

IMPORTANT PRACTICUM DATES 2026



St. Olaf College Social Work Program, Hillary Lamberty, LGSW

September:

- **Sept. 10th (Thurs) - St. Olaf classes begin.** All students will be back in town and should coordinate any logistics needed before placement can start (i.e. fingerprinting, background checks, drivers lic. checks, ect).
- **Three Tuesdays at practicum site for on-boarding/orientation**
 - **Sept. 15th - First day at practicum site for students, and In-person Practicum Orientation and Workshop at St. Olaf in the afternoon, 2:30-4:30pm** (required for supervisors and students to attend). Meeting invites will be sent out closer to the date.
 - **Sept. 22nd** - full day at practicum site
 - **Sept. 29th** - full day at practicum site

October: Monday, Oct. 5th - Full-time Practicum Begins

- Full-time means 40 hours per week of quality, generalist social work activities, primarily focused on and involving contact with clients—individuals, families, groups, organizations and the community; if the agency considers 37 ½ hours “full time” the student is responsible for scheduling appropriate activities to “make up” the remaining 2 ½ hours per week. Total hours required for BSW internship: 400 hours minimum
- **Begin Weekly Practicum Seminar Class for students:** Mondays 7-10pm

Oct. 12th and 13th (Mon & Tues) St. Olaf Fall Break

Note: Students with placements in MN schools will take the break when the schools break for The Education Minnesota Professional Conference (formerly MEA).

Nov. 2nd (Mon) Mid-term evaluations due

Nov. 25th - 27th (Wed-Fri) St. Olaf Thanksgiving Break

Note: Students short on hours should plan to work on Wednesday, Nov 25, and have a break on Thursday and Friday. The Program acknowledges Fall and Thanksgiving breaks as official college breaks and does not generally require practicum attendance, but encourages students to consider responsibilities to clients and the agency and to use one or more of these days, if necessary, to fulfill required hours.

Dec. 15th (Tues)

Practicum Site Recognition and Celebration - 4:00-5:00 pm

Site Supervisors and their teams are invited to a “thank-you” meeting with the students on campus. All guests are invited to stay on and enjoy dinner together in the cafeteria following this celebration event.

Last day of scheduled classes

Students are required to fulfill responsibilities at the agency through this date and should have completed the minimum 400 clock hours by this date. Students may continue until the end of final exams on Tuesday, Dec 16th for programmatic reasons, such as completing the school term or some other similar responsibility. If needed, agencies and students will work with St. Olaf Practicum Coordinator to arrange for other accommodations.

Dec. 18th (Fri) Final evaluations due by 5pm.