

COMMUNITY FIELD PLACEMENT CD 99/199

What is a Community Field Placement?

A community field placement, also known as an internship, is designed to allow students to gain experience within a community agency while integrating their experience with academic learning. It is recommended for Child Development majors, but students from other majors may enroll as well. Students may use this opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge of child development in a work setting in areas such as education, early intervention, child life, social policy, advocacy or mental health. Many students use this opportunity to define their major areas of interest for future work or for identification of thesis research topics. Master's level students frequently use community field placement as a stepping stone to their 232 internship.

What are the Requirements for a Field Placement?

Each student is required to complete a supervised placement in an approved setting for 10 hours per week. These 10 hours do not include transportation and supervision time. Students are expected to maintain a log of their hours. The field placement seminar meets once per week for an hour and fifteen minutes. Participation in the seminar is mandatory in order to receive credit. The seminar focuses on ways of capturing field experience through writing and through presenting. There are meetings between student, site supervisor, and course instructor as well as individual meetings.

How are Field Placements Arranged?

Students can go to the internship site (CD homepage and click on internships) to see some of the sites that are available. (Often academic advisers and the Field Placement Coordinator will have other suggestions. Students should download the CD 99/199 Request for Field Placement form (click where it says *this form*), complete it, and send it (as an attachment) to Professor Scarlett who will review and then e-mail you to set up a meeting to explore further and make plans.

You should do this as soon as possible.

Are There Paid Field Experience Positions?

Usually the community field placements are unpaid. Some master's level and student teaching internships are paid.

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