Criteria for Block Placements:

1. Students must have a 3.4 GPA and demonstrate professional readiness for practicum to request a block placement.
2. Students must submit their request for a block placement two semesters prior to the block placement by week 7 of the semester. For example, if you would like to do a block placement in the fall, you must apply by week 7 of the preceding spring semester.
3. Block placements are only permitted for international or out-of-town placements.
4. Consideration will be given in rare circumstances to students who would like to complete their block placement in Missoula. Criteria for consideration of these students include:
   - In addition to practicum (SW 495), students must not be enrolled in more than SW 488 and one other class.
   - Students must submit a brief essay (no more than 1 page) explaining their reason for wanting to enroll in a block rather than a two semester practicum placement.

Selection Process:

- A committee consisting of the Director and Assistant Director of Field Education and a member of the BSW committee will review all essays and make a determination of appropriateness of block placement as a practicum option.
- If the student is approved for block placement, they will enroll in and complete SW 487-Advanced Practice I the semester prior to the block placement. For example, if a student wishes to complete a block placement during the Summer, they must apply in the Fall and complete SW 487 during the Spring semester.
- The practicum plan and memorandum of responsibilities must be filled out and returned to the practicum office the semester prior to the block placement.
- Students must submit a plan for completing the 450 practicum hours the semester prior to the block placement.
Date of Application

Name

Address

City ___________________________ State _______ Zip _______

Phone __________________________ UM Email ________________________________ @umontana.edu

Overall G.P.A. ___________ Social Work G.P.A. __________

Requested Practicum Agency

Reason for Block Placement: (check one)

Plan:
Advanced Practice I One Semester Prior to Placement ______ (Semester/Year)

Advanced Practice II Semester of Placement ______ (Semester/Year)

Proposed schedule of practicum hours:

Date practicum begins _______ Date 450 practicum hours will be complete _______

***Please return this form & set up an appointment with the Practicum Coordinator.***

TO BE COMPLETED BY PRACTICUM COORDINATOR

Block Placement Approved or Denied? (check one) Approved [ ] Denied [ ]

Practicum Coordinator Signature ______________________________

Reasons for Approval / Denial: __________________________________________________________________________