Placement Location and Distance from Campus

Student placement opportunities exist throughout the state of Vermont, and sometimes in bordering towns in New Hampshire, New York or Massachusetts. No student will be expected to travel in excess of one hour (one-way) from campus to their field site. However, this does not preclude students from requesting placements that are this far, or further, from campus. For example, if a student commutes several hours to campus for classes, they may request a placement that is in (or close to) their home. Every effort will be made to accommodate these requests. Additionally, students may be eager to complete their placement at a specific site that is farther than one hour from campus; in these circumstances, a student's specific interest and willingness to commute could make this an option.

Students are responsible for the out-of-pocket cost of travel to and from their sites regardless of the distance travelled. The time students spend commuting to/from placement cannot be counted towards their overall placement hours requirement (see the "Student Hours policy on the UVM Department of Social Work Field Education <u>website</u>), nor may students count commuting miles to/from their home to their placement as reimbursable by their organization (see the "Agency-Imposed Student Expenses" policy on the UVM Department of Social Work Field Education <u>website</u>).