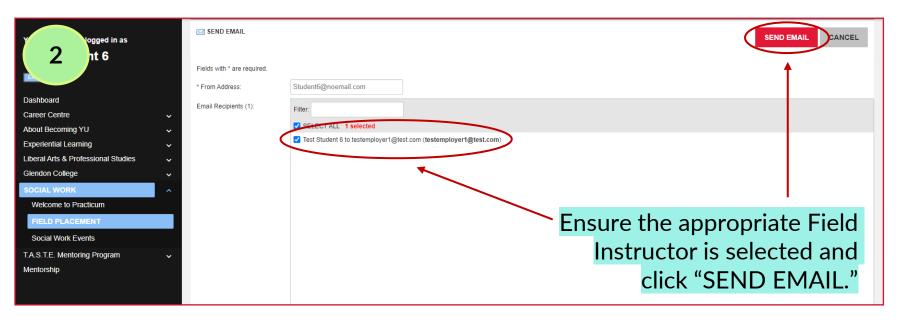
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EXPERIENCE YORK – E-MAILING LOG OF HOURS FOR APPROVAL





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Submitting the Learning Contract

PROCESS FLOW CHART



Student *initiates* the process by collaborating with their Field Instructor(s) to input information in the **online** Learning Contract (e.g., goals, plans for goal attainment) and *submits* the form



Field Instructor reviews and approves the online form on Experience York

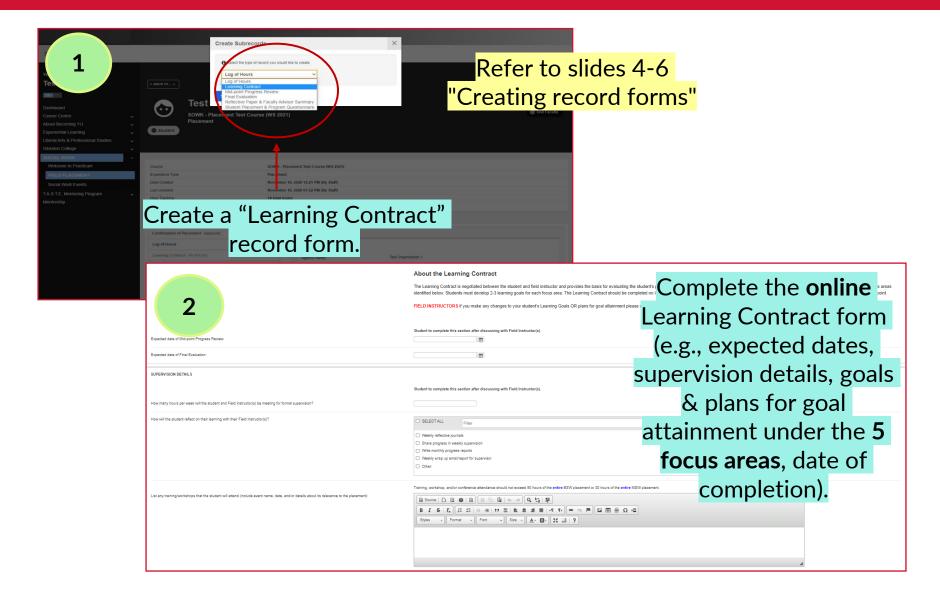


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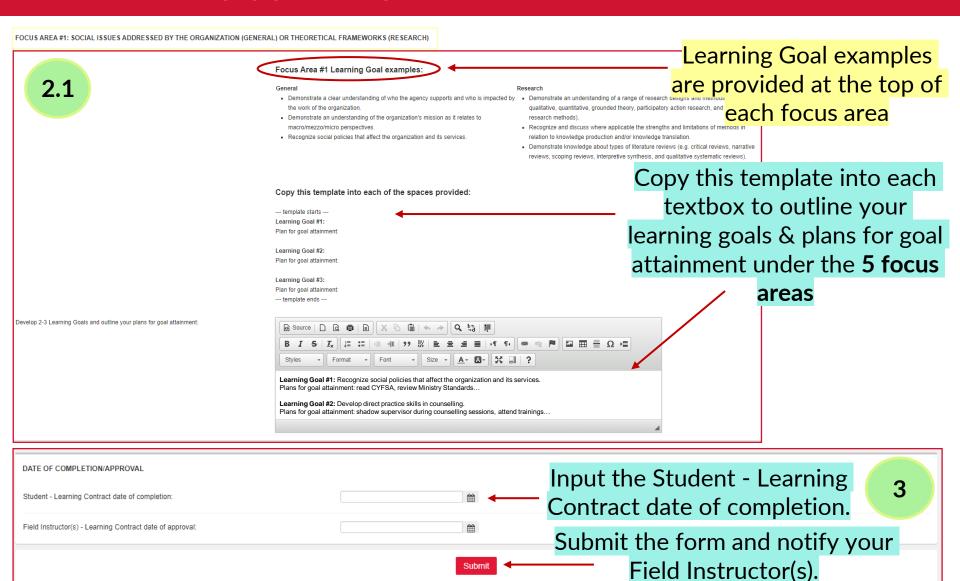




EXPERIENCE YORK – SUBMITTING THE LEARNING CONTRACT









Submitting the Mid-point Progress Review

MID-POINT PROGRESS REVIEW PROCESS FLOW CHART

Student *initiates* the process by inputting information in the **online** Mid-point Progress Review (e.g., copying & pasting learning goals and plans for goal attainment from Learning Contract, writing self-evaluations for each learning goal) and *submits* the form



Field Instructor reviews the student's selfevaluations and offers their ratings & feedback on the **online** Mid-point Progress Review after having a discussion with the student about their progress

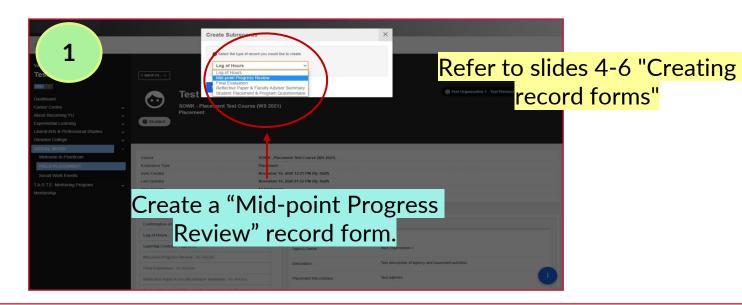


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EXPERIENCE YORK – SUBMITTING THE MID-POINT PROGRESS REVIEW







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About the Mid-point Progress Review

At the mid-point mark of the placement, students should have a formal meeting with their Field Instructor(s) to discuss achievements to date - based on the goals for placement outlined in the student's Learning Contract. The progress review should be used as a guide to ascertain achievements and clarify the student's critical path of focus for the remainder of the placement. The goals in the Learning Contract can be revised at this point to reflect new goals; addressing areas in need of further development. The revised learning goals are then used to guide the final evaluation process. Once the Mid-point Progress Review form is completed, it is electronically submitted to the Faculty Advisor for review.

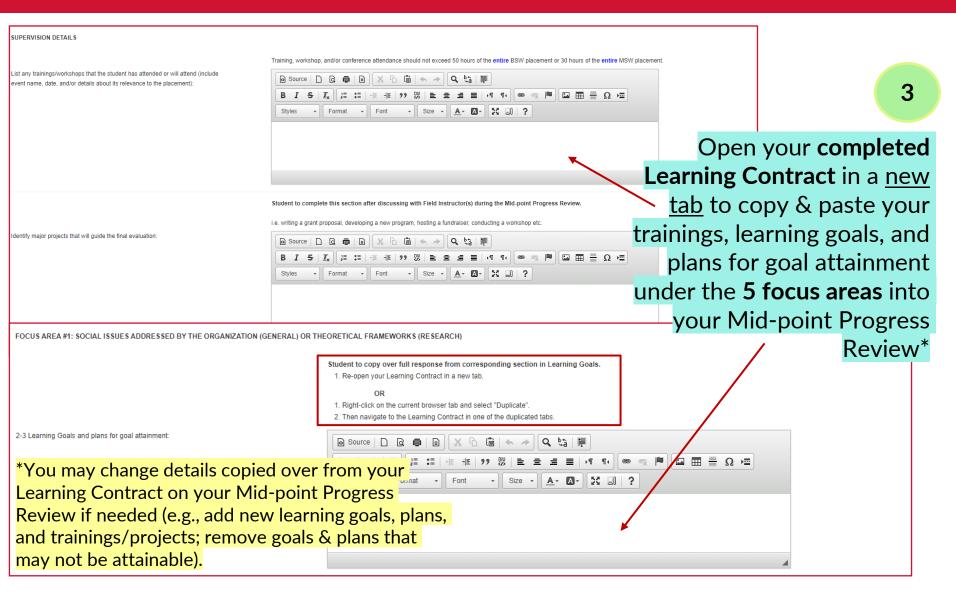
I have submitted my Mid-point Log of Hours for approval to my Field Instructor(s):

Submitted your Mid-point Log of Hours for approval.

EXPERIENCE YORK – SUBMITTING THE MID-POINT PROGRESS REVIEW



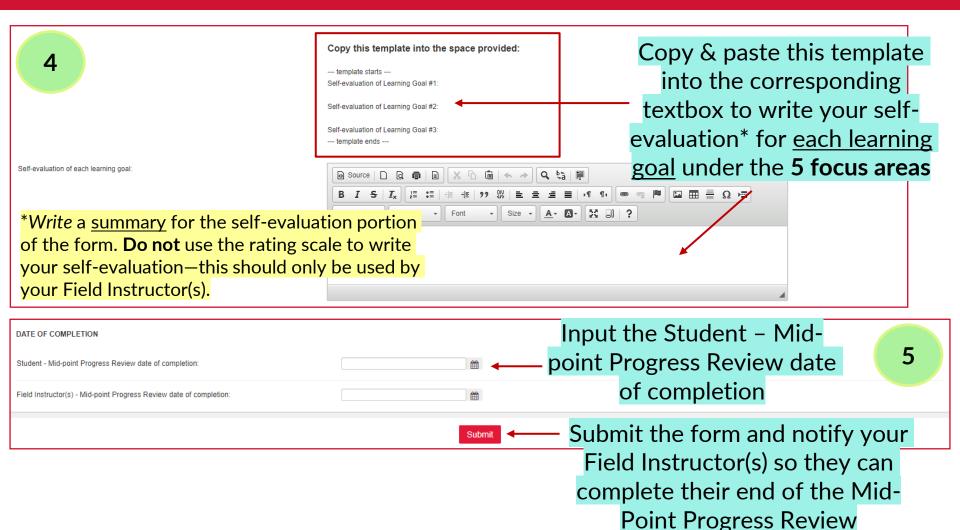




EXPERIENCE YORK – SUBMITTING THE MID-POINT PROGRESS **REVIEW**









Submitting the Final Evaluation

FINAL EVALUATION PROCESS FLOW CHART

Student *initiates* the process by inputting information in the **online** Final Evaluation (e.g., copying & pasting learning goals and plans for goal attainment from Learning Contract AND/OR Mid-point Progress Review, writing self-evaluations for each learning goal) and *submits* the form



Field Instructor reviews the student's selfevaluation and offers their ratings & feedback on the **online** Final Evaluation after having a discussion with the student about their cumulative experience

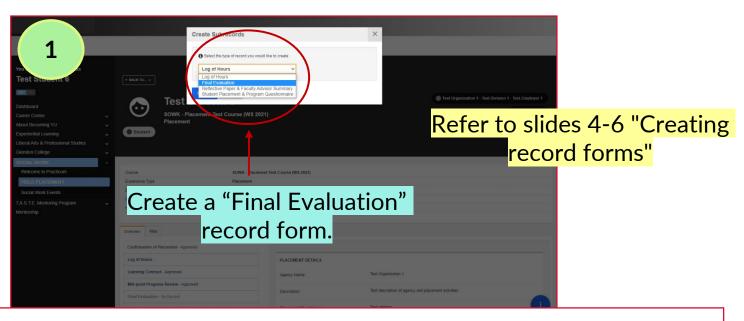


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About the Final Evaluation

The Final Evaluation is completed by the student and the Field Instructor(s) as the placement ends. It is intended to assess the student's level of achievement in meeting the goals for placement as identified by the School and the student's Learning Contract.

EXPECTED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT

- The student has demonstrated growth across the time of placement (i.e., has demonstrated not only a conceptual grasp of theory and relevant
 understanding of policy and community development, but an ability to integrate theory into practice in a purposive way).
- At the time of final evaluation, the student could function as a beginning social worker in a general service agency (i.e., capable of autonomous work in routine areas after a period of orientation with awareness; able to seek out and utilize consultation and help from supervisors and other Staff members).

Confirm that you have submitted your Final Log of

Hours for approval.

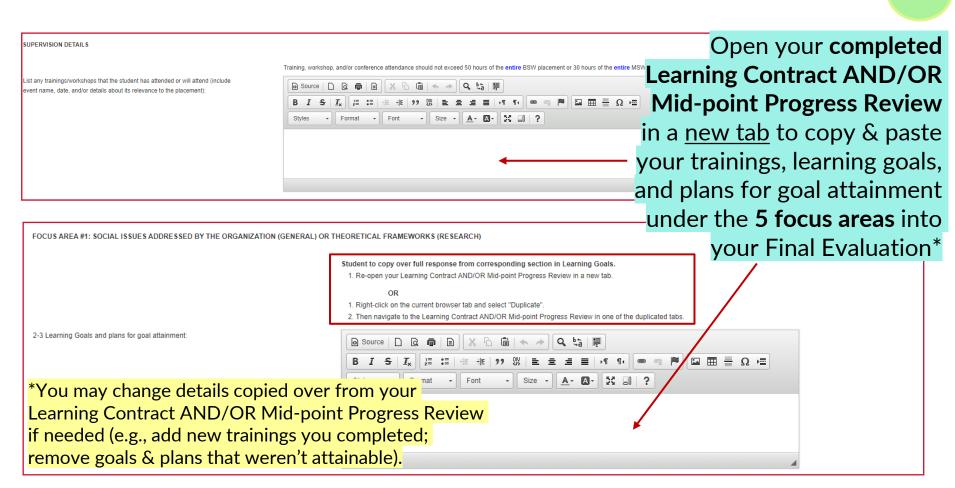
I have submitted my Final Log of Hours for approval to my Field Instructor(s):

EXPERIENCE YORK - SUBMITTING THE FINAL EVALUATION





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EXPERIENCE YORK - SUBMITTING THE FINAL EVALUATION



Evaluation



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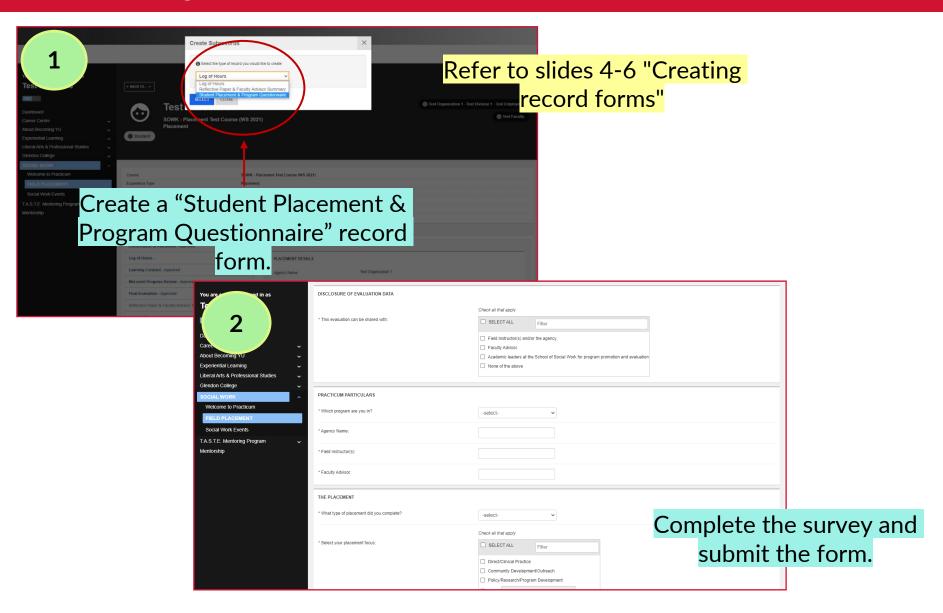


Completing the Student Placement & Program Questionnaire

EXPERIENCE YORK - COMPLETING THE SP&P QUESTIONNAIRE

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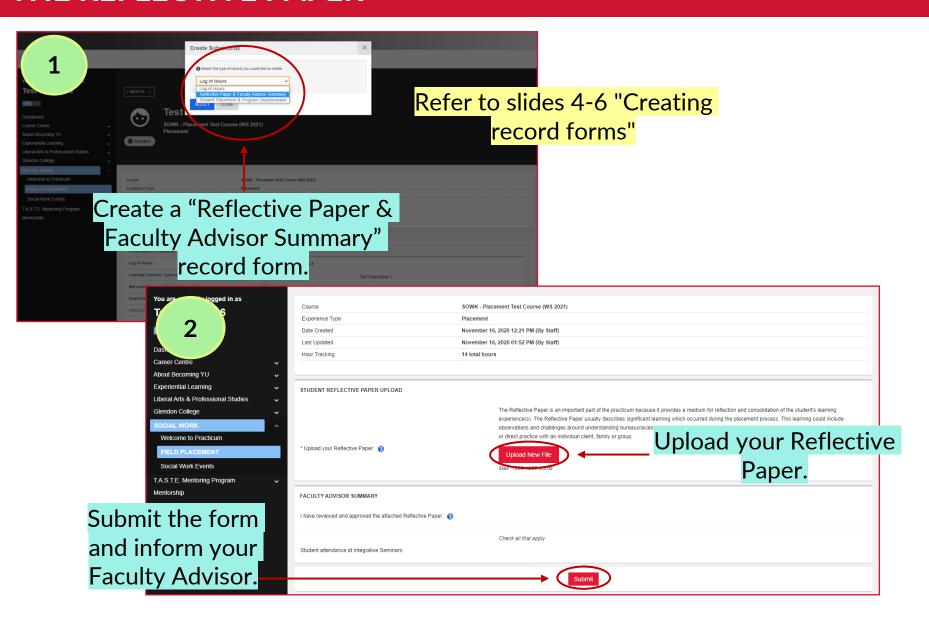


Submitting the Reflective Paper

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KPMG Social Work Placement bursary!

Reminder to Apply!

~ Deadline: October 15th, 2022

We will be giving out 3 awards of \$1000 each. The 3 criteria include:

- a. Student must be in placement
- b. Student must be in good academic standing
- c. Student must show financial need



Thank you!

Wishing you all the very best with placement—it was an absolute pleasure supporting all of you

We love to her success stories from placement – so please keep us in the loop about your achievements!

