

**DAEMEN COLLEGE – SOCIAL WORK
FIELD EDUCATION BACKGROUND CHECK AND SCREENING STATEMENT**

Please be aware that federal and state laws mandate criminal background checks (including review of arrest records) for individuals working with children and youth, persons with disabilities, and senior citizens. Students who have a criminal record may be determined to be ineligible for field placement in certain agencies and/or programs.

In addition, agencies reserve the right to require students to take and pass a drug and/or communicable disease screening before accepting them into field placement. Students who refuse to participate in a screening or screen positive for drugs and/or communicable disease(s) may also be determined to be ineligible for field placement in a certain agency and/or program.

It is the responsibility of the Daemen College Social Work Program to work with students to identify field placement opportunities that meet their educational and personal needs. **Students who face challenges related to background checks and/or screenings are strongly encouraged to make their situation known to the Director of Field Education as soon as possible.** This will enable the Director of Field Education to provide appropriate guidance to the student regarding field placement.

Students who fail to complete their field placement requirement will be unable to complete the Undergraduate Social Work degree program.

By signing this form, you are verifying that you have read and understand the information provided above.

Student Signature

Date

Printed Name