Each year, the Department of Social Work designates one Field Instructor to receive our Field Instructor Award. This award is given to a social worker in a community agency for distinguished service as an educator in preparing students in the field for social work practice. This year the award goes to Matt Hogan for his exceptional work with our students at Northwest Counseling and Support Services.

Matt has worked with students at all levels of field instruction - BSW, FMSW, Advanced Standing, and CMSW. As a Field Coordinator, I join with the liaisons in saying that he had some very tough situations that he worked through with amazing grace.

The following thoughts have been shared by former and current field students:

- Matt taught me every day what it means to be a social worker.
- Matt is incredibly intelligent and articulate. He expects a lot of his students.
- This guy loves supervision.
- Matt is very strengths based and that helped me when I was frustrated.
- Matt really challenged me to go deeper with my own feelings and reactions about this work.
- We didn’t always have the same opinion about things that were happening in the world, but he really listened to my side of things.
- I was going through a lot during this year and Matt really cared about all of me…not just my work at NCSS.
- What strikes me most about Matt is the way he thoughtfully and critically examines his work – both for his job and with me as a student. He really does value thinking deeply. I actually get to spend time talking about the multiplicity of intersection oppressions with my field instructor.

Thank you Matt!