FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES

DSI UPDATES FROM FHS PROGRAM DIRECTOR, DR. KRISTA CHRONISTER

IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR DIRECT SERVICES INTENSIVE (DSI) PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE

FHS DSI students are required to complete 4 terms of practicum with a program-approved agency site. The following are newer options that we want to review with you and that are designed to increase your access to diverse practicum experiences.

How many agency sites can I work at during the 4 terms of practicum?

You may work at (a) three different sites for the first three terms, and then for the fourth and final practicum term you return to one of those sites -or- (b) one site for the first two terms and a different site for the third and fourth terms. Check with each agency site that you apply to. Not all sites allow students to complete more than one term and others do. All program-approved sites are listed on the FHS student blog in the Field Site Master List.

Where can my agency sites be located?

Your program-approved agency site can be located anywhere in the United States. Most program-approved sites are located in Lane County, Oregon. If you have a new agency site where you’d like to complete practicum, you must submit the required forms to fhssitecoordinator@uoregon.edu for faculty review and approval. The steps to seek program approval for a new practicum agency site are:

a. Visit the FHS student blog and use the 1-pg Practicum Guide and Task Opportunities page to contact and talk with the new agency site about what you are required to do for practicum. On the FHS student blog there is also a sample email that you can use to send your first communication to the new agency site.

b. If you or the agency site have any questions as you construct a practicum experience that works for you, you may email fhssitecoordinator@uoregon.edu.

c. Once the proper documentation is received, FHS faculty will review the documents and follow up with any questions to make sure that the agency site is able to provide you with a valuable practicum experience.

d. Upon faculty approval of your agency site, you may register for FHS 472 and FHS 473.

Can I attend the required weekly practicum supervision remotely?

Students who are completing a program-approved practicum in a geographic location outside of Lane County, Oregon, may request to attend the required, weekly FHS 473 Supervision class remotely. Please send that request to fhssitecoordinator@uoregon.edu for approval.