



CANADIAN SOCIAL WORK STUDENT EXPERIENCES IN FIELD WORK EDUCATION DURING COVID-19

OVERALL COVID-19 IMPACTS

Percentage of respondents with the following impacts of COVID-19 on field education

60%

Reduced hours

51%

Early terminations

47%

Moved to online



34%

Increased responsibilities

26%

Complete change in placement

23%

Students start work from home

5.8%

Dismissed



STUDENT CONCERNS

Percentage of respondents "very concerned" or "extremely concerned" about:

Not gaining adequate experience for future job prospects

56%

Not gaining meaningful learning to aid upon graduation

52%

Having difficulty affording tuition

35%

Not graduating on time

28%

Credits being retroactively affected

24%

0% 20% 40% 60%

STUDENT NEEDS

Respondents ranked their top three needs as:

1

Flexible learning plans, hours, and accommodations



2

Supportive and accessible supervision



3

Prioritization of health and safety



48%

Continuity
with the work

82%

Rate to find
work

44%

Group
for 40 of us

81%

Entry practice
skills

33%

Preparation
skills

60%

Social
practice
skills

25%

Program
knowledge

Based on a national-wide survey of Bachelor and Master of Social Work students in July 2020 with 507 respondents.