

Message from Hermila Melero:

Thank you for participating in our training. You may have noticed that we kept the word “field” in our training. Like most schools of social work throughout the country, we’re at a point of reflection and change. There is a lot of debate around the use of the word “field” as it may have negative connotations with racism and slavery. Eliminating the word “field” and instead using the word “practicum” aligns with applying an anti-racist framework, and more accurately reflects what students do--directly put into *practice* what they learn in the classroom. We understand that it will take time to adjust from field to practicum, and we will be actively moving towards implementing this change starting this academic year. So why did the training still contain the word field? We wanted to address the change in person during the mandatory orientation we ask our practicum instructors to attend right before the start of the academic year. This would offer us the opportunity to share the new terms for field instructors, field liaisons, etc. and to listen to your feedback and thoughts.

As always, we appreciate you and your support of our school and students. We look forward to our continued partnership and to another successful academic year.

*Hermila*