

IGFP 2021 SUMMER BLOCK GUIDELINES

Advanced (2nd) year students only
Application Deadline: January 7, 2022

The summer block program allows students to complete their second field placement over the summer term, between May 9 and August 26. This year, students will need a total of 560 hours in field for their second field placements. Students will complete 35 hours per week in the field for the sixteen weeks of the summer term. Students also take the final two concentration courses (IGFP 5302 and 5303) concurrently with the block placement.

Students must apply for this option and it must be approved by the Chair of their concentration. This special arrangement is not guaranteed.

Summer block placement is an option only if there are enough qualified students to offer the program over the summer.

Students must indicate their intention to apply for summer block by the end of the fall semester. If there is not sufficient interest, we will not accept any applications for summer block.

Block placements are limited to agencies which are active with the School and which can provide field instruction through a field instructor who has partnered with the School for at least one year. No new field instructors will be accepted, because the Seminar in Field Instruction is offered only in the Fall Semester and must be taken before serving as a field instructor. Some evening or weekend hours at the placement may be required. As a result, there are a limited number of agencies that can be utilized for summer block placements, and students may need to be flexible as to the location or setting of the agency.

Applicants should be aware that the block placement is extremely demanding and intensive. It is not possible to have an Employed Placement in a block format.

Criteria for Block Placement

Acceptance into the block program is based solely on educational appropriateness. In order to qualify for the block placement, students must demonstrate their educational readiness through **exceptional work** in the classroom and in their field placement. Students must provide evidence of strong practice skills, as well as the ability to reflect critically on their practice. Applicants for the summer block should have successfully completed all but the final two concentration courses (IGFP 5302 and 5303), and have no "I" (incomplete) grades. Students must also have a minimum GPA of 3.0, with greater weight given to concentration/practice courses, and demonstrate exceptional performance in the first-year field placement.

Application Process

Students must indicate their intention to apply for summer block by emailing ellen.smith@uconn.edu by Friday, December 10, 2021. Students should **first** discuss their interest in the block placement with their advisor. Students then complete the application package. Please see the Summer Block Application for more information. The application consists of the following materials:

- the Summer Block Application
- the advisor recommendation form
- the instructor recommendation form
- a current transcript (please download from your student administration account)
- a copy of your most recent field evaluation
- an updated resume
- copies of two process recordings, each on a different case, including a brief case summary of each
- a written statement

The entire application is due on January 7, 2022. Materials should be submitted to Dr. Ellen Smith, co-chair of the IGFP summer block committee. **Please submit all the application materials, except for the recommendation forms, together in an email to ellen.smith@uconn.edu. Please ask your advisor and instructor to email their recommendation forms directly to ellen.smith@uconn.edu.**

Materials will be reviewed by the IGFP summer block committee, which consists of IGFP faculty members and field staff. The committee may also consult with the student's instructors and advisors. Students will be advised of the committee's decision by email by late February 2022.

Other procedures

Once a student is certain about applying for summer block, the student should complete and submit the online graduation form sent by OSAS (the Office of Student and Academic Services) in an email in late October/early November. When completing the form, please indicate August block as the graduation date.

August graduates may participate in the School of Social Work Recognition Ceremony and the UConn Graduate School Commencement.

OSAS will send information regarding graduation to students' UConn email at a later date; students are encouraged to thoroughly read through the information.

If accepted for summer block, a Plan of Study must be submitted to the OSAS office. Information will be emailed by OSAS at a later date.

If accepted for summer block, please apply for financial aid as needed.