



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
FIELD EDUCATION
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Hospital Based Placements Webinar

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This session will be recorded

Social Workers in Health Care



Medical Social Work



Inpatient/Outpatient

Interdisciplinary team work

Clinical Assessment

Psychoeducation

Adjustment to illness counseling

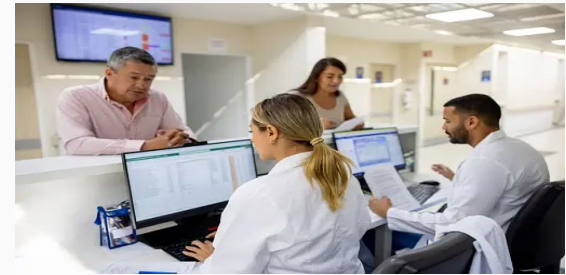
Complex care support and advocacy

Child and vulnerable adult safety and welfare

Grief and Loss

Linkage to community resources

Case management



And much more!

Psychiatry Social Work



Inpatient/Outpatient
Interdisciplinary team work
Clinical Assessment
Psychoeducation
Individual sessions
Group, Family sessions
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Medical SW vs Psychiatry SW



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Training Formats Will Differ

- # of placements offered
- Interview process
- One or two field instructors
- Unit/Team rotations
- Training programs-attendance requirements
- Students from various Schools of Social Work



Health Care Based Placements





Medical

Adult Outpatient
Adult Inpatient
Pediatric Outpatient
Pediatric Inpatient

Psychiatry

Adult Outpatient
Adult Inpatient
Pediatric Outpatient
Pediatric Inpatient

Macro - Michigan Medicine



E.g.: Dentistry, SW Administration, Silver Club, ODA

Participate in student training program-IP connection

Placements often a mix of Micro and Mezzo

Micro students can be in many Macro placements-less direct patient contact than traditional Micro placements

Fall 2025 Michigan Medicine Placements



Adult Medical

Pediatric Medical

Adult Outpatient/Ambulatory Care Psychiatry

Child/Adolescent Outpatient/Ambulatory Care
Psychiatry

Macro: ODA, SW Education Program, MOQC



MM-Training Program Information

All placements at MM-are 24 hours/week

Michigan Medicine includes:

- University Hospital
- Mott Children's Hospital
- Von Voightlander Women's Hospital
- Rachel Upjohn Building
- Other medical satellite locations



MM-Training Program Information

Required Training Program:

- 4 of the 24 hours per week
- Mentorships - smaller courses on specific topics
- Clinical Skills Trainings
- Breaking Bad News Simulation, Social Justice Grand Rounds, All Women are Leaders
- Preceptorships - exposure opportunities

MM Required Training Program 2025/2026



Student Program Didactics

Fall: Tues 8-10am & 10:30-12pm

Winter: Thurs 8-10am & 10:30-12pm

Sp/Su: Thurs 8-10am & 10:30-12pm





MM Information Session

May 6, 2025-Virtual Session

<https://ssw.umich.edu/events/list/2025/05/06/66614-michigan-medicine-information-session-for-students-starting-field-in-the-fall-2025-term>

Registration:

<https://umich.zoom.us/meeting/register/E3bl1erESUeevmRmR5BRvw>

Children's Hospital of Michigan



- Free standing Children's Hospital in Detroit, MI
- Inpatient, Outpatient, Medical and Behavioral Health
- Interdisciplinary collaboration experience
- Students interview with a team
- Require 24 hours per week
- Small student program
- Preceptorship opportunities



Worth The Drive!



My internship at Children's Hospital was easily the most enriching part of my graduate experience. I got to do so much hands-on work every day with a huge range of cases. There was never a dull day, and it was incredible to see how much I could grow in only one year. I also had incredible support from my supervisor, who was an extremely talented social worker and so dedicated to my education. The atmosphere was so fun and so supportive, definitely the ideal place to learn and grow. Now as I've been in the field for a few years I constantly think back to what I learned at Children's and am so grateful I got to build my foundation there. - Olivia C

Interns at GPAM get to spend a lot of time directly with patients and their families assessing their unique needs and providing resources. This helps you learn more about behavioral health and developmental needs. Additionally, you get to work with and learn from an interdisciplinary team including psychologists, other social workers, physicians, and MAs. The social workers give great feedback on notes, assessments, and resources along the way. I felt ready to go out on my own after all the experience at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Another bonus was the opportunity to take on a therapy case and shadow social workers in unique settings (i.e. transplant, emergency department, and school based social work). There are great social workers throughout Children's Hospital of Michigan.



More from students about Children's

Originally, I wanted nothing to do with an internship in Detroit. It was far away, a place I didn't see myself working at, and honestly, I worried about the traffic. However, even a week into my internship at Children's Hospital of Michigan, I was glad I made the decision to go there. I felt part of a team immediately, I was greeted and welcomed with so much knowledge and joy. The staff there really know what they are doing and enjoy doing it. This internship not only strengthened my desire to be a social worker, it made me forget I was paying to be there. I was part of the General Pediatric Clinic but got to shadow many different clinics. This gave a broad spectrum of what hospital social work is like because I wasn't just locked to one location. They do classes and work with you not just talk at you. I felt part of the family, and I so needed that feeling through my graduate program. I learned how to talk to people, feel confident in myself, and how to work with a community I wasn't part of. Every time I had a question, people were there to answer graciously, and I never felt looked down on. They were encouraging and I felt support and confidence every day, even the days I felt like I didn't know what I was doing. Interning at Children's Hospital of Michigan was probably my favorite part of graduate school. It was where I grew, where I learned, and frankly where I found myself. I recommend this internship if you want to work with knowledgeable and outstanding social workers who take pride in teaching others. You are not just an intern here, but part of the family. I will always remember the people at Children's Hospital and am thankful for all the information they imparted on me. It was worth the drive, worth the chaos (because there will be some there) and came out stronger for it. You will learn multiple different aspects of social work and feel like part of the community. If you want to learn about hospital social work, you will find a home here where you can expand your knowledge and be part of a team.



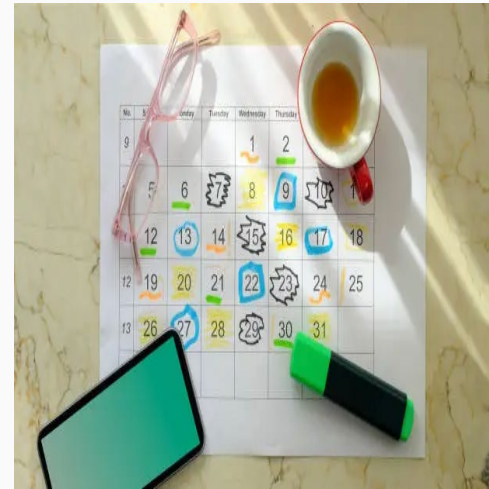
V.A. Hospital Based Placements

- Ann Arbor V.A. sites include Ann Arbor, Flint, Jackson and Toledo Fall 2025 and Winter 2026
 - Interviews for Fall start are in process
- Detroit V.A.- Winter 2026 (January) start only

Please email Dr. Naasko ASAP for information regarding Fall 2025 V.A. opportunities rtmaki@umich.edu

Registration-Hospital Placements

- Placements requiring additional hours is noted on the field application
- Placements requiring 24 hours/ week each semester will impact registration and the number of field credits earned
- OFE Faculty will share registration information once a hospital based placements is accepted



Health Based Placement- Course Requirement



SW 714: SSW Collaboration with Schools of
Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Nursing
Interprofessional Service-Learning
(Team Based Decision Making)

**All students in health-care based
placements are expected to take this
course-Winter Semester only**



Placement Requirements

Specifics vary based on placement-Some health systems conduct these directly

- Immunizations (T-Dap, MMR, Varicella, Hepatitis B, Influenza, Covid-19)
- TB Test, Tetanus
- Drug Screen
- Background Check





Reminders/Tips - Application

- Do not write about your health history
- Follow directions on OFE webpage-write about why medical care or behavioral health setting
 - Remember, inpatient placements are not doing traditional therapy!
- Do not name any hospital or placement specifically
- Do not reach out to hospital directly. All placements must go through OFE.

Reminders and Tips-Application



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- Consider...
 - Psychiatry or Medical context
 - Population - pediatrics, adult, older adult
(understanding skills are transferable)
 - Willingness to drive
- Be mindful of timelines and deadlines
- Review the Field Webinar and follow the directions
- Remember, the goal of the placement process

Thank you!

