



Ann Arbor V.A. Hospital Placement Process

Placing Process and Timeline:

The Ann Arbor V.A. has a unique application timeline for MSW field placements that is earlier than the UM-SSW application cycle. This means that students will receive emails specifically addressing the V.A. application process.

Students who plan to begin field in the Fall semester will complete the field application in February. We have already completed the application and interview process for students who are beginning field in the Fall 2026. They are no longer accepting applications for Fall 2026.

Students who plan to begin field in the Winter semester will apply in late summer before the Fall semester begins. The application process will begin in July/August 2026 for students beginning their field in Winter 2027.

Location:

The Ann Arbor V.A. has locations in Ann Arbor, including the main hospital and outpatient clinics. There are also placement opportunities in Flint, Jackson, and Toledo. The availability of field placement opportunities changes from placing cycle to placing cycle. Specific locations can not be requested.

The Detroit V.A. offers placement only for the Winter start.

Opportunities:

There are both medical, psychiatric, and community-based placements within the V.A. Opportunities are identified by the V.A. MSW placement coordinator and then shared with the UM Office of Field Education. We will share information about the specific V.A.

placements when the Office of Field Education sends the outreach email to the incoming students. Remember that other schools of social work are also sending their students to interview for those same placements. We cannot guarantee placement for any student.

Stipend

Stipends are available at the Ann Arbor V.A., and students will be required to submit a stipend application when they enter the field application process. Most students who are placed in the Ann Arbor V.A. are awarded a stipend. Application materials will be shared with the outreach email.

Vaccinations:

The Veterans Affairs Healthcare system requires students to submit proof of immunizations to the School of Social Work prior to the start of your education experience at the field agency/organization.

	TB screening			Measles, Mumps, & Rubella or positive titer for MMR
	COVID-19			Varicella or positive titer for varicella
	Hepatitis B or positive Heb B titer			Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis
	Seasonal Influenza vaccine, before November 30 of influenza season			

*Vaccines that are seasonal in nature must be current prior to the start of the educational experience *Requirements are subject to the recommendations listed by the CDC and VA
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/rec-vac/index.html> and
<https://www.immunize.org/clinical/a-z/healthcare-personnel-vaccination-recommendations/>

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- Please do not reach out to the V.A. directly; all placements must go through the U-M School of Social Work Office of Field Education

