

## **VAWC Field Placement learning requirements**

Students enrolled in the VAWC Certificate program must complete their second field placement at a site approved by VAWC in conjunction with the School of Social Work Field office. The field placement is intended to provide students with a comprehensive, experiential learning opportunity in the field of VAWC. Within the field placement, VAWC students must be exposed to three critical areas: responding to victims/survivors, prevention/education, and policy.

### **1. Responding to victims/survivors**

Includes crisis intervention, participation on a response team (ie SART/DVRT), hotline, individual or group counseling, other forms of survivor therapy (ie play therapy, art therapy)

### **2. Prevention/education**

Includes researching, developing and implementing workshops or programs aimed to increase awareness of the issues of VAWC, provide risk-reduction strategies and/or primary prevention through shifting cultural norms that support and tolerate abuse (ie gender roles, healthy relationships, bystander education)

### **3. Policy**

Can include the development, revision, or implementation of policies addressing VAWC on an organizational level or beyond, such as assisting with the development of protocol for responding to VAWC, working for legal changes, and supporting legislation.