

2024-25 Setting Description

Placement Setting: School Social Work Service

* (For concurrent placement only)

Target Group(s) Served:

Primary / Secondary Schools

Others: Kindergarten / Schools for Social Development

Remark: The Schools for Social Development are designed for students, aged 9 – 18, with adjustment problems. Services by social workers, teachers with special education training and educational psychologists are provided in these schools.

Nature and Purpose of Service:

School social work service aims at helping school students deal with their personal, family, interpersonal and school problems, and addressing their career and developmental needs so that they can achieve healthy growth and develop their potential. Services are provided on the remedial, preventive, and developmental levels through consultation, casework, group work and mass programs. Besides, consultations with teachers and parents are often offered. Coordination with and referrals to the Education Bureau (EDB) and non-government organizations (NGOs) are also made when necessary to support the students.

Choices of Placement Setting

Choices of Placement	Sub Code:	Workdays
Primary School Services	SSWP	Usually on Tue and Wed Day Time
Secondary School Services	SSWS	
Other School Services (i.e. Kindergarten/ Schools for Social Development etc.)	SSWO	Kindergarten: One workday might be on another weekday other than Tue or Wed, depending on the agency day Schools for Social Development: Usually on Tue and Wed Day Time

Working Hours:

Placement students may be required to conduct programs and groups during weekends. Some placement settings may request an early start (i.e. in September) or perform early duty by 8am in order to match with the school term.

Special Characteristics/ Requirements of this Setting:

- The placement students are expected to reach out to the school community and to be mature and independent in performing the social worker role in a secondary setting. They are expected to work closely with the teaching staffs as well as the management team.
- Students may be required to attend school staff meetings at the end of August on the request of the schools.
- Student workers will mainly work according to the school calendar, meaning they might have Christmas and Chinese New Year holidays when the school is closed. However, if the placement students work under an agency, they must report duty to the respective agency during the holiday breaks. All provision of services has to match with the school calendar as well as the school timetable.
- Schools usually require the placement students to undergo a Sexual Conviction Record Check. Students are required to arrange an earlier booking and contact the Placement Secretary to collect the letter for arranging a Sexual Conviction Record Check so that the record check can be collected before the commencement of Placement. For details, please check the website: https://www.police.gov.hk/info/doc/scrc/Application_Form.pdf

Nature of Fieldwork Assignments and Learning Opportunities:

1. Casework
2. Group work for students or their parents
3. Mass programs, community education services and projects.
4. Individual and group enquiries/consultation
5. Liaison/networking with school personnel and community resources for the implementation of social work service

Examples / Website of placement settings / agencies:

Social Welfare Department School Social Work Services

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_young/sub_schoolsoci/

Education Bureau, Whole school approach to Integrated Education

<https://www.edb.gov.hk/tc/edu-system/special/support/wsa/index.html>

International Social Service School Social Work and School Support Services
http://www.isshk.org/en/our_services/detail/8/

Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service School Social Work Division
<https://hklss.hk/en/service-information/s-division>

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