

Fieldwork Placement 2025-26

Briefing for students

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Briefing Schedule

General Requirements on Placement

Demonstration of PMS Enrollment System

Matching Process



The Importance of Fieldwork

An integral part of social work education with the emphasis on "Learning through doing";

Student works in a social work agency under the guidance of fieldwork supervisor as to incorporate theoretical knowledge into social work practice;

Student is expected to experience the real work setting, understand agency culture and requirement, to gain the practice wisdom from supervisor and agency staffs;

An important process to train up a competent and independent social worker.

Fieldwork Objectives

Students are given opportunities to:

- Demonstrate social work principles, values in actions and attitudes;
- Practice theories and models and develop skills;
- Enhance self-understanding, maximize potentials and own capacity
- Develop own style of work within the bounds of professional practice and development

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- Every student is required to undertake two fieldwork placements
- As required by SWRB, students will be placed at two different service settings, with different agencies, different field-mates and different fieldwork supervisors to widen your learning opportunities
- The placement will be assigned by HKU.

Fieldwork Placement Arrangement

BSWFT3/MSW FT 1:



Summer Block Placement

Duration: Jun 2 to Aug 9, 2025 (10 weeks, 45 hours per week, completing 450 hours)

Can apply for Overseas placement:

Fieldwork Modules

Late May 2025 to 10 – 23 Aug 2025 (with 10 - 12 consecutive weeks, 40 – 45 hours per week, completing 450 hours)

SOWK 4007/SOWK 6231 Fieldwork Placement II

Concurrent Placement (local only)

Duration: Sep 22, 2025 to April 4, 2026 (28 weeks, 2 days (16 hours) per week, mainly on every Tues and Weds, completing 450 hours)



FIELDWORK MODULES

MSW PT Y2

SOWK 6225 Field Placement I #

Concurrent Placement (local only)

Duration:

Sep 22, 2025 to Apr 4, 2026 (28 weeks, 16 hours per week, 2 sessions flexibly in daytime and/or evenings and 1 full day duty, completing 450 hours)

MSW PT Y3

SOWK 6231 Field Placement II *#

Concurrent Placement (local only)

Duration: Sep 21, 2026 to Apr 3, 2027

- * Can apply for Overseas/Mainland Fieldwork Placement taken in summer block, but needs to apply for deferment of Placement II to 2027 summer
- # Can apply for Attachment Placement in own employing agency, but only for social service setting agency



MSW PT Y1 2024 -25

2024-25

- 100 hours Pre-placement Preparation
- Submit your preference choice via PMS on Dec 17, 2024 for 2025-26 Concurrent Placement I.

2025-26

- Concurrent Placement I, Sept 22, 2025 April 4, 2026
- Submit your preference choice via PMS in Dec, 2025 for 2026-27 Concurrent Placement II.
- If you want to apply for overseas/block placement in 2027, apply for deferment of Placement II in Dec, 2025.

2026-27

- Concurrent Placement II, Sept 21, 2026 April 3, 2027.
- If you want to apply for overseas/block placement in 2027, submit your preference choice via PMS in Dec 2026.
- ✓ Overseas Placement interview will be held in late Dec 2026.
- ✓ If you are not selected, we will arrange a local block placement for you.



C-04 Application form for Attachment Placement

C-04 Application Form for Attachment Placement_2023.doc (live.com)

Attachment/On-the-job Placement

- Only applies to part-time students, who are now working at social service agency
- Students could apply for attachment placement once only
- Students who undertake attachment placement at the working agency should be placed at a different unit as to widen the learning opportunities and differentiate the role as student social worker
- For school setting, students cannot be placed at your own working school
- Students must get approval from agency and submit supporting letters at the time of application

Fieldwork Modules

For all part-time students:

Please prepare your own work schedule to match with the placement's requirement.

You need to <u>free at least 16 hours per week (besides of taking courses)</u> as to fulfill the placement's requirement.

If you can only free weekday evening (6pm to 10pm) and weekends for placement, this will limit your placement choices.

Overseas Fieldwork Placement

- Only applies to summer block placement
- Since 1998, the SWSA has already sent a total of 330 social work students in various placement settings in different countries and places, such as Australia, Canada, Singapore, UK, USA, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Taiwan, India and Japan.
- For interested students, you can attend the afternoon overseas briefing session

Roles and Responsibilities

Responsible to Agency/Clients:

"Student social worker" (實習社工)

Comply with agency policy, admin. procedures, office disciplines and proper documentation

Obtain approval before proceeding

Professional image, behaviours, appearance and dress code

Ensure confidentiality, privacy and code of ethics

Active participation and engagement



Roles and Responsibilities

Responsible to Supervisor/HKU

- Agreement on learning goals
- Responsible, active and reflective learner
- Cooperative and mutual support
- Paper submission on time
- Well prepare for supervision
- Open to share and question

Workload

Direct Services Guideline A)

First Placement

- Case only: at least 4 cases
- Case + group + program : 2 cases + 1 group +1 program
- Group + project/program : 2 groups + 1 program OR 1 group + 2 programs /projects (both have at least 2 sessions)
- Community Development project: 1-2
- * The above is for reference only
- * Workload is decided by mutual discussion amongst student, agency and fieldwork supervisor, while the final decision rests with the fieldwork supervisor

Workload

A) Direct Services Guideline

Second Placement

- Case only: at least 5 cases
- Cases + group + program: 2 -3 cases + 1 group +1 program
- Group, project and program: 2 groups + 1 program or 1 group + 2 programs /projects (both have at least 2-3 sessions)
- Community Development project: 1-2
- * The above is for reference only
- * Workload is decided by mutual discussion amongst student, agency and fieldwork supervisor, while the final decision rests with the fieldwork supervisor

Workload: Written Work



casework:
intake/transfer/te
rmination
summary, session
recordings
(including
process
recordings)



group work:
group proposal,
session plans,
session
recordings, final
evaluation report



project/program:
project/program
proposal, ongoing
process record,
evaluation report



self-reflective logs, supervision agendas, supervision logs



orientation report, learning contract



mid-placement and final evaluation report

Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria	1 st Placement	2 nd Placement
1. Professional Requirements	25%	25%
2. Organizational Requirements	15%	10%
3. Practice Competence	40%	50%
4. Written assignment and Use of Supervision	20%	15%



A failed grade in Section One will lead to a failed grade in the fieldwork placement regardless of student's performance in other assessment areas.

Choices of Placement Setting

Preferences for Summer Block
Placement 202526 (hku.hk)

Community Development Services (AG/CC/NLCDP/PHA)

Services for the Elderly (CSE/RSE)

Family Services (FSC/CISC)

Medical Social Services (MSS/MSP)

Multicultural Social Work (EDR/ASR/FDW)

Rehabilitation Services (RSD/RSR/PRS/CRN/SSS-only open for concurrent placement)

School Social Work Services (SSWP/SSWS/SSWO) – only open for concurrent placement

Services for Children & Youth (ICYSC/YR/RS)

Overseas/Mainland Fieldwork Placements (OFP) – only open for summer block placement

Setting Coordinators

Preferences for Summer Block Placement 2025-26 (hku.hk)

Setting	Setting Coordinators
Community Development	Lydia Lam
Services for Elderly	Edith Fung
Family Services	Omi Ng
Medical Setting Social Work Services	Debby Ko
Multicultural Social Work Service	Lydia Lam
Rehabilitation Services	Lydia Lam
School Social Work Services	Irene Law
Services for Children & Youth	Jake Pang
Overseas Fieldwork Placement	Lydia Lam

Consideration of Choices

Personal interest/ passion

Personal potential/ limitation

Learning expectation/opportunities

Future Career plan

Location (near to work / home / dorm) Placement setting's working hours

Personal work schedule

Submit Preference Choices

- Make 3 choices of placement setting
- Indicate 2 choices of specific interest for each selected setting
- Through PMS (Placement Management System) on web

Final matching result depends on availability of offers from agencies and students' suitability

Once submitted the choices, no amendment will be allowed

Submit Placement Preferences

Before submitting the application,

- 1. Please read through the information being uploaded onto placement website, https://placement.socialwork.hku.hk
- For BSW Students, please consult Teachers/ Skill Lab Teacher/ setting coordinators about your suitability
- 3. For MSW Students, please consult Teachers/Skills Teacher/setting coordinators about your suitability



District Preferences

- Central, Western, Southern & Islands
- Eastern & Wanchai
- 3. Kwun Tong
- 4. Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung
- 5. Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong
- 6. Sham Shui Po
- 7. Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing
- 8. Tuen Mun
- 9. Yuen Long
- 10. Sha Tin
- 11. Tai Po & North



District Preferences

Please choose 2 districts among the 11 districts as your choice

Please consider the district which is <u>more</u> <u>convenient</u> for you to commit placement <u>from</u> <u>dorm/home/work</u> during the placement time. The placement venue will try to be located within the travelling time of <u>ONE</u> hour.

Placement Preference System (PMS)

1. Type URL as:

https://pms.socialwork.hku.hk

- System will be activated on 24 November 2024, please log in on or after this date
- 2. Students will receive email notification on how to log in the system

Email Notification Sample

Dear Students,

Welcome to the SWSA Placement Management System, you can visit https://pms.socialwork.hku.hk to complete your application for the coming summer block and/or concurrent placement in 2025/2026.

Please use your university number and attached password to enter into the PMS. The PMS will be activated between 00:00 2024/11/24 to 17:00 2024/12/14.

Your password to the PMS is: 9EznP#####

If you have any enquiries about the PMS, please contact Ms. Nancy Lee at 3910 2560, <u>nancylny@hku.hk</u> or Ms. Lydia Lam at 3917 7031, <u>lamls@hku.hk</u> HKU SWSA Placement Management System

Placement Management System (PMS)

Front Page of the PMS



Department of Social Work and Social Administration
Placement Management System



Log in

Use a local account to log in.

User name / University Number

Password

Remember me?

Log in

Hello, 8888888888!

Log of

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Categories of personal data collected

The Placement Team shall collect and process the following categories of personal data:

- 1. Personal Data: (e.g. UID, names, addresses, photo, phone numbers)
- 2. Emergency Contact Person (Phone Number and Relationship with Student)
- 3. Other information: Medical information, Placement Preferences

Personal Information Collection Statement

- 1. Purpose: Any personal data and photo images of students collected by this form will be used for the purpose of processing fieldwork matching and necessary follow-up actions as required in relation to the fieldwork placement.
- 2. Data transferee: Your personal data will be kept confidential and handled by the authorized staff members of the placement team/the Department. Your personal data submitted will be transfer and disclosed to, and used by the placement team/department/staff members, and in-charge, supervisors, student placement coordinators of organisations/agencies/centres/schools involved in coordinating fieldwork placements for the purpose of fieldwork matching and coordination.
- The data collected for emergency contact persons is intended solely for the purpose of ensuring the safety and well-being of individuals in case of emergencies.
- 4. Consequence of not supplying data: Unless otherwise specified, provision of personal data is voluntary. However, failure to provide the relevant personal data will render the Fieldwork Team/Department unable to arrange placements.
- 5. We are committed to protecting the privacy, confidentiality and security of the personal information we hold by complying with the requirements of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance with respect to the management of personal information.
- 6. Rights of Access: You have the right to request access to and correction of your personal data held by the fieldwork team. Requests for access or correction of personal data should be made in writing to the Placement Secretary at fwpm@hku.hk.
- 7. You may click http://www.hku.hk/about/policies reports/privacy-policy.html for the Privacy Policy Statement of the University.

Declaration

- · I declare that all information provided on the PMS is accurate, correct, and submitted solely by me.
- I agree to the Personal Information Collection Statement.
- I have reviewed all the information on the placement website, https://placement.socialwork.hku.hk and understand the requirements for each setting before submitting my placement preferences to the Department of Social Work and Social Administration.
- · I fully understand the placement schedule for 2025-26 and commit to meeting the placement requirements.
- I understand that submitting my placement preferences in the PMS reflects my interests. However, I acknowledge that there is no guarantee my
 preferences will be matched due to the limited offers from various agencies.

Hello, 33333333331! Log off

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The University Of Hong Kong Department of Social Work and Social Administration Preference Form for Summer Block and Concurrent Placements (2025 - 2026)

For those compulsory fields, please input NA if not applicable

University Number

Salutation

Mr.

First Name

Andy

Last Name

Chan



Upload photo

max. 2MB. The photo will be sent to your placement agency!

Programme of Study

MSWPT

Skill Lab Teacher

Ms. Clara Lau

E-mail Address

nancylny@hku.hk

Nick Name

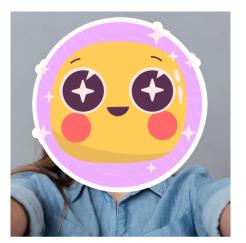
Andy

Name in Chinese (i.e. 陳大文. Please type NA if not applicable)

陳大文

Year Of Birth (i.e. 1999)

1999







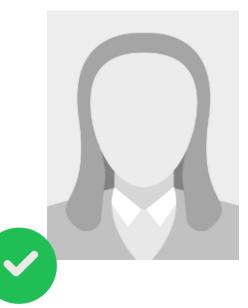


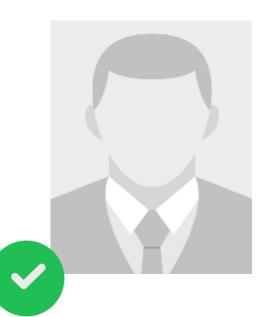


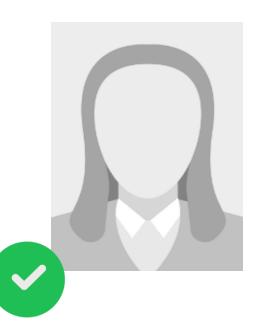




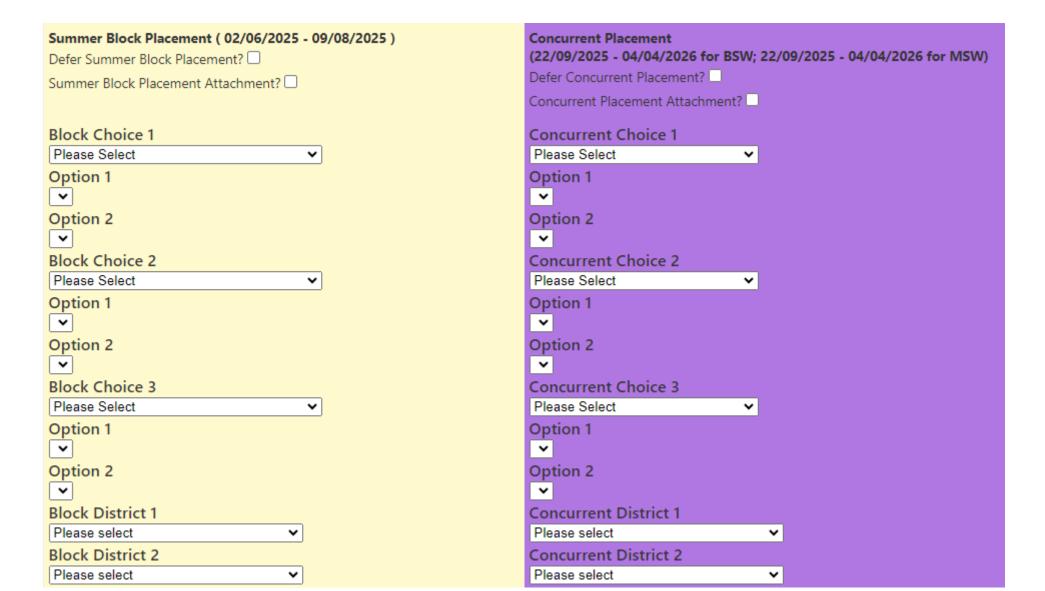




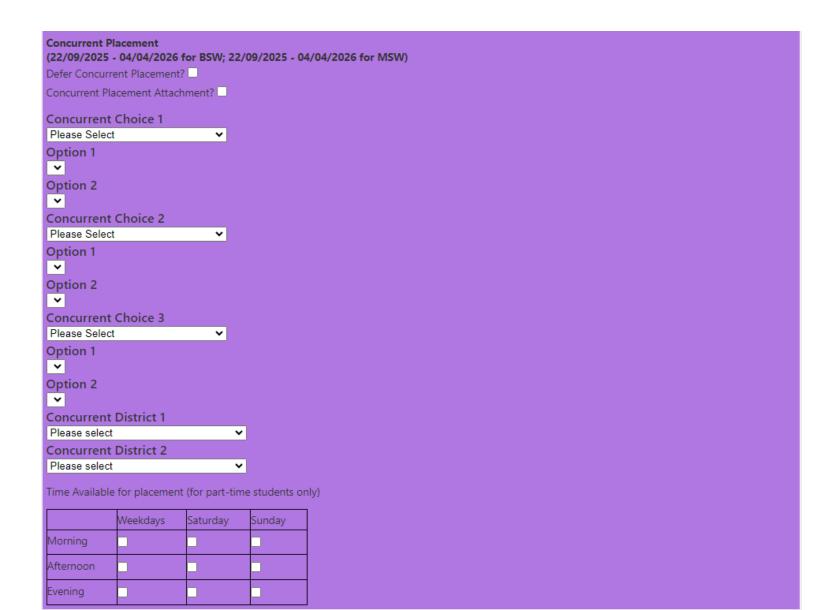




Screen for Full Time Students



Screen for Part-time Students



All information collected will be regarded as confidential and shall not be used or disclosed for purposes other than facilitating placement learning and shall not be transferred to any person other than the concerned staff of the Department, the fieldwork supervisor, and the concerned staff of the placement agency. This form will be kept by the Director of Field Instruction (DFI) and destroyed after the student's placements have been satisfactorily completed.

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Please indicate whether you have:
Asthma
Not Set ▼
Convulsions/Epilepsy Not Set ▼
Heart Diseases
Not Set ▼
Mental Illnesses
Not Set ▼
Hypertension Not Set ▼
Physical Disabilities Not Set
Other health or mental health challenges
If yes, please give additional information
Information of prescription/medication
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Please elaborate if your medical condition requires the placement agencies to provide reasonable accommodation with respect to equipment, physical settings, work arrangements, etc.



Screen after pressing the "Submit" button Please edit the information

Department of Social Work and Social Administration
Placement Management System



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Thanks for your submission, please double confirm the information as listed and then click the "confirm" button at the end of this page.

The University Of Hong Kong Department of Social Work and Social Administration Preference Form for Summer Block and Concurrent Placements (2025 - 2026)

University Number Salutation First Name Last Name 3333333333 Mr. Andy Chan

Programme of Study Skill Lab Teacher E-mail Address HK Mobile Number

MSWPT Ms. Clara Lau nancylny@hku.hk 92345678

Nick Name

And

Name in Chinese (i.e. 陳大文. Please type NA if not applicable)

陳大文

Year Of Birth

1999

Correspondence Address

Room 534, 5/F, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong

Religion (i.e. Christian, Catholic, Buddhism, Others, etc...)

N/A

Fluent in Language(s): Cantonese Yes English Yes Putonghua Yes Other: N/A

Emergency Contact Person

Chan Papa

Emergency Contact Telephone

91234

Emergency Contact Person relationship with Student

Father

Secondary School Name

ABC school

Secondary School Graduation Year



After Editing, please "Confirm"

Summer Block Placement

(03/06/2024 - 10/08/2024)

Block Choice 1

Family Services

Option 1

Integrated Family Service Centre and family related services and projects

Option 2

Crisis Intervention and Support Services*

Block Choice 2

Medical Social Work Services

Option 1

Medical Social Service Unit

Option 2

Medical Special Projects

Block Choice 3

Services for Children and Youth

Option 1

Youth at Risk

Option 2

Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre

Block District 1

Central Western, Southern and Islands

Block District 2

Eastern and Wan Chai

Concurrent Placement

(23/09/2024 - 05/04/2025 for BSW; 23/09/2024 - 05/04/2025 for MSW)

Concurrent Choice 1

Services for Children and Youth

Option 1

Youth at Risk

Option 2

Residential Services

Concurrent Choice 2

School Social Work Services

Option 1

Secondary School Services

Option 2

Primary School Services

Concurrent Choice 3

Rehabilitation Services

Option 1

Pre-school Rehabilitation Services

Option 2

Special School Services

Concurrent District 1 Eastern and Wan Chai

Concurrent District 2

Central Western, Southern and Islands

Please indicate whether you have:

Asthma Convulsions/Epilepsy Heart Diseases Mental Illnesses Hypertension Physical Disabilities

No No

Other health or mental health challenges

If yes, please give additional information

Information of prescription/medication

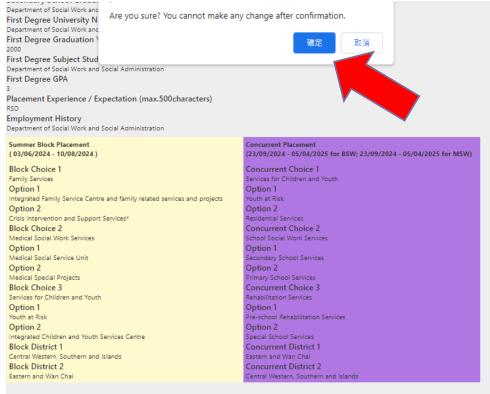
Please elaborate if your medical condition requires the placement agencies to provide reasonable accommodation with respect to equipment, physical settings, work arrangements, etc.

Edit my application

Confirm



Pop up message: once confirmed, cannot change



Please indicate whether you have:

Asthma Convulsions/Epilepsy Heart Diseases Mental Illnesses Hypertension Physical Disabilities Other health or mental health challenges If yes, please give additional information Information of prescription/medication Please elaborate if your medical condition requires the placement agencies to provide reasonable accommodation with respect to equipment, physical settings, work arrangements, etc.

Edit my application Confirm



Department of Social Work and Social Administration The University of Hong Kong 香港大學社會工作及社會行政學系

Your application is completed





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Your application is completed.

University Number Salutation First Name Last Name 888888888 Siu Cho

Programme of Study Skill Lab Teacher E-mail Address HK Mobile Number

Dr. Elsie Chien rosesee@hku.hk 23456789

Nick Name

Clara

Name in Chinese (i.e. 陳大文. Please type NA if not applicable)

Year Of Birth

2000

Correspondence Address

Department of Social Work and Social Administration

Religion (i.e. Christian, Catholic, Buddhism, Others, etc...)

Fluent in Language(s): Cantonese Yes English No Putonghua No Other: NA

Emergency Contact Person

ABC

Emergency Contact Telephone

Emergency Contact Person relationship with Student

Secondary School Name

Department of Social Work and Social Administration

Secondary School Graduation Year

Department of Social Work and Social Administration

Email Confirmation Sample



Confirmation of receiving PMS application for 2025/2026



Dear Students,

PMS has received your application:

Block Placement:

1st Choice: Family Services

Options 1: Integrated Family Service Centre and family related services and projects

Options 2: Crisis Intervention and Support Services*

2nd Choice: Medical Social Work Services Options 1: Medical Social Service Unit Options 2: Medical Special Projects

3rd Choice: Services for Children and Youth

Options 1 : Youth at Risk

Options 2: Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre

Block placement District Preference 1: Central Western, Southern and Islands

Block placement District Preference 2: Eastern and Wan Chai

Concurrent Placement:

1st Choice: Services for Children and Youth

Options 1: Youth at Risk

Options 2: Residential Services

2nd Choice : School Social Work Services Options 1 : Secondary School Services Options 2 : Primary School Services 3rd Choice : Rehabilitation Services

System Demonstration

Important

If you haven't received confirmation email, this implies that you haven't confirmed all the necessary information and PMS hasn't received your application.

Please make sure that you have gone through all the stages.

Every time, you are allowed to complete the information for **20** minutes.

Please use short paragraph to describe your placement/ work experiences/ expectation, cannot exceed 500 characters.

Submission Dead-line

17:00 December 14, 2024

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Penalty for Late Submission

We'll match all the preferences of those students who have submitted on time first and then finally settle the preferences of late submitters.

Criteria for Matching Placement

- No. of offers from different agencies
- Special requirements stated by agencies (e.g. maturity, year of study, program of study, sex and religion, etc.)
- Total number of students competing in the same placement choice

Criteria for Matching Placement

- Suitability of Students (e.g. physically, psychologically and academically)
- Recommendation from teachers
- Travelling time: within ONE hour
- If setting preference does not match with district preference,
 setting preference will over-ride district preference

Matching process

- First preferences of every student will be matched first
- If the first preference cannot be matched, then we'll go to match the second preference and then the third preference.
- For those preferences with sufficient placement offers, cGPA will not be used as a reference.
- If the no. of offers from agencies is less than the no. of student first preferences, then students with higher cGPA will be placed in this first preferences. After selecting the students into the matching list, matching will not consider the academic result anymore

Matching Schedule

Time	Tasks		
14 Dec 2024	Collecting students' placement preferences		
22 Dec 2024	Overseas placement interview		
18 Jan 2025	Announcement of the overseas placement application result		
25 Jan 2025	Overseas Placement Orientation Session		
End Jan 2025	Collecting agencies' feedback on our summer block request		
Mid Mar 2025	Matching students' summer block preferences and seek for teachers' further comment		
Early Apr 2025	Announcement of the summer block matching results to students		
10 May 2025	Summer Block Placement Orientation Session		
2 June 2024	Commencement of Summer Block Placement		
Early July 2025	Matching students' concurrent preferences and seeking for teachers' further comment		
Around mid- Aug 2025	Announcement of the concurrent matching results to students		
<mark>6 Sep 2025</mark>	Concurrent Placement Orientation Session		
22 Sep 2025	Commencement of Concurrent Placement		

Good Preparation for Fieldwork Placement

- Psychologically and Physically well prepared for the workloads of placement
- 2. Better to equip relevant values, attitudes, knowledge and skills of your preferred placement settings, strongly advise to match with your elective studies; be prepared to do extra study on the service nature of the clienteles at your own time



Good Preparation for Fieldwork Placement



Good time management



Seek advice from teachers and previous students about the survival tips



Be open-minded, flexible and accept the point that "Every setting will provide learning opportunities to you"



Central Enquiry

Contact Persons:

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Acting Director of Field Instruction

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Ms. Nancy Lee

Secretary

Contact: nancylny@hku.hk, 3910 2560, CJT 534





Placement Setting Briefing

Date: November 23, 2024

(Saturday) Venue: CPD

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Time	Content	Speaker
9:15 – 9:30am	Registration	
9:30 – 9:35am	Welcome remarks	Ms. Omi Ng
9:35 – 10:20am	School Social Work Services (SSW)	Ms. Irene Law
10:20 – 11:05am	Rehabilitation Services (RS)	Ms. Lydia Lam
11:05 – 11:50am	Family Services (FS)	Ms. Omi Ng
11:50 – 12:35pm	Multicultural Social Work Services (MCSW)	Ms. Lydia Lam
12:35 – 2:00pm	Break	
2:00 - 2:45pm	Community Development Services (CD)	Ms. Omi Ng
2:45 - 3:30pm	Services for the Elderly (ES)	Ms. Edith Fung
3:30 - 4:15pm	Medical Social Services (MSS)	Ms. Debby Ko
4:15 - 5:00pm	Services for Children & Youth (CYS)	Ms. Jake Pang
5:00 - 5:30pm	Q & A	Ms. Omi Ng, Lydia Lam