Welcome to the Field Fair! The following tips\(^1\) may help you navigate the fair and learn more about a potential field education placement.

**Discover the agencies and the potential learning opportunities:**

- Familiarize yourself with agencies prior to the Field Fair
- Plan to dress and conduct yourself professionally
- Manage your time at the fair—do not spend too much time with one agency

Questions to ask the agency representative(s):

- Is this a placement for BSW or MSW students?
- What are the learning opportunities at your agency?
- What population or populations do you serve?
- What hours or shifts are available at your agency?
- What do you look for in an ideal student?
- What can a student expect in terms of shadowing, observation, supervision and/or independent work?
- Is there anything else a student should know about your agency?
- Be interested in the agency representative, ask: Are you a social worker? How long have you been a social worker? Are you an UNR Alumni?
- MSW Concentration students: please **do not** ask about the Integrative Project. Most agencies aren’t ready to discuss this yet and it’s a lot like asking about salary too early in a job interview – you never hear back from them.

**Tell the agencies about you (this will help you practice for interviews):**

- Tell them your social work learning interests & long-term career interests.
- Tell them your professional accomplishments.
- Tell them why you think their agency or program fits with your interests and goals.
- Important! – Be brief, positive and enthusiastic – Smile and have fun!

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