

## **Requirements for Field Instruction**

To qualify as a field instructor for Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter/CUNY, you must have the MSW degree from an accredited school of social work, three years of post-master's agency-based work experience, competency in the practice area in which you will supervise, and the ability to allocate time to field instruction.

Field instructors for clinical students must hold a NYS license (or another state's equivalent) and are registered either as a licensed master social worker (LMSW) or licensed clinical social worker (LCSW). In addition, field instructor must have completed the Seminar in Field Instruction (SIFI) and received certification or be prepared to be enrolled in our SIFI course – see below. Any exceptions to these requirements must be made with the expressed permission of the Director of Field Education.

The field instructor for the Community Organizing and Organization, Management, & Leadership student must meet the criteria above, however, NYS licensure is not required.

### For Field Instructors who will require Seminar in Field Instructor (SIFI) certification

- SIFI is taken in conjunction with the field instructor's first semester of supervising a student and is provided ONLY for those supervising a Silberman student. SIFI helps a new field instructor acquire the knowledge and skills to be a field instructor. Participants are helped to select and design appropriate assignments for the student, develop learning goals and objectives with the student, evaluate the student's performance, and manage issues or concerns arising during the field instruction relationship.
- Field instructors are expected to take SIFI offered by Silberman so they may familiarize themselves with the school's curriculum and

field requirements. SIFI attendance at another school of social work requires Field Education approval.

- Currently the course is offered on-line and in the first semester of supervising a student.
- Upon successful completion of the course, participants are eligible to receive a certificate of course completion and continuing education credits.
- Prospective field instructors must be approved for SIFI by the Assistant Director assigned to the agency and **ONLY** after a student's practicum has been confirmed at the agency.