

**BACKGROUND CHECKS AND SCREENING STATEMENT
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK (BASW) PROGRAM
DAEMEN UNIVERSITY**

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.

Individuals involved in regular and substantial unsupervised or unrestricted contact with persons receiving services from New York State Office of Mental Health (NYS-OMH) and New York State Office for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (NYS-OPWDD) programs and New York State Office for Children and Family Services (OCFS) residential programs for children are required to have their criminal history information obtained and reviewed by the Justice Center.

Inquiries to the Statewide Central Register (SCR) may be placed to determine the existence of any indicated reports of child abuse and maltreatment against a person.

Individuals who have a criminal or abuse 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 University Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (BASW) Program to work with students to identify field placement opportunities that meet their educational and personal needs. **Students who face *potential* challenges related to background checks and/or screenings are instructed 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. Failure to do so will result in the development of a Student Improvement Plan.

Students who fail to complete their field placement requirement will be unable to complete their degree program.

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

Student Signature

Date

Printed Name