

## Field Practice

Field practice forms part of the practical training. It consists of a period of time spent abroad, during which students acquire work experience and intercultural competencies and improve their language skills. The focus throughout this period of practical formation is on intercultural learning. Students:

- Reflect, systematise and appraise their own actions critically in the intercultural context
- Put into practice social work techniques and methods previously acquired or newly learnt
- Scrutinise approaches – both theoretical and learnt at their home institution – for their practical relevance in a widely varying social context
- Develop a realistic professional social work identity in the international arena

A field practice placement takes a minimum of nine weeks to complete.

### Requirements

Students

Eligibility is extended to students in the main programme who have completed the initial work placement and attended the project methodology module. Fluency in the relevant country's language is a requirement.

### Organisations and fields of activity

The Lucerne School of Social Work recognises organisations that offer activities in a field of relevance to socioculture (or community development), social work and/or social pedagogy, and can provide the trainees with ample learning opportunities.

### Contact

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The Lucerne School of Social Work has 860 students attending degree programmes and around 2,000 students attending continuing education programmes, which puts it amongst the largest providers of social work training in Switzerland.

The bachelors and masters degrees are recognised and comparable internationally.

The Lucerne School of Social Work provides a scientifically based, practical training environment that enables its graduates to pursue successful professional careers in the broad field of social work, sociocultural animation and social pedagogy.