



NCSSS Field Education Calendar: 2025 – 2026 Academic Year

Orientations (August, 2025)

Session	Date and Time (<i>participants will receive a calendar invitation with meeting links</i>)
BSW Student Field Orientation	Tuesday, August 19, 12:00 – 1:00pm
MSW Returning Student Field Orientation	Tuesday, August 19, 4:00 – 5:00pm
Field Instructor and Agency Orientation	Wednesday, August 20, 12:00pm – 1:00pm
MSW New Student Orientation	Thursday, August 21, 1:00 – 5:00pm
Field Liaison Orientation	Friday, August 22, 11:00am – 12:00pm

Fall Semester (August – December, 2025)

Week #	Dates (Monday – Friday)	Calendar
1	8/25 – 8/29	First Week of Classes for the Fall 2025 Semester <i>Students are not required to attend field this week. Students are encouraged to use this week to finalize onboarding with their agency.</i>
2	9/1 – 9/5	First Week of Field Placements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Monday, 9/1: Labor Day Holiday. University Closed.</u> - <u>9/2 – 9/5: Students are required to begin their Field Placements this week.</u>
3	9/8 – 9/12	Initial Site Visits Occur, Learning Plans are Developed
4	9/15 – 9/19	
5	9/22- 9/26	
6	9/29 – 10/3	
7	10/6 – 10/10	
8	10/13 – 10/17	Mid-Semester Check-In <i>Field Office will check-in with Field Liaisons to gather feedback about the student experience as well as the Initial Site Visits.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Monday, 10/13 – Indigenous Peoples' Day. University Closed.</u>
9	10/20 – 10/24	Placements Continue
10	10/27 – 10/31	
11	11/3 – 11/7	Registration for Spring 2026 Semester Opens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Tuesday, 11/4: Students in SSS673 and SSS871 in the fall semester must register for SSS674 and SSS872 respectively in order to continue in their placement and receive field education credit for the Spring. Students must register with the same Instructor unless prior approval from the Director of Field Education is granted.</u>
12	11/10 – 11/14	Placements Continue
13	11/17 – 11/21	
14	11/24 – 11/28	Thanksgiving Recess <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Wednesday 11/26 – Friday 11/28: University Closed.</u>

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15	12/1 – 12/5	Last Week of Classes <i>Preparations for end of fall semester should begin. Last day of classes is Saturday, 12/6.</i>
16	12/8 – 12/12	Last Required Week of Field for the Fall 2025 Semester <i>Log of Hours and Field Evaluations are due to Field Liaisons this week, no later than Friday, 12/12.</i> - <u>Monday, 12/8 – Feast of Immaculate Conception: University Closed.</u>
17	12/15 – 12/19	Optional Week of Field for Students who may be behind in hours <i>Students who have not reached the minimum halfway point of hours for their placements should make arrangements to attend field this week to catch-up on hours.</i> - <u>Tuesday 12/16: Final grades are due by 3:00pm.</u>

Fall Semester to Spring Semester Transition	
Monday, December 22, 2025 – Friday, January 2, 2026	Winter Recess – University Closed. - Students may not attend field during this period, without prior authorization from the Director of Field Education. Students are required to discuss this break with their Field Instructors in advance to ensure field related assignments and client coverage is arranged during the break.

Spring Semester (January – May, 2026)

Week #	Dates (Monday – Friday)	Calendar
1	1/12 – 1/16	First Week of Classes for the Spring 2026 Semester. - Field Placements Resume. - Placement Cycle for the 2026 – 2027 Academic Year begins.
2	1/19 – 1/23	- <u>Monday, 1/19</u> – Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day – University Closed. - <u>Friday, 1/23</u> – Last day to register for classes and drop regular courses.
3	1/26 – 1/30	Students continue in placements. Students and Field Instructors complete Learning Plan Review and conduct Follow-up Site Visits with Field Liaisons as needed.
4	2/2 – 2/6	
5	2/9 – 2/13	
6	2/16 – 2/20	
7	2/23 – 2/27	
8	3/2 – 3/6	Mid-Semester Check-in <i>Field Office will check-in with Field Liaisons to gather feedback.</i>
9	3/9 – 3/13	Spring Recess – No On-Campus Classes. - University is NOT closed, field placements resume. Students may request this week off from field placement with sufficient notice to their Field Instructors.
10	3/16 – 3/20	Classes resume. Placements Continue.
11	3/23 – 3/27	

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12	3/30 – 4/3	Easter Recess - <u>Thursday 4/2 – Monday 4/6: University Closed.</u>
13	4/6 – 4/10	- <u>Tuesday, 4/7: Classes resume.</u> - Placements continue.
14	4/13 – 4/17	- <u>Wednesday, 4/15: University Research Day. No classes.</u>
15	4/20 – 4/24	Placements Continue
16	4/27 – 5/1	Last Week of Classes and Last Required Week of Field - <i>Students should begin submitting Log of Hours and Field Evaluations to their Field Liaisons.</i>
17	5/4 – 5/8	Optional Week of Field for students who may be behind on hours. - <i>Students who have not reached the minimum required Field Hours (420 for Generalist Students, 480 Specialized Practice Students) must continue in Field this week.</i> - <i>Log of Hours and Field Evaluations are due to Field Liaisons this week, no later than Friday, 5/8.</i>
18	5/11 – 5/15	- <u>Monday, 5/11: grades are due for graduating students by noon.</u> - <u>Tuesday, 5/12: grades are due for non-graduating students by noon.</u>
Class of 2026 Commencement: Saturday, May 16, 2026		<i>Degree conferral for undergraduate and graduate students completing degree requirements in the Spring 2026 Semester.</i>

Field Schedule Reminders

- Students should review the Field Calendar with their Field Instructors at the start of each semester.
- Students are not required to attend field on days the University is closed during the Semester.
- Students are required to make alternate arrangements with their Field Instructors to make up hours lost on days they are not in Field on a regularly scheduled day (for sickness, University closure, etc.)
- Students may not attend Field during the Winter Recess (12/22 – 1/2) without prior approval from the Director of Field Education.
- On Administrative Mondays or Reading Days, students should discuss with their field instructor if this will affect their field schedule, and identify a plan with notice to make up the hours.
- Students are required to make alternate arrangements with their Field Instructors to make up hours lost on days they are not in Field on a regularly scheduled day.
- **Any adjustments to a student's determined Field Schedule require discussion and final approval by the Field Instructor.**
- More information on the NCSSS Field Education Policies on Absences, Scheduling, and the Field Calendar, can be found on page 18 and 19 of the Field Education Manual.