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## **Field Work Placement in Social Work**

The RheinMain University of Applied Sciences Wiesbaden is an institution within the system of higher education in the Federal Republic of Germany. Upon completion of an seven-semester program, the Department of Applied Social Studies awards a Bachelor's degree in Social Work.

According to the regulations of the RheinMain University of Applied Sciences Wiesbaden, an obligatory 100-days term (800 hours) of field work in an institution of social work is integrated into the academic study program of Social Work Education.

The placement can be carried out at a governmental or a non-governmental organization active in the social work field. Supervision by an experienced social worker must be provided. The student should have the opportunity to participate in the delivery of services and become familiar with the responsibilities of social workers employed by a social work institution. Students should get to know professional social work and to practice it themselves, including consultation, caring, supporting and attendance. They should be involved in the daily routine of a social worker and also have the opportunity to experience professional activities on their own.

Each student should have an individual social worker as a supervisor who reflects with him/her regularly.

At the end of work placement, the students need to get a review about the internship. They should be given the opportunity to attend lectures at a nearby school of social work or university, in order to inform themselves about the social welfare system and functions of social work. It is also possible to attend the online tutorial which is offered by the RheinMain University of Applied Sciences Wiesbaden.

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