Field Instructor Requirements

In order to be eligible to supervise the professional must possess:

- A Master of Social Work degree from a school accredited by the Council of Social Work Education
- A Bachelor of Social Work degree from a school accredited by the Council of Social Work Education – only for undergraduate and first year graduate students
- Two years postgraduate social work experience

Helpful attributes for field instructors include:

- Solid record of successful practice and a willingness to participate in refining existing skills and develop new ones to model for students.
- High standard of professional ethics and values and the ability to incorporate those values and ethics with students in practice
- Imaginativeness and creativity in developing field experiences related to field instruction course objectives.
- A willingness and ability to organize time for instructing students, meeting with field liaison, and attending meetings for field instructors.

In the relatively uncommon circumstance that no properly credentialed social worker is available within the agency to provide field instruction, the program assumes responsibility for reinforcing a social work perspective by asking a faculty member to serve as field instructor.