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Foreword

The field practicum is closely integrated with all aspects of the social work program curriculum and is an integral component of the curricula; it is consistent with the program’s goals and objectives. The field experience reinforces identification with the purposes, values and ethics of the profession in a real-world setting in which the student has the opportunity to actually translate classroom experiences into beginning-level professional practice. In a carefully chosen organization setting the student is able begin the process of integrating empirical and practice-based knowledge. The student is afforded the opportunity to develop professional competence by doing, transforming one’s abilities and knowledge gained in social work courses into action.

Specifically, students will develop the ability to use oral and written skills that are consistent with the language of the specific practicum setting. They will be able to evaluate organizational policy within ethical guidelines. The field practicum core competencies, and practice behaviors are described below, and establish criteria by which students demonstrate achievement of their respective program areas.

The purpose of the Field Practicum Education Handbook is to assist in preparing students, field seminar instructors, MSW site supervisors, task instructors, and external supervisors to understand all requirements, policies, and procedures related to field practicum education. This handbook will detail the field practicum placement process, the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved in field practicum education, and all policies and procedures related to field practicum education.

This handbook contains both a general section and an appendix section. The general section of the handbook covers all aspects of the placement process and policies and procedures related to both the placement process and while a student is placed in a practicum site. The appendix section includes examples of field practicum documentation forms (e.g., supervision logs, learning contracts, performance evaluations, and timesheets), required forms to be completed related to the field practicum placement process, and the NASW Code of Ethics.
History

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNCP) is a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina and is a fully accredited member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The Social Work Program at UNCP has been granted full accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), which is the only organization that provides accreditation for Social Work Programs and is recognized by the United States Office of Education and Council on Postsecondary Accreditation. During the academic year 1993-4, the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation replaced the Council on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation.

Maintaining accreditation by CSWE is considered a high priority by the members of the Department of Social Work, the UNCP Administration, and by the General Administration of The University of North Carolina. Accreditation adds to the prestige of the Social Work Program by demonstrating that national standards are met, which provides for graduates’ greater employment possibilities. Some social work positions are open only to graduates of CSWE accredited programs. Most social work employers will give preference to graduates of CSWE accredited programs. As such, the UNCP Department of Social Work follows accreditation standards regarding the field practicum experience as outlined by the CSWE.

UNCP was first established in 1887 by the Native Americans of Robeson County and the General Assembly of North Carolina, which appropriated $500.00 in order to open a “normal school for Indians.” In the fall of that same year, the school opened with 15 students. The school’s first name was the Croatan Normal School but soon was changed to the Indian Normal School of Robeson County. The institution has undergone many name changes, but on July 1, 1969, the General Assembly of North Carolina granted regional university status and the institution was given the name, Pembroke State University that was changed to The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNCP) in July 1996.

The practice of combining Sociology and Social Work is common throughout the nation, especially on smaller campuses. At UNCP, this practice was particularly appropriate because of the historical development of social work offerings by the Sociology Department since 1969. The BSW program was established in 1982. The department changed its name in the fall of 1983 from the Department of Sociology to raise the visibility of the Social Work Program on campus. Thus, the Program was housed within the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice. The BSW program has been fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education since 1987. During 2004, growth in the Social Work Program warranted the additional positions of an Administrative Assistant and an additional full-time faculty member. The Social Work Program officially became the Department of Social Work on July 1, 2005. The MSW program began in fall 2008 and received full accreditation status in fall 2011. The MSW program is staffed with seven full-time faculty members, which include a Field Director and an MSW Program Director and a slate of social work practitioners that serve as adjunct faculty.
Mission Statements

The Mission of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

The University encourages the pursuit of education as a lifelong experience so that its graduates will be equipped to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century. Drawing strength from its heritage, The University of North Carolina at Pembroke continues to expand its leadership role in enriching the intellectual, economic, social, and cultural life of the region and beyond.

The Mission of the College of Health Sciences

The mission of the CHS is to educate students in a supportive and collaborative academic environment that provides innovative, interdisciplinary, and culturally responsive opportunities through rigorous education, meaningful service, and transformational scholarship to improve health and wellness outcomes and the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities that the graduates will engage and serve.

Department of Social Work Mission

The mission of the Social Work Program at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke seeks to prepare students to become leaders in enhancing the quality of life and seeking solutions to rural problems. It is particularly concerned with the consequences of injustice, and thus focuses on the empowerment of populations at-risk and the advancement of economic, political, and social justice in all communities.

BSW Program Mission

The BSW Program at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke seeks to prepare students for professional entry-level social work practice within a generalist model and to become leaders in enhancing the quality of life. In keeping with its rural setting and the needs of the region’s populace, the program attempts to impart to and teach students the skills necessary for implementing solutions to rural problems. It is particularly concerned with the consequences of injustice, and thus focuses on the empowerment of populations at risk and the advancement of economic, political, and social justice in all communities.

MSW Program Mission

The mission of the Master of Social Work (MSW) program at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke is to prepare students for competent professional social work practice based upon an advanced generalist model. Social workers are prepared for practice in varied settings with diverse client populations. They are equipped to utilize resources available in rural areas and to work with members of indigenous communities. Students will develop an awareness of both historical and contemporary social issues embedded in the context of a larger, more global reality.
Goals of the BSW and MSW Programs

Goals of the BSW Program

The goals of Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program are derived from the mission and core values of the University, which include social inclusion, appreciation of its American Indian history, teaching and learning excellence, intellectual curiosity and creativity, commitment to local region, responsible leadership, and stewardship to the world. The program includes the following goals:

- Prepare students for professional entry-level social work practice within a generalist model and to become leaders in enhancing the quality of life.
- Teaches students the skills necessary to empower populations-at-risk and advance economic, political, and social justice, with particular emphasis on rural communities.
- Help meet the immediate and growing need in public, private and social service agencies in North Carolina for generalist social work professionals.
- Offer a generalist program that emphasizes worth with rural and Native American indigenous populations.
- Prepare students who will demonstrate the ability to appreciate human diversity and issues of social and economic justice.
- To prepare students to understand the role of the social worker in our region and a changing society.
- To instill in students a commitment for continued personal and professional growth.

Goals of the MSW Program

Building on the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program, the MSW program at UNCP both continues and enhances the current mission while emphasizing field practicum as a mechanism for integration of knowledge and experience. The program provides students with opportunities to apply the advanced social work generalist model under the supervision of a practicing social worker. The program includes the following goals:

- To offer a comprehensive generalist curriculum, based upon the liberal arts perspective, which enables students to develop proficiency in the key competencies of the social work profession.
- To draw from the generalist and the strengths perspective to offer a comprehensive, integrated advanced generalist curriculum designed to enable students to develop competency in advanced practice.
- To offer a focus on social work generalist practice at all levels: individual, family, community, state, nation, and international, with an emphasis on rural and Native American indigenous communities.
- To prepare graduates to participate in advanced level education beyond the MSW degree and to promote lifelong learning among North Carolina social workers by providing quality continuing education opportunities.
• To emphasize the rural community in practice, with special emphasis on working with populations-at-risk.
• To promote the active involvement of faculty and graduate students in scholarly production, with a focus on research for community problem solving and social work practice evaluation.
• To engage in action and analysis that leads to the development, adoption, and implementation of effective and humane policies and programs.
• To provide professional leadership in planning, organizing, delivering, and evaluating quality social services at the community level.
CSWE Education Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS)

The program objectives of the Department of Social Work are derived from the goals of the department and the Educational Policy of the Council on Social Work education, our national accrediting body. These competencies and the associated practice behaviors that students will be challenged to develop are as follows:

Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior
Social workers understand the value base of the profession and its ethical standards, as well as relevant laws and regulations that may impact practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. Social workers understand frameworks of ethical decision-making and how to apply principles of critical thinking to those frameworks in practice, research, and policy arenas. Social workers recognize personal values and the distinction between personal and professional values. They also understand how their personal experiences and affective reactions influence their professional judgment and behavior. Social workers understand the profession’s history, its mission, and the roles and responsibilities of the profession. Social Workers also understand the role of other professions when engaged in inter-professional teams. Social workers recognize the importance of lifelong learning and are committed to continually updating their skills to ensure they are relevant and effective. Social workers also understand emerging forms of technology and the ethical use of technology in social work practice.

Note: AGPB stands for Advanced Generalist Practice Behavior and is shown on p. 13

Social workers:
1.1 make ethical decisions by applying the standards of the NASW Code of Ethics, relevant laws and regulations, models for ethical decision-making, ethical conduct of research, and additional codes of ethics as appropriate to context;
1.2 use reflection and self-regulation to manage personal values and maintain professionalism in practice situations;
1.3 demonstrate professional demeanor in behavior; appearance; and oral, written, and electronic communication;
1.4 use technology ethically and appropriately to facilitate practice outcomes; and
1.5 use supervision and consultation to guide professional judgment and behavior.
AGPB 1: Develop training and educational opportunities for career-long learning
AGPB 2: Design opportunities for supervision and consultation
AGPB 3: Negotiate professional roles and boundaries in a rural environment

Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice
Social workers understand how diversity and difference characterize and shape the human experience and are critical to the formation of identity. The dimensions of diversity are understood as the intersectionality of multiple factors including but not limited to age, class, color, culture, disability and ability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and expression, immigration status, marital status, political ideology, race, religion/spirituality, sex, sexual orientation, and tribal sovereign status. Social workers understand that, as a consequence of difference, a person’s life experiences may include oppression, poverty, marginalization, and alienation as well as privilege, power, and acclaim. Social workers also understand the forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination and recognize the extent to which a culture’s structures and values, including social,
economic, political, and cultural exclusions, may oppress, marginalize, alienate, or create privilege and power.

Social workers:
2.1 apply and communicate understanding of the importance of diversity and difference in shaping life experiences in practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels;
2.2 present themselves as learners and engage clients and constituencies as experts of their own experiences; and
2.3 apply self-awareness and self-regulation to manage the influence of personal biases and values in working with diverse clients and constituencies.

AGPB 4: Justify practice decisions based on professional social work values and ethics and relevant laws

**Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice**

Social workers understand that every person regardless of position in society has fundamental human rights such as freedom, safety, privacy, an adequate standard of living, health care, and education. Social workers understand the global interconnections of oppression and human rights violations and are knowledgeable about theories of human need and social justice and strategies to promote social and economic justice and human rights. Social workers understand strategies designed to eliminate oppressive structural barriers to ensure that social goods, rights, and responsibilities are distributed equitably and that civil, political, environmental, economic, social, and cultural human rights are protected.

Social workers:
3.1 apply their understanding of social, economic, and environmental justice to advocate for human rights at the individual and system levels; and
3.2 engage in practices that advance social, economic, and environmental justice.

AGPB 5: Use multiple perspectives to analyze client's strengths and challenges
AGPB 6: Assess needs, values and strengths in applying appropriate interventions for diverse client systems
AGPB 7: Appraise practice delivery and policies to promote social and economic justice and human rights at all levels of practice

**Competency 4: Engage in Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice**

Social workers understand quantitative and qualitative research methods and their respective roles in advancing a science of social work and in evaluating their practice. Social workers know the principles of logic, scientific inquiry, and culturally informed and ethical approaches to building knowledge. Social workers understand that evidence that informs practice derives from multidisciplinary sources and multiple ways of knowing. They also understand the processes for translating research findings into effective practice.

Social workers:
4.1 use practice experience and theory to inform scientific inquiry and research;
4.2 apply critical thinking to engage in analysis of quantitative and qualitative research methods and research findings; and
4.3 use and translate research evidence to inform and improve practice, policy, and service delivery.
AGPB 8: Use empirical evidence to create strategies for systems change
AGPB 9: Synthesize and select human behavior and social environment theories to match client system needs
AGPB 10: Develop and recommend program and/or policy changes based on evaluation of programs that advance social welfare and enhance service delivery of all levels of practice

**Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice**

Social workers understand that human rights and social justice, as well as social welfare and services, are mediated by policy and its implementation at the federal, state, and local levels. Social workers understand the history and current structures of social policies and services, the role of policy in service delivery, and the role of practice in policy development. Social workers understand their role in policy development and implementation within their practice settings at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels and they actively engage in policy practice to effect change within those settings. Social workers recognize and understand the historical, social, cultural, economic, organizational, environmental, and global influences that affect social policy. They are also knowledgeable about policy formulation, analysis, implementation, and evaluation.

Social workers:
5.1 Identify social policy at the local, state, and federal level that impacts well-being, service delivery, and access to social services;
5.2 assess how social welfare and economic policies impact the delivery of and access to social services;
5.3 apply critical thinking to analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies that advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.

**Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**

Social workers understand that engagement is an ongoing component of the dynamic and interactive process of social work practice with, and on behalf of, diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers value the importance of human relationships. Social workers understand theories of human behavior and the social environment, and critically evaluate and apply this knowledge to facilitate engagement with clients and constituencies, including individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers understand strategies to engage diverse clients and constituencies to advance practice effectiveness. Social workers understand how their personal experiences and affective reactions may impact their ability to effectively engage with diverse clients and constituencies. Social workers value principles of relationship-building and inter-professional collaboration to facilitate engagement with clients, constituencies, and other professionals as appropriate.

Social workers:
6.1 apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to engage with clients and constituencies; and
6.2 use empathy, reflection, and interpersonal skills to effectively engage diverse clients and constituencies.
AGPB 11: Employ micro and mezzo practice by monitoring and responding to a changing context
AGPB 12: Integrate theory-based relational skills in all areas of client engagement

**Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**

Social workers understand that assessment is an ongoing component of the dynamic and interactive process of social work practice with, and on behalf of, diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers understand theories of human behavior and the social environment, and critically evaluate and apply this knowledge in the assessment of diverse clients and constituencies, including individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers understand methods of assessment with diverse clients and constituencies to advance practice effectiveness. Social workers recognize the implications of the larger practice context in the assessment process and value the importance of interprofessional collaboration in this process. Social workers understand how their personal experiences and affective reactions may affect their assessment and decision-making.

Social workers:
7.1 collect and organize data, and apply critical thinking to interpret information from clients and constituencies;
7.2 apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in the analysis of assessment data from clients and constituencies;
7.3 develop mutually agreed-on intervention goals and objectives based on the critical assessment of strengths, needs, and challenges within clients and constituencies; and
7.4 select appropriate intervention strategies based on the assessment, research knowledge, and values and preferences of clients and constituencies.

AGPB 13: Design and conduct assessments at all levels of practice

**Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**

Social workers understand that intervention is an ongoing component of the dynamic and interactive process of social work practice with, and on behalf of, diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers are knowledgeable about evidence-informed interventions to achieve the goals of clients and constituencies, including individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers understand theories of human behavior and the social environment, and critically evaluate and apply this knowledge to effectively intervene with clients and constituencies. Social workers understand methods of identifying, analyzing and implementing evidence-informed interventions to achieve client and constituency goals. Social workers value the importance of interprofessional teamwork and communication in interventions, recognizing that beneficial outcomes may require interdisciplinary, interprofessional, and inter-organizational collaboration.

Social workers:
8.1 critically choose and implement interventions to achieve practice goals and enhance capacities of clients and constituencies;
8.2 apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in interventions with clients and constituencies;
8.3 use inter-professional collaboration as appropriate to achieve beneficial practice outcomes;
8.4 negotiate, mediate, and advocate with and on behalf of diverse clients and constituencies; and
8.5 facilitate effective transitions and endings that advance mutually agreed-on goals.
AGPB 14: Critically apply interventions to facilitate best practice with all client systems

**Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**

Social workers understand that evaluation is an ongoing component of the dynamic and interactive process of social work practice with, and on behalf of, diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. Social workers recognize the importance of evaluating processes and outcomes to advance practice, policy, and service delivery effectiveness. Social workers understand theories of human behavior and the social environment, and critically evaluate and apply this knowledge in evaluating outcomes. Social workers understand qualitative and quantitative methods for evaluating outcomes and practice effectiveness.

Social workers:
9.1 select and use appropriate methods for evaluation of outcomes;
9.2 apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in the evaluation of outcomes;
9.3 critically analyze, monitor, and evaluate intervention and program processes and outcomes; and
9.4 apply evaluation findings to improve practice effectiveness at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.

AGPB 15: Continuously scan the environment, forecast, and adapt macro practice based on the acquired knowledge.
## Advanced Generalist Practice Behaviors (MSW Only)

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Field Education Overview

Description of Field Experiences

BSW/ MSW Generalist Field Experience
Generalist field practicums provide students with the opportunity to learn the general practice of professional social work and develop foundational level social works skills.

- Students will gain experience with all the following: individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.
- Potential types of agencies may include but are not limited to nonprofit agencies (shelters, crisis centers, senior services, adoption agencies, family resource centers); hospitals, nursing and/or assisted living facilities, rehabilitation centers, and child welfare agencies.

Advanced Generalist Field Experience
All students have one advanced generalist practicum, and this type of placement is focused on advanced social work practice and receiving experiential opportunities.

- This field experience advances the skills and knowledge used during the generalist field placement.
- During the advanced practice year, students use advanced skills and theories as they are expected to have a more fluid use of ethics and professionalism, resulting from the application of theories and skills learned in courses in the advanced year and previous practicum experience.

Overview of Field Education Per Program

BSW Program
All BSW students are required to complete one semester of practicum experience when enrolled in the BSW program. Students enrolled in the BSW program will have to obtain a minimum of 400 hours during one semester.

MSW Hybrid Program
Students enrolled in the hybrid program will complete two practicums during their program, one during the first year (generalist year) and the other during the second year of the program (advanced generalist year). The student will have to obtain a minimum of 430 hours during the generalist year and 500 hours during the advanced generalist year which is a total of 900 practicum hours completed by the end of the program. In addition, students must obtain half of the required hours for both their generalist and advanced generalist years per semester. This means that a student must have 215 practicum hours per semester during the generalist year and 250 practicum hours per semester during the advanced generalist year.
MSW Online Program
Students enrolled in the MSW online program will complete two practicums during their program, one during the first year (generalist year) and the other during the second year of the program (advanced generalist year). The student will have to obtain a minimum of 430 hours during the generalist year and 500 hours during the advanced generalist year which is a total of 900 practicum hours completed by the end of the program. In addition, students must obtain half of the required hours for both their generalist and advanced generalist years per semester. This means that a student must have 215 practicum hours per semester during the generalist year and 250 practicum hours per semester during the advanced generalist year.

Advanced Standing Program
Students enrolled in the advanced standing program will have one practicum during their program. This practicum will be completed during their advanced generalist year and students will have to obtain a minimum of 500 practicum hours. In addition, students must obtain half of the required hours for both their generalist and advanced generalist years per semester. This means that a student must have 250 practicum hours per semester during the advanced generalist year.
Basic Principles of Field Education

The field practicum design consists of specialized field experiences that enable students to apply their program’s coursework in a field practicum setting. Students, field supervisors and faculty field seminar instructors plan activities that will support the development of generalist skills as specified in individualized learning contracts. Students will be exposed to a variety of social work roles and responsibilities that will allow them to put their classroom knowledge into practice through real-lived experiences.

Professional Integrity and Social Work Values

The field of social work has a professional value base that provides an ethical foundation for competent practice. The best guide for professional integrity is the Social Work Code of Ethics approved by the National Association of Social Workers. All students are required to read this document and demonstrate their understanding during Seminar. Pincus and Minahan (1973) have defined values as beliefs, preferences of assumptions about what is desirable or good for humankind. Felix Biestek (1957) identified seven practice principles that reflect what we call social work values. Two of his principles include (a) the need for self-awareness and (b) purposeful planned intervention when working with any client system. Maria McMahon (1990) states that the values of social work practice are rooted in the belief that every human being has dignity and worth.

At The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, the faculty recognizes that the social work value base provides students with the foundation for ethical social work practice. Professional values provide parameters that enable social workers to provide services to diverse client systems without imposing one’s personal values. Adherence to professional values increases one’s competence and effectiveness as a professional.

There are seven basic values that the Department of Social Work has identified as crucial to ethical practice. They are as follows:

1. Individualization--respecting the dignity and uniqueness of the individual. Do not generalize.
2. Nonjudgmental attitude--not being the client's parent or judge.
3. Acceptance--approval of the worth and dignity of the individual. Accept them as a human being even though you may not condone some of their behavior.
4. Controlled emotional involvement--the client needs a professional response to a problem or need. The student social worker is not a friend of the client. Do not over or under react.
5. Confidentiality--treat all information with respect and privacy.
6. Clients right to self-determination--the client has the right to make choices which may not be congruent with the student's values system. Clients also have the right to make decisions that may result in poor outcomes.
7. Advocacy and social action--for the powerless, oppressed and the service eligible.

The BSW and MSW curriculum is designed to assist each student in making a conscious effort to incorporate these values into their practice of social work.
Professional Behavior and Performance Standards

Nonacademic standards are presented in the Professional Performance Standards. This document outlines behavior to be expected from students throughout the field practicum placement process and while the student is placed at a practicum site. This document also references the following codes of conduct which should be followed by all students participating in classes and activities in the Department:

CASW Code of Ethics
The CASW Code of Ethics was established by a committee of students and ratified by the Campus Association of Social Workers in 1999.

UNCP Student Academic Honor Code

National Association of Social Workers’ Code of Ethics

Professional Performance Standards

The Department of Social Work recognizes that preparation for professional practice requires more than scholastic achievement. The Program expects students to exhibit behavior that is consistent with professional performance in their practicum placements. Such behavior is expected not only in the classroom but throughout the University and larger community.

Professional performance encompasses a commitment to the social work mission and values as found in the NASW Code of Ethics. Signs of such professional performance include productive work with others; acceptance of supervision and criticism; respect for colleagues, supervisors, instructors, and clients; advocacy for oneself in a responsible and respectful manner; and behaviors in accordance with Program and University policies and the laws of society.

Elements of Professional Performance
Specifically, professional performance includes the following elements:
   1. Communication Skills (in writing and speaking)
   2. Interpersonal Skills
   3. Cognitive Skills
   4. Self-Awareness and Judgment of Abilities and Limitations
   5. Stress Management
   6. Skills in Safeguarding Mental and Emotional Functioning
   7. Ethical Behavior

1.0 Communication Skills
Students shall demonstrate sufficient skills in writing and speaking the English language to understand content presented in the program and complete assignments:
a. Students shall produce written documents that communicate clearly, demonstrate correct grammar and spelling, and adhere to the American Psychological Association (APA) Style.

b. Students shall communicate orally in such a manner as to clearly express their ideas and feelings to others.

c. This expectation shall allow on a case-by-case basis for any reasonable accommodations approved for a student by the UNCP Accessibility Resource Center.

2.0 Interpersonal Skills

Students shall demonstrate the interpersonal skills necessary to relate effectively to other students, faculty, staff, clients, and professionals. Students are expected to initiate and sustain working relationships with others, both one-to-one and in groups. In doing so, students shall:

a. Demonstrate empathy for others. This skill includes the ability to detect and interpret nonverbal cues.

b. Communicate thoughts, feelings and intentions clearly, respectfully, and with congruence of verbal and non-verbal behaviors.

c. Listen to and understand the thoughts, feelings and intentions of others.

d. Work effectively with others regardless of their level of authority.

e. Advocate for themselves in an appropriate and responsible manner and use proper channels to resolve conflicts.

f. Accept feedback in a constructive manner and in a way that furthers professional performance.

g. Accept responsibility for their behavior and be aware of the effect their behavior on others.

3.0 Cognitive Skills

Students are expected to conceptualize and integrate knowledge. At a minimum, students shall demonstrate the ability to process information and apply information appropriately. In the course of their studies and training, students are expected to accumulate relevant knowledge from the social, behavioral and biological sciences and apply that knowledge to professional practice.

4.0 Self Awareness and Judgment of Abilities and Limitations

Students are expected to exhibit knowledge of how their values, beliefs, behavior and experiences affect their academic and professional performance. Students shall assess how they are perceived by others and be willing to modify their behavior when such behavior interferes in working with clients and other professionals. In addition, students shall demonstrate an ability to accurately assess their strengths and limitations in engaging in specific efforts of professional practice. Students are further expected to seek and accept supervision and advice when necessary for their academic and professional performance.

5.0 Stress Management Skills

Students shall demonstrate an ability to cope with life stressors so as not to impede scholastic achievement and professional performance. Such ability includes use of the following skills:
a. Awareness of one’s stress and how it might affect interpersonal relations and professional judgment.
b. Constructive management and alleviation of stress. This includes the use of collegiate or supervisory relationships when necessary to support such efforts.

6.0 Skills in Safeguarding Emotional and Mental Functioning
Students are expected to sustain mental and emotional functioning necessary for scholastic achievement and professional performance. Students shall seek help and support if psychosocial distress, substance use, or mental health issues affect such achievement or performance, or compromise the best interests of those to whom students have a professional or collegiate responsibility.

7.0 Ethical Behavior
Students are expected to exhibit a strong commitment to the goals and values of social work and to the ethical standards of the profession. Students shall be familiar with ethical values and behaviors appropriate for professional performance as set forth in the following:

a. The NASW Code of Ethics
b. The UNCP Student Academic Honor Code
c. The Campus Association of Social Workers’ Code of Ethics

In addition, students are expected to present or demonstrate:

a. Most organizations require a criminal background check and/or a current drug screen before accepting students for practicums. Criminal charges do not necessarily preclude students from being placed but may significantly limit choice of practicum site.

b. An ability to systematically evaluate clients and their situations in an unbiased, factual way and suspend personal biases during interactions with others. This shall include a comprehension of another’s values and beliefs.

c. Appreciation of the value of diversity. This includes an effective and nonjudgmental relationship with others. Students in the course of their professional training shall strive to deliver appropriate service to all clients regardless of the client’s age, religious beliefs, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or value system. The student shall not impose personal, religious, or cultural values on others, including clients, colleagues and other professionals.

d. Respect for the rights of others. Students shall demonstrate commitment to clients’ rights of freedom of choice, self-determination and other rights as set forth in the NASW Code of Ethics.

e. Maintenance of confidentiality as it relates to human service, classroom activities, and field placement.

f. Honesty and integrity. Students shall be truthful about background, experiences, and qualifications; doing one’s own work; giving credit for the ideas of others; and providing proper citation of source materials in all assignments.

g. Clear, appropriate and culturally sensitive boundaries. Students shall not sexually harass others; make verbal or physical threats; become involved in sexual relationships with clients, supervisors, or faculty; abuse others in
physical, emotional, verbal, or sexual ways; or participate in dual relationships where conflicts of interest may exist. In this regard students shall adhere to the Campus Association of Social Workers' Code of Ethics and the NASW Code of Ethics.
The Field Practicum Placement Process
The chart below outlines the step-by-step field practicum process for placement in an agency.

Field Practicum Placement Steps Overview

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| Pre-Placement Step            | *Students* attend the placement session a semester prior to entering practicum to begin preparing for practicum and to start their practicum applications.  
*The Field Office* prepares for practicum placement sessions and notifies students of the date/time of when these sessions will take place. |
| Application Step              | *Students* will complete field applications via Tevera by the deadline specified.  
*The Field Office* will review all Tevera applications and follow up with students as needed. |
| Interview Step                | *Students* will interview at an agency *after* receiving approval and notification from the field office regarding the interview.  
*The Field Office* coordinates with agencies to set up interviews for students.  
*Note:* *Students do not reach out to sites on their own.* |
| Pre-Onboarding Step           | *Students* will submit all required documentation (e.g., background screening, drug screening, immunization record) required by the agency by the appropriate deadline.  
*The Field Office* will provide students with pre-onboarding requirements after being notified by the agency that the student will be hosted by the agency. |
| Confirmation Step             | *Students* will be required to complete all required pre-practicum documentation in Tevera, complete all pre-onboarding requirements by the agency, and attend the scheduled practicum orientation prior to |
| Field Practicum Experience Step | Students begin their practicum experience in their confirmed agency.  

The Field Office continues to provide support when needed throughout the academic year related to the practicum process. | receiving confirmation to begin their practicum placements.  

The Field Office will provide confirmation letters to all students via Tevera after all pre-practicum requirements have been completed by the students. |
Pre-Placement Step

The purpose of the pre-placement step is to provide students with pertinent information regarding the field practicum placement process. During the semester prior to students beginning their practicum, students will be required to attend a pre-placement session and the purpose of this pre-placement session is to provide information regarding the placement process and to begin applications in Tevera which is the Department of Social Work’s field practicum online management system. In addition, this step begins several months prior to the pre-placement step through the recruitment, onboarding, and continuation of field practicum sites and supervisors.

Criteria for Selecting Field Agencies

Field sites are selected based on the educational needs of the student and the organization's interest and commitment to participation in the field education process. To be considered for approval as a field organization, a field organization profile form must be completed by the organization. If the organization provides a meaningful learning experience for students and if there is appropriate supervision, the organization will be visited by the Field Director. When agencies are approved for student placements, the Provost of the University, the Chair of the Department of Social Work, and the organization administrator sign an internship agreement form. Information about what agencies provide is made available to students to assist them in making informed choices about their placement.

Request for referrals and recruitment of effective field settings is a continuous process. After the initial contact is made by the field or assistant field director and the organization director, staff member, social work student, or other interested party has expressed an interest in the fieldwork component, a representative from the setting is requested to complete the field setting profile form. Based on the information recorded on the form, an interview is scheduled by the Field Director with the setting representative to discuss selection criteria to accept or reject the setting.

The selection criteria for field agencies are as follows:

1. The organization is expected to provide an educational experience within the context of the Advanced Generalist Model of social work practice.
2. The organization is expected to be willing and able to provide appropriate supervision and instruction.
3. The organization is expected to support and to represent the student by attending the orientation meetings and the annual social work symposium.
4. The organization is expected to offer facilities to provide effective social work practice experience consistent with advanced generalist practice.
5. The organization is expected to complete evaluation forms and other documents in a timely manner.
6. The organization is expected to be able to schedule at least one visit by the field liaison per field work course and to consult with the Field Director as necessary.
7. The organization is expected to provide adequate space and facilities for the student's practice experience.
8. The organization is expected to provide adequate space and facilities for the student's
practice experience.

9. The organization is expected to provide the Field Director with appropriate educational background and experience.

After the contact has been made by the Field Director and the criteria has been met, the Field Director will then create a Social Work Practicum Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the agency and the Social Work Department. The Memorandum clarifies and defines the roles and responsibilities of the University and the Agency regarding the field placement. The MOA must be completed and signed by the agency’s appropriate authority. Once signed by the agency’s appropriate authority, the MOA is then forwarded to the Chair of the Department of Social Work for review and signage, the Dean of College, and Health Science for review, and to the Provost of the University for review and signage for final approval. After the University approves the agency, a copy of the signed MOA is sent to the agency.

Once all appropriate signatures have been obtained, the Memorandum of Agreement is placed on file with the Department of Social Work and remains on file unless a request by the signing parties has been made to lift the agreement.

After the university approves sites, they are placed in Tevera our online field management system that provides information pertaining to the function and purpose, learning opportunities, types of programs, and target group served.

Criteria for BSW Field Practicum Supervisors

The field supervisor is an integral part of the BSW Program and provides a valuable service to the community and the profession. Field supervisors are selected by the agency and approved by the Field Director. Organization field supervisors for BSW students will hold a CSWE-accredited Bachelor of Social Work degree and 2 years of post-BSW experience in the field. They must also have a commitment to the purposes of social work education, and to teaching and working with students. The field practicum site will be responsible for reinforcing social work perspectives.

The following criteria must be met by the field supervisors:

1. Provide appropriate supervision and instruction.
2. Attend the orientation meetings.
3. Offer facilities to provide experience consistent with generalist practice.
4. Complete evaluation forms and contracts in a timely manner.
5. Be willing to meet for a field site visit and conference calls with their field liaison for each semester the student is in placement.
6. Be able to provide adequate space and facilities for the student's experience.
7. Be able to provide scheduled formal weekly supervisory meetings with students during the semester.
8. The quality of the learning experience of students in placement, the continued presence of an approved supervisor and the geographic proximity to the UNCP service area are important considerations.
9. Demonstrate a willingness to utilize the Department of Social Work’s online field
management system Tevera.

If, due to extenuating circumstances, the agency does not have a field supervisor with an accredited social work degree, the program will accept individuals with an undergraduate degree and one-year post-graduate experience in social work. The Program will, however, provide a social work perspective for the student through field seminar meetings.

Criteria for Selecting MSW Field Practicum Supervisors

Organization field supervisors for MSW students will hold a CSWE-accredited master’s social work degree and 2 years of post-MSW experience in the field. They must also have a commitment to the purposes of social work education, and to teaching and working with students. The field practicum site will be responsible for reinforcing social work perspectives.

All students will receive at least 10 hours of formal supervision with an MSW-credentialed supervisor per semester and this supervision will be documented on the MSW supervision logs.

Note: The 10 supervision hours can be held in both in a group and individual format. A minimum of 2 supervision hours must be held individually.

A formal interview is conducted with the potential organization field supervisor in which one receives a copy of the field practicum manual and other materials. The interview is used as a screening process. In addition, the organization’s field supervisor is expected to:

1. Provide an educational experience within the context of the Advanced Generalist Model.
2. Provide appropriate supervision and instruction.
3. Attend the orientation meetings.
4. Offer facilities to provide experience consistent with generalist practice.
5. Complete evaluation forms and contracts in a timely manner.
6. Be willing to meet for a field site visit and conference calls with their field seminar instructor for each semester the student is in placement.
7. Be able to provide adequate space and facilities for the student’s experience.
8. Be able to provide scheduled formal supervisory meetings with students at least 10 hours during the semester.
9. Demonstrate a willingness to utilize the Department of Social Work’s online field management system Tevera.

The quality of the learning experience of students in placement, the continued presence of an approved supervisor and the geographic proximity to the UNCP service area are important considerations.

Criteria for Selecting a Task Instructor

If an organization does not have an individual with a CSWE-accredited master’s social work
degree and 2 years of post-MSW experience in the field, then the student may be assigned a task instructor at the organization. Organization employees, who are highly experienced in human services and to the program, may be assigned as a task instructor for the student, but preference is shown with agencies that have an MSW Field Practicum Supervisor on site. If the field site does not hold the required degree, the Department of Social Work will meet this educational requirement by providing external MSW supervision for students.

A formal interview is conducted with the potential organization task instructor in which one receives a copy of the field practicum manual and other materials. The interview is used as a screening process. In addition, the organization’s task instructor is expected to:

Provide an educational experience within the context of the Advanced Generalist Model.
1. Provide appropriate supervision of tasks and instruction.
2. Attend the orientation meetings.
3. Offer facilities to provide experience consistent with generalist practice.
4. Complete evaluation forms and contracts in a timely manner.
5. Be willing to meet for a field site visit and conference calls with their field seminar instructor for each semester the student is in placement.
6. Be able to provide adequate space and facilities for the student's experience.
7. Demonstrate a willingness to utilize the Department of Social Work’s online field management system Tevera.

The quality of the learning experience of students in placement, the continued presence of an approved task instructor, and the geographic proximity to the UNCP service area are important considerations.

**Criteria for External Supervisors**

The External Supervisor is an adjunct faculty member for the Department of Social Work. This individual will hold a CSWE-accredited master’s social work degree and 2 years of post-MSW experience in the field.

The Department of Social Work’s External Supervisor is expected to:

1. Provide an educational experience within the context of the Advanced Generalist Model.
2. Be able to provide scheduled formal supervisory meetings with students at least 10 hours during the semester.
3. Attend the external supervisor orientation meetings.
4. Complete evaluation forms and contracts in a timely manner.
5. Be available to meet with the field seminar instructor and/or task instructor for each semester the student is in placement when necessary.
6. Demonstrate a willingness to utilize the Department of Social Work’s online field management system Tevera.

**BSW Field Practicum Placement Eligibility**
All BSW students applying for field practicum placement must meet the following criteria:

1. Have completed all prerequisite coursework SWK 4900 and SWK 4910 to include: SWK 2000, SWK 2450, SWK 3050, SWK 3450, SWK 3480, SWK 3800, SWK 3810, SWK 3850, SWK 3910, SWK 4450, SWK 4600, SWK 4800.
2. A minimum of a 2.5 GPA overall and a 2.5 in the major
3. Met the standards of the Department of Social Work in all grade work in prerequisite coursework.

MSW Field Practicum Placement Eligibility

All MSW students applying for field practicum placement must meet the following criteria:

1. Be enrolled in the appropriate courses per plan of study of either Generalist or Advanced Generalist programs.
2. Met the standards of the Department of Social Work in all prerequisite coursework.

Denial of Admission into Field Practicum

Students may be denied admission to SWK 4900/4910, SWK 5300, or SWK 5500 under the following circumstances:

1. Failure to maintain the required GPA per enrolled program.
2. Failure to have completed course prerequisites.
4. Violation of academic or non-academic standards as outlined in the BSW and MSW Student Handbooks.

Pre-Placement Sessions for BSW and Hybrid MSW Programs

Pre-Placement sessions will be held at the beginning of the semester prior to the student entering field practicum. The purpose of the pre-placement session is to provide information regarding the placement process and to begin applications in Tevera which is the Department of Social Work’s field practicum online management system.

Students will be notified via the SWK student listserv regarding the day/time of the pre-placement session, and it is a requirement to attend the pre-placement session in-person. It is important for the student to prepare prior to attending the pre-placement session through reading the Field Practicum Manual, bringing an electronic updated resume, and having an idea of a practice area of interest.

Pre-Placement Sessions for Online MSW Program

Pre-Placement sessions will be held at the beginning of the semester prior to the student entering field practicum. The purpose of the pre-placement session is to provide information regarding the placement process and to begin applications in Tevera which is the Department of Social Work’s field practicum online management system.
Students will be notified via the SWK student listserv regarding the day/time of the pre-placement session, and it is a requirement to attend the pre-placement session. The pre-placement session will be held virtually. It is important for the student to prepare prior to attending the pre-placement session through reading the Field Practicum Manual, having an electronic updated resume, and having an idea of a practice area of interest.
Application Step

During the application step, the student will complete the Tevera application and meet with either the Director of Field Education or the Assistant Director of Field Education to review the student’s field practicum application. The section below outlines the step-by-step process for submitting the field practicum application.

Application Process for BSW and MSW Students (Hybrid Program)

1. All students that are eligible to begin their field practicums at the start of the upcoming semester will attend the Pre-Placement Session described in the Pre-Application Step a semester prior to beginning their field practicum. During this session, students will receive pertinent information regarding the field practicum process and the use of Tevera and begin their field practicum application in Tevera.
2. Students will be required to complete/submit a Field Practicum Application (see Appendices), upload an updated resume, and sign an acknowledgment form confirming the student has read both the student and field handbooks respective to their program. These tasks must be completed by the deadline specified below:
   a. September 1 for BSW students applying to complete a field practicum in the spring semester and MSW students applying to complete their field practicum for their generalist year.
   b. February 1 for BSW students applying to complete a field practicum in the fall semester and MSW students applying to complete their field practicum for their advanced generalist year.
3. The Department of Social Work's field placement selection process is designed to permit students to select their own placements by ranking their top three agencies on the field practicum application and selecting areas of interest.
4. If a student is interested in an agency that is not listed in the Tevera database, then the student can add that site to their application and the Field Office will initiate the process of a partnership agreement.
5. Students requesting to complete an employment-based practicum will need to specify that on application.
6. BSW students pursuing the School Social Work (SSWK) Licensure will need to specify that on the application due to the student needing to be placed in an appropriate school setting to meet the needs of the SSWK licensure.
7. Advanced Generalist MSW students pursuing either the School Social Work (SSWK) Licensure or the Criteria C Pathway will need to specify that on the application. Students will need to be placed in an appropriate school setting to meet the needs of the SSWK licensure or an appropriate Criteria C setting to meet the needs of the Criteria C pathway.
8. Once the application has been submitted, the Field Office will contact the student to review the application either via phone call, electronic communication, and/or virtual or in person meeting. Then the Field Office will begin to reach out to sites specified on the application or determined through further discussion with the student.
9. Failure to submit the field practicum application or adhere to the deadline for the field practicum application may result in the student having to withdraw from field practicum seminar which will delay the student’s graduation date.

Note: Evenings/weekend placements are extremely limited, and the Field Office cannot guarantee an evening/weekend placement.

Application Process for MSW Students (Online Program)

1. All students that are eligible to begin their field practicums at the start of the upcoming semester will attend the virtual Pre-Placement Session described in the Pre-Application Step a semester prior to beginning their field practicum. During this session, students will receive pertinent information regarding the field practicum process and the use of Tevera and begin their field practicum application in Tevera.
2. Students will be required to complete/submit a Field Practicum Application (see Appendices), upload an updated resume, and sign an acknowledgment form confirming the student has read both the student and field handbooks respective to their program. These tasks must be completed by the deadline specified below:
   a. September 1 for MSW students applying to complete their field practicum for their generalist year.
   b. February 1 for MSW students applying to complete their field practicum for their advanced generalist year.
3. The Department of Social Work's field placement selection process is designed to permit students to select their own placements by ranking their top three agencies on the field practicum application and selecting areas of interest.
4. Students can provide the Field Office with three leads regarding their field practicum placement if the student does not live within 60 miles of the University.
5. If a student is interested in an agency that is not listed in the Tevera database, then the student can add that site to their application and the Field Office will initiate the process of a partnership agreement.
6. Students requesting to complete an employment-based practicum will need to specify that on application.
7. Advanced Generalist MSW students pursuing either the School Social Work (SSWK) Licensure or the Criteria C Pathway will need to specify that on the application. Students will need to be placed in an appropriate school setting to meet the needs of the SSWK licensure or an appropriate Criteria C setting to meet the needs of the Criteria C pathway.
8. Once the application has been submitted, the Field Office will contact the student to review the application either via phone call, electronic communication, and/or virtual meeting. Then the Field Office will begin to reach out to sites specified on the application or determined through further discussion with the student.
9. Failure to submit the field practicum application or adhere to the deadline for the field practicum application may result in the student having to withdraw from field practicum seminar which will delay the student’s graduation date.
Application Process for MSW Students (Advanced Standing Program)

1. Newly incoming Advanced Standing students will receive a welcome letter from the Field Office regarding the field practicum application process and information on the Pre Field-Placement Session which will be held in conjunction with the Advanced Standing Orientation. During the Pre-Placement Session described in the Pre-Application Step students will receive pertinent information regarding the field practicum process and the use of Tevera and begin their field practicum application in Tevera.

2. Students will be required to complete/submit a Field Practicum Application (see Appendices), upload an updated resume, and sign an acknowledgment form confirming the student has read both the student and field handbooks respective to their program. These tasks must be completed by the deadline specified below:
   a. June 1 for MSW students applying to complete their field practicum for their advanced generalist year.

3. The Department of Social Work's field placement selection process is designed to permit students to select their own placements by ranking their top three agencies on the field practicum application and selecting areas of interest.

4. If a student is interested in an agency that is not listed in the Tevera database, then the student can add that site to their application and the Field Office will initiate the process of a partnership agreement.

5. Students requesting to complete an employment-based practicum will need to specify that on application.

6. Advanced Generalist MSW students pursuing either the School Social Work (SSWK) Licensure or the Criteria C Pathway will need to specify that on the application. Students will need to be placed in an appropriate school setting to meet the needs of the SSWK licensure or an appropriate Criteria C setting to meet the needs of the Criteria C pathway.

7. Once the application has been submitted, the Field Office will contact the student to review the application either via phone call, electronic communication, and/or virtual or in person meeting. Then the Field Office will begin to reach out to sites specified on the application or determined through further discussion with the student.

8. Failure to submit the field practicum application or adhere to the deadline for the field practicum application may result in the student having to withdraw from field practicum seminar which will delay the student’s graduation date.
Special Considerations

Placements with Family Members

To avoid conflicts of interest, students are not permitted to complete their field practicum in an agency or institution owned by a family member or close personal or family friend. As well as the students are not permitted to complete their field practicum in an agency or institution where a family member or close personal or family friend hold an administrator role. Additionally, a student’s family member or personal or close family friend, may not serve as a field supervisor for the student. Students are obligated to notify the Field Office if a family member is employed in any capacity with the placement agency, organization, or institution. In addition, if the student, or a close family member, received services from any local agencies that might be recommended as a field placement based on the interests the student has indicated, that information should be provided as well.

Evening/Weekend Placement

Evenings/weekend placements are extremely limited, and the Field Office cannot guarantee an evening/weekend placement.

Location of Site Placement

Students enrolled in the BSW and MSW Hybrid or Advanced Standing programs are expected to accept field placements within a 60-mile radius of the University. Students who prioritize proximity of the field placement may limit their field placement options. Depending on resources, the Field Office may not be able to meet these requests. In addition, placements in agencies outside Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke, Moore, Richmond, Robeson, and Scotland counties will require special consideration by the Field Office.

Students enrolled in the MSW (online program) must have a placement within the State of North Carolina.

Relevant Information

Depending on the student’s area of interest for field placement, other types of information that would potentially be relevant may include, for example, personal experience with domestic violence or sexual assault, a history of substance abuse and/or mental illness. Students are encouraged to make an appointment with the Field Office to discuss any concerns about current issues or past experiences that may impact field placement. This information may be disclosed to the MSW Program Director, a potential field supervisor and/or the MSW field seminar instructor and/or field liaison if it is relevant to the student’s field placement. Students who have concerns about the release of any specific information should discuss this directly with the Field Office.

Multiple Students at One Placement
As the Field Office matches the interests of students with opportunities available in field sites, sometimes more than one student requests the same placement and it is at the discretion of the Field Office if more than one student is placed at an agency.

**Remote Placements**

Students are not permitted to engage in remote placements.

**Online Field Management Database: Tevera**

Tevera is used to organize, track, and store field documents. These field documents include information related to students, field supervisors, field education, and field practicum agency profiles.

To create agency profiles for each partnering agency; agencies are required to provide field directors with their agency’s information such as the services the agency provides, learning opportunities, types of programs, target group served, and demographics. Additionally, the agency will provide their agency’s contact such as the agency’s address, phone number, email, website, field supervisor’s credentials, and field supervisor’s contact information. Agencies are required to contact field directors when updates to their profiles occur.

Tevera is accessible to students, superusers, field directors, field seminar instructors, task instructors, field supervisors, graduate assistants, the social work department chair, the BSW program director, and the MSW program director.

In Tevera, students are required to submit their timesheets, employment-based applications, learning contracts, midterm evaluations, final evaluations, pre-field applications, resumes, the certificate of insurance, and criminal background screenings.

In Tevera, supervisors are required to review and sign timesheets, employment-based applications, and learning contracts. Additionally, supervisors are required to review, evaluate, and sign midterm evaluations and final evaluations.

*Note: Students can access helpful information regarding the use of Tevera and how to access Tevera on the Field Education website.*

**Specialty Programs and Placements**

There are specialty tracks that are available to students depending on their interests and eligibility criteria. Please see the specialty programs below, and please indicate your interest in any of the specialty programs on your field practicum application.
Child Welfare Education Collaborative (CWEC) Scholars Certificate (BSW Only)

The Department of Social Work’s Child Welfare Education Collaborative (CWEC) offers a program that allows students to complete the state mandated pre-service training required by all North Carolina Department of Social Services organizations. This allows students to begin work immediately upon graduation once selected by a Department of Social Service agency. The Department of Social Work’s CWEC seeks individuals that are committed to the social work profession and a career in child welfare. Please visit the Child Welfare Education Collaborative webpage for information regarding this plan of study.

Requirements:

1. Be admitted to the BSW Program
2. Maintain a 2.5 overall and major GPA
3. Complete the online NCCWEC application
4. Complete 400-hour practicum in a North Carolina Department of Social Services
5. Complete SWK 3830, Child Welfare Services, with a C or better

School Social Work Licensure (BSW & MSW)

Students who are currently enrolled in the BSW or MSW programs and professionals who have already completed a CSWE approved BSW or MSW program and are currently employed in a NC Public Schools setting have the option to complete a specialty in School Social Work. Successful completion of all requirements can result in recommendation to the NC Department of Public Instruction for school social work licensure. Please visit the School Social Work Licensure webpage for more information regarding the requirements to obtain this licensure.

Employment-Based Field Practicum (BSW & MSW)

The policy of the Department of Social Work is that an employment setting may be used as a field placement if all the regular requirements of agencies and organization instructors are met in the setting. This placement must be clearly delineated as a learning experience and not a work experience, and therefore will require close supervision. Not all employment situations will be approved for field placement. Approval depends on how clearly the student and setting can describe the learning opportunity, how it differs from the student’s regular employment, and how the field experience is supervised differently from the students’ employment.

Students who are requesting field placement in their field setting must submit an employment-based field application and agreement that includes:

1. Name and qualifications of field supervisor (must be an BSW/MSW (depending on respective program) or approved substitute and not the employment supervisor)
2. The organization must review the requirements of the respective program and agree to all the learning experiences
3. Description of planned learning experiences and student’s regular work assignments
4. Description of designated employment hours and internship hours

New employment that begins no earlier than 3 months prior to the start of the semester student is enrolling in field may be considered as a field practicum.

The Field Director will review the material to ensure that role confusion will not occur between the student and employee role. After reviewing the employment-based field practicum application, the Field Director will either approve or deny the application.

**Criteria C: MSW with Emphasis on Substance Use and Addiction Recovery (Advanced Generalist Year MSW Only)**

Students who are either entering their advanced generalist year or completing the Advanced Standing program are eligible to pursue the Criteria C program. Master’s degree programs serve as a prerequisite for applicants pursuing North Carolina Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS) licensure. Because these programs incorporate the LCAS criteria into their curricula, students graduating with a master’s degree from a “Criteria C” program can be assured that they are receiving necessary LCAS material infused into their learning program. Additionally, because these programs are held to the highest standards in addiction education, the NCSAPPB allows these graduates to qualify for licensure after only the equivalent of one year of properly supervised clinical practice instead of two years for others. This means that graduates of “Criteria C” programs are eligible to enter the workforce as independent practitioners at a much faster rate than those without the substance abuse specialty curricula. Please visit the [Criteria C: MSW with Emphasis on Substance Use and Addiction Recovery](#) webpage for more information regarding the requirements for this program.

**OPTIMISE Rural NC Program (Advanced Generalist Year MSW Only)**

Students who are either entering their advanced generalist year or completing the Advanced Standing program are eligible to apply for the OPTIMISE Rural NC Program. The OPTIMISE Rural NC Program is a trainee program designed to promote holistic access to health care services across the lifespan for medically underserved communities in rural Southeastern NC, with a specific focus on children, adolescents, and transitional-aged youth who are at risk for behavioral health disorders. Students accepted into the OPTIMISE Rural NC Program must complete several requirements including completing their field practicum in a rural and medically underserved area. Students will receive a $10,000 stipend as part of being an OPTIMISE trainee. Additionally, the OPTMISE Rural NC program is only available through 2025. Please visit the [OPTIMISE Rural NC Program](#) webpage for more information regarding the requirements for this program.
Interview Step

During the interview step, students will complete interviews to obtain a placement for their field practicum. Please see below for details regarding this step in the field practicum placement process.

*Note: Students are not permitted to initiate placement on their own. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in the student withdrawing from field practicum which will delay their graduation date.*

1. After the student’s field practicum application has been reviewed and the Field Office has met with the student to review the application, then the Field Office will send the student’s resume and field practicum information to a potential field practicum site for placement. Once the Field Office receives confirmation of interest from the potential field practicum site then either the Field Office or the potential practicum site will reach out to the student to coordinate an interview.
   a. The Field Office will notify the student if the site chooses to coordinate the interview, so the student is aware.

2. The Field Office will reach out to the potential placement site following the scheduled date of the interview to determine if the site is willing to move forward with hosting the student for their field practicum.
   a. Students are required to successfully interview and be accepted by a practicum site for the field practicum.

3. If the student is accepted, then the Field Office will update the student’s application in Tevera and the student will have to sign the Field Confirmation form (found in the Appendices).

4. If the interview has raised a student’s concerns about the proposed educational experience at the placement, the student should immediately contact the Field Office to discuss the interview and their rationale for wanting to decline the match.

5. The student can only deny two placements. If the student denies the third placement, then the Field Office is under no obligation to locate additional field placements for the student, and this may result in the student having to withdrawal from their field practicum which will delay the student’s graduation date. If this occurs, the Field Office will coordinate with the Program Director to determine the next steps for the student.

6. If the field practicum site chooses to decline hosting the student due to the student’s lack of professionalism, then this feedback will be provided to the student and a recommendation to the Career Center will be made to engage in at least one mock interview. If two field practicums sites choose to decline hosting the student due to the student’s lack of professionalism then the student will not be allowed to interview at another field practicum site until a meeting has been held with the Field Office, Program Director, and Department Chair to address the concerns of the field agencies. The recommendations from this meeting may be but are not limited to discussion about the (1) specific feedback given, (2) discussion about the feedback given and either corrective action can occur
concurrently while the student is enrolled in their field practicum, or (3) corrective action is recommended prior to the student beginning field practicum.

Note: It is the Field Office’s responsibility to uphold CSWE accrediting standards regarding field practicum placements, therefore, the Field Office makes the final decision regarding field practicum placements for all students.
Once a student has been successfully placed at a field practicum site then the student will transition into the Pre-Onboarding Step. During this step, the student will complete all necessary paperwork required by both the field practicum site and the Field Office. Please see below for details regarding this step in the field practicum placement process.

**Potential Documentation/Items to be Completed for Placement**

There are a variety of practice areas within the social work discipline to include but not limited to child welfare agencies, mental health clinics, integrated behavioral healthcare facilities, non-profits, hospitals, substance use disorder treatment facilities, school systems, and/or government agencies. Depending on the practice area and agency regulations, students will have to complete pre-onboarding documentation, drug screens, background checks, fingerprints, and/or submit immunization records.

The Field Office may not be aware of all the pre-onboarding requirements for each agency, so it is important for the student to ask the site representative about the documentation/items that are required by the specific agency. However, students are encouraged to contact the Field Office with any questions or concerns.

After a student has successfully been placed with an agency and completed the Field Confirmation form located in Tevera then the student will complete the remaining documentation and/or tasks to be completed prior to beginning one’s field practicum placement. In addition, students will not move forward to the next placement step until they have completed all pre-onboarding requirements requested by both the agency and Field Office.

Some sites use online onboarding management systems, and the student will be required to upload all required documents into this system and cover any fees associated with using this management system. In addition, students are responsible for paying for any cost associated with documentation/items needed prior to beginning placement with the agency.

1. **Blood Borne Pathogen Training/Exam (Required by the Field Office)**
   a. Students will complete the Blood Borne Pathogen Training and Exam located in Tevera. All instructions on how to complete this training and exam is listed in Tevera.

2. **Field Practicum Agreement and Waiver of Liability (Required by the Field Office)**
   a. The Field Practicum Agreement and Waiver of Liability is required document to be reviewed and signed by the student. The purpose of this document is for students to review their responsibilities, the responsibilities of both the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and the agency, and to waive liability of the university regarding what occurs at the placement site.

3. **Employment Based Field Application (Required by the Field Office)**
   a. Students seeking a field practicum experience in their place of employment must receive approval from the Department of Social Work field office through
completion of this application.

4. Criminal Background Check
   a. The University of North Carolina at Pembroke has contracted with Certiphi Screening, Inc. to conduct criminal background checks for students entering their practicums. Students are responsible for paying for the criminal background screen and providing these results to their confirmed agency. If a student is required to utilize Certiphi, no other forms of a criminal background check will be accepted. Note: Some sites choose to use their own criminal background contractor and will use this contractor to conduct student criminal background screens.
   b. It is the student’s responsibility to inform the Field Office of any information that would be reasonably understood to have a direct impact on field placement recommendations, for example, a felony conviction.

5. Liability Protection
   a. The University has a blanket policy that covers all students in internships or practicums. The Field Office will provide the field site with a copy of the student’s liability policy if requested.

6. TB Skin Test
7. Immunization Records
8. Criminal Background Check
9. Drug Screen
10. CPR
11. Fingerprints
12. Agency Application
13. References
14. Any additional requirements specified by the agency or indicated on the partnership agreement with the site.
Confirmation Step

During the Confirmation Step, students will attend the BSW/MSW Student Field Orientation then will receive their Pre-Field Confirmation Letters in Tevera verifying they have successfully completed all pre-onboarding documentation/requirements requested by both the agency and the Field Office and that the student is able to proceed to beginning their field practicum placement.

BSW/MSW (Hybrid) Student Field Practicum Orientation

Students are required to attend the in-person BSW/MSW Student Orientation which is held once per semester. The purpose of this orientation is to familiarize all students registered for field practicum with current field practicum policies and procedures. Students cannot begin their field practicum placements until they have attended this orientation.

Online MSW Student Field Practicum Orientation

Students are required to attend the virtual MSW Student Orientation which is held once per semester. The purpose of this orientation is to familiarize all students registered for field practicum with current field practicum policies and procedures. Students cannot begin their field practicum placements until they have attended this orientation.

Pre-Field Confirmation Letters

Once the student has completed all pre-onboarding requirements determined by the agency and the Field Office and attended the Student Field Practicum Orientation then the student will be able to access their Pre-Field Confirmation Letter in Tevera. The purpose of this letter is to verify that the student has met all the pre-field requirements and is ready to begin the field placement. The student will be able to download this letter from Tevera and submit to both their practicum seminar instructor and agency supervisor or task instructor (see Appendices).
Field Practicum Experience Step

This is the final step of the field practicum placement process. This section will discuss all the requirements for the student’s respective program and expectations of students during this step.

Field Practicum Program Requirements

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**Components of the Field Practicum Education Program**

Theory, policy, and conceptual learning from the classroom are put into practice in the field of education experience. The transfer of learning is possible only through a collaboration of efforts from the student, the department (primarily the field faculty), and the agency (primarily the task instructor or site supervisor). The relationships that develop among these partnerships enhance opportunities for the student to have didactic and experiential learning opportunities.

The field practicum design consists of four field experiences that enable students to apply master’s level coursework in a generalist/advanced practice setting. Students, field supervisors and faculty field seminar instructors plan activities that will support the development of generalist skills as specified in individualized learning contracts. Students will be exposed to a variety of social work roles and responsibilities.

**Field Practicum Education Roles**

**Director of Field Education**

The Director provides leadership in the development and implementation of field curriculum, collaborates with current and potential field practicum sites and human services communities, and interacts with other social work programs regarding regional and national field education standards and policies. The Director assures appropriate educational processes are implemented to support student learning and students' emerging professional development. The Director leads efforts to recruit, develop, and provide ongoing support to field supervisors and field site organizations. The Director of Field Education ensures the Council of Social Work Education standards for field education are upheld.

**Assistant Director of Field Education**
The Assistant Director co-collaborates with BSW and MSW students, UNCP Department of Social Work faculty, field organizations and human services communities to provide instruction and support for field education curriculum. The Assistant Director works under the supervision of the Director of Field Education to coordinate all aspects of field education and to ensure standards of field education are upheld.

**OPTIMISE Rural NC Student Success Advocate**

The OPTIMISE program further strengthens the development of the behavioral healthcare workforce in our region, with a particular focus on serving children, adolescents, and transitional aged youth. The OPTIMISE Rural NC Student Success Advocate works with OPTIMISE students to ensure their field sites meet OPTIMISE grant parameters through placement at agencies considered both rural and medically underserved within southeastern North Carolina. This position supports work on grant reporting measures and coordinates various training activities provided to OPTIMISE participants. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has funded the OPTIMISE program through an award of $1,913,297 through June 2025.

**Field Practicum Seminar Instructor**

Faculty field instructors plan activities that will support the development of generalist and advanced generalist skills as specified in individualized learning contracts. The field faculty will serve as a liaison between the student, placement site, and university. Field faculty facilitate practicum seminars and assign grades to students for their field practicums.

**MSW Site Supervisor**

The MSW Site Supervisor is an MSW practitioner that provides onsite supervision at the agency and supervises the student in the agency setting. The MSW Site Supervisor assists the student in composing tasks/activities for the student’s individual learning contract, provides supervision, and evaluates the student’s performance.

**Task Instructor**

The Task Instructor is an individual that does not hold an MSW degree but has demonstrated knowledge of the social work profession and can oversee the implementation of a student’s individual learning contract. The Task Instructor assists the student in composing tasks/activities for the student’s individual learning contract, delegates tasks/activities for the student to complete, and evaluates the student’s performance.

**External Supervisor**

The External Supervisor is an adjunct instructor that provides a minimum of 10 hours of supervision to students that are in a placement that does not have an MSW Site Supervisor on site.
Field Practicum Seminar Courses

Graduate field instruction includes a seminar that will meet regularly throughout each semester. The purpose of the seminar will be for students to share field experiences and to relate them to the competencies and practice behaviors.

Grading

The grading for field is pass/fail. Specific information related to grading procedures and standards will be found in the syllabi associated with each field seminar course.

1. A Pass (P) means that the student has met or exceeded standards and expectations.
2. A Fail (F) means that the student has neglected to meet standards and expectations.

BSW Field Practicum Seminar Courses

SWK 4910 Field Work and Integrative Field Seminar
This course will focus on each student’s performance as they demonstrate social work competency behaviors in a human service setting. Students will integrate coursework and practice to transition from student to entry-level social work professionals. Each student will engage in generalist practice activities that will allow them to demonstrate cultural humility, advocate for human rights, make ethical decisions, use supervision effectively, engage in policy and research, and the planned change process. Social work majors must complete this course with a minimum of grade C. Prerequisites: SWK 3910, SWK 4450, SWK 4600, SWK 4800 and formal acceptance to the BSW Program.

SWK 4900 Field Work
This fieldwork experience is designed to facilitate professional development as well as to integrate social work skills, knowledge, values, and ethics. Each student will complete 32 hours per week in an assigned field setting. Successful completion of a minimum of 400 clock hours is required at the end of the semester to receive a passing grade. Grading is Pass/Fail for 9 credit hours. SWK 4900 and SWK 4910 are required to be taken concurrently.

MSW Field Practicum Seminar Courses

SWK 5300. Generalist Practicum I
This is the first course of two generalist practicum that enable students to apply master’s level coursework in a generalist practice setting. Students, agency supervisors, and faculty field instructors plan activities that will support the development of generalist skills as specified in individualized learning contracts. Students will be exposed to a variety of social work roles and responsibilities. The graduate field instruction includes a seminar that will meet four times throughout the semester. The purpose of the seminar will be for students to share field experiences and to relate them to real world experiences. Open to MSW students only. PREREQ: Admission to the MSW Program.
**SWK 5010. Generalist Field I External Supervision**

Students who are assigned to a field site that does not have a credentialed field supervisor are required to complete a section of MSW external field supervisor in conjunction with field practicum and seminar. SWK 5010 Generalist Field I External Supervision must be taken concurrently with SWK 5300 Generalist Field I. SWK 5010 is the first of four external supervisor experiences that enable students to apply master’s level coursework in a generalist practice setting. Students, site supervisors, field seminar instructors and external MSW supervisors collaborate to plan activities that will support the development of generalist/advanced skills as specified in individualized learning contracts. External MSW supervisors and students meet on a regular basis throughout the semester to integrate practice and theory, resolve ethical dilemmas and develop professional identity. COREQ: SWK 5300 Generalist Practicum I

**SWK 5400. Generalist Practicum II**

This is the second course of two generalist practicum that enable students to apply master’s level coursework in a generalist practice setting. Students, agency supervisors, and faculty field instructors plan activities that will support the development of generalist skills as specified in individualized learning contracts. Students will be exposed to a variety of social work roles and responsibilities. The graduate field instruction includes a seminar that will meet four times throughout the semester. The purpose of the seminar will be for students to share field experiences and to relate them to real world experiences. Open to MSW students only. PREREQ: Admission to the MSW Program.

**SWK 5020. Generalist Field II External Supervision**

Students who are assigned to a field site that does not have a credentialed field supervisor are required to complete a section of MSW external field supervisor in conjunction with field practicum and seminar. SWK 5020 Generalist Field I External Supervision must be taken concurrently with SWK 5400 Generalist Field I. SWK 5020 is the second of four external supervisor experiences that enable students to apply master’s level coursework in a generalist practice setting. Students, site supervisors, field seminar instructors and external MSW supervisors collaborate to plan activities that will support the development of generalist/advanced skills as specified in individualized learning contracts. External MSW supervisors and students meet on a regular basis throughout the semester to integrate practice and theory, resolve ethical dilemmas and develop professional identity. COREQ: SWK 5400

**SWK 5500. Advanced Generalist Practicum I**

This is the first practicum in the advanced generalist curriculum. This course enables students to apply advanced generalist master’s level coursework in an advanced generalist practice setting. Students, agency supervisors, and faculty field instructors plan activities that will support the development of generalist skills as specified in individualized learning contracts. Students will be exposed to a variety of social work roles and responsibilities. PREREQ: Admission to the MSW Program and SWK 5060 or Advanced Standing.

**SWK 5800. Advanced Generalist Practicum II**

This is the second practicum in the advanced generalist year. This course enables students to apply Advanced Generalist master’s level coursework in an advanced generalist practice setting.
Students, agency supervisors, and faculty field instructors plan activities that will support the development of generalist skills as specified in individualized learning contracts. Students will be exposed to a variety of social work roles and responsibilities. Students will complete a capstone project that provides a culminating MSW educational experience in which students integrate and synthesize program material in relation to a particular area of interest. Open to MSW students only. PREREQ: SWK 5300, SWK 5400, SWK 5500 or Advanced Standing.

**SWK 5030. Advanced Generalist Field I External Supervision**

Students who are assigned to a field site that does not have a credentialed field supervisor are required to complete a section of MSW external field supervisor in conjunction with field practicum and seminar. SWK 5030 Advanced Generalist Field I External Supervision must be taken concurrently with SWK 5500 Advanced Generalist Field I. SWK 5030 is the third of four external supervisor experiences that enable students to apply master’s level coursework in a generalist practice setting. Students, site supervisors, field seminar instructors and external MSW supervisors collaborate to plan activities that will support the development of generalist/advanced skills as specified in individualized learning contracts. External MSW supervisors and students meet on a regular basis throughout the semester to integrate practice and theory, resolve ethical dilemmas and develop professional identity. COREQ: SWK 5500

**SWK 5040. Advanced Generalist Field II External Supervision**

Students who are assigned to a field site that does not have a credentialed field supervisor are required to complete a section of MSW external field supervisor in conjunction with field practicum and seminar. SWK 5040 Advanced Generalist Field II External Supervision must be taken concurrently with SWK 5800 Generalist Field I. SWK 5040 is the fourth of four external supervisor experiences that enable students to apply master’s level coursework in a generalist practice setting. Students, site supervisors, field seminar instructors and external MSW supervisors collaborate to plan activities that will support the development of generalist/advanced skills as specified in individualized learning contracts. External MSW supervisors and students meet on a regular basis throughout the semester to integrate practice and theory, resolve ethical dilemmas and develop professional identity. COREQ: SWK 5800
Field Practicum Education Forms and Assignments

Learning Contract
This document lists tasks that allow you to demonstrate the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) competencies and generalist practice behaviors. The student is to develop a learning contract in collaboration with the field supervisor/task instructor and field seminar instructor (see Appendices).

Midterm and Final Performance Evaluations
The student and field supervisor will complete the midterm and final performance evaluations to provide feedback to both the student and field seminar instructor. The performance evaluations are based off the student’s performance regarding their learning contract (see Appendices).

Timesheets
Timesheets are professional documents used to track each student’s field clock hours over the course of the semester. Each submitted timesheet must have an original signature by the student, field supervisor, external supervisor, and task instructor, as applicable. Students will submit a total of 4 timesheets.

MSW Supervision Forms
MSW Supervision Forms serve many purposes in addition to verifying clock hours. Students should use the supervision documentation form to note topics for discussion in supervision sessions. These notes should initiate and guide group and/or individual discussions with the supervisor. The supervisor and student should also use the form to review planned learning activities and opportunities for the coming week(s) and to document student progress on identified objectives (i.e., learning activities as outlined in the learning contract, plans of correction, skill-building, documentation, etc.).

Evaluation of Field Practicum Placement
In the interest of maintaining consistent high standards of quality in our field practicum settings, the Department of Social Work at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke recognizes the value of providing students with the opportunity to report their perception of the field experience. The students are asked to complete a student evaluation of the field experience questionnaire per semester.

BSW E Portfolio (BSW Only)
Each student will be required to create a professional website using a free website building site. Weebly is suggested due to familiarity and cost. Using a paid site builder will be at your own discretion but it is not required. This website’s homepage will contain a professional head shot, an introduction statement, and resume. This assignment will consist of 7 different sections that you will be graded on: 1. Agency Overview, 2. Agency Project, 3. Case Presentation, 4. Continuing Education, 5. Advocacy Project, 6. Competency Presentations, 7. e-Portfolio

Capstone Project (MSW Advanced Generalist Year Only)
Students will complete a final project, specifically the area of their field practicum interest. The information gathered is evaluated and assessed. The integrative project provides a culminating MSW educational experience, in which students integrate and synthesize program material in relation to the core competencies and practice behaviors in their area of interest.

**Permissible Field Practicum Activities**

**Telework**

Students are permitted to engage in telework that is applicable to their field practicum placements. Students must request permission from both their field seminar instructor and task instructor or site supervisor prior to engaging in any telework activities. Additionally, telework activities cannot exceed more than 10 percent combined of the student’s field practicum hours.

**Trainings**

Students are permitted to engage in training opportunities that are applicable to their field practicum placements. Students must request permission from both their field seminar instructor and task instructor or site supervisor prior to engaging in any training opportunities. Additionally, training opportunities cannot exceed more than 10 percent of the student’s field practicum hours.

*Note: The training opportunities can be obtained virtually or in-person but must offer a certificate of completion.*

**Field Seminar**

BSW students are allowed to count a maximum of 30 seminar hours towards their practicum hours. MSW students are allowed to count a maximum of 12.5 seminar hours towards their practicum hours per semester.

**Supervision**

**Expectations of Supervision from MSW Site Supervisor**

The field supervisor is an integral part of the MSW program and provides a valuable service to the community and the profession. Supervisors are encouraged to be familiar with classroom content and other learning input (i.e., The Campus Association of Social Workers) to which the student is exposed. Field supervisors are recognized as training resources for the Department of Social Work. The Field Office is responsible for making materials available that would be helpful to them.

The Department of Social Work is committed to providing ongoing consultation to local agencies in the community. Any organization that offers its resources as a field placement can request in-service training (at no cost) from the social work faculty. The offer is limited to the fields of expertise of each faculty member.

Students come to The University of North Carolina at Pembroke from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, and interests. As a result, no two students are alike. This uniqueness is more evident in field work than at any other time during the student's academic career. It is expected that our
students will be sincere, motivated, tolerant, empathetic, and discreet. The field supervisors can also expect that the student will work efficiently, show flexibility and a readiness to perform the necessary tasks related to the learning experiences. It is important to recognize that the Social Work Curriculum is preparing students for advanced generalist social work practice at the entry level. It is extremely important that social work students understand organization policy prior to becoming deeply involved in direct service. This is stressed for two obvious reasons:

1. For students to contribute to the organization, they must grasp the basic philosophy of the organization as well as the procedural requirements. Students can make significant contributions if they are informed of organization policies and procedures.
2. Having practical experience in understanding and analyzing organization policy is considered a part of the students' learning experience.

It is essential that the roles of the organization field supervisor and the student are clearly defined if the transition from student to social work professional is to be a smooth one. Students typically show signs of ambivalence through this transition. There is a desire for independence; however, there is also some anxiety. Underlying this anxiety is, most frequently, a sense of insecurity and lack of confidence. To increase self-confidence and competence, the field supervisor needs to give considerable support as well as encouragement to the student. As a result, planned supervisory meetings between student and field supervisor are required. Such conferences are required by the Department of Social Work and the Council on Social Work Education.

The organization field supervisor should prepare for such meetings with the student, clarifying at the beginning the responsibilities the student will have in the field setting. One of the functions of these meetings is to provide an on-going assessment of the student's performance. The student should be given an opportunity to be informed of the supervisor's impressions. Ongoing constructive feedback contributes to a quality learning experience for the student, provides an opportunity for stimulation, and enables both the supervisor and the student to develop a productive professional relationship. In summary, there should be ongoing communication of the strengths and needs of the student and, these needs should be addressed.

There are six primary tasks for student supervision:

1. Competition field supervisor orientation.
2. The sharing of practical experience, knowledge, and organization resources.
3. The development of a professional identity as a professional social worker.
4. The teaching of organization specific knowledge and the encouragement of skill development.
5. The evaluation of the student with feedback to facilitate professional growth on an ongoing basis.
6. Scheduling of regular supervisory sessions (a minimum of 10 hours per semester).

The student can link the academic world with the real practice of social work, to develop his/her professional identity and to learn a specific area of social work. The most difficult task of the organization field supervisor is to evaluate the student's experience. Since the spring of 1985, the Social Work Program has used the pass/fail grading system (see “Grading” below). The P/F
grading system requires that the supervisor offer an evaluation that is descriptive of the student's strengths and needs which may not appear otherwise.

Students are to be evaluated by the highest standards. The faculty respects the field supervisor’s evaluation. A passing grade will be indicated by the instructor’s selection of “meeting expectations” on the final evaluation form.

Methods of Supervision

During the field practicum experience, students are beginning to integrate skills, values, and knowledge. Following are some techniques that can be used to enhance student development and effectiveness as a practitioner.

1. Use the information from the field supervisor orientation as a basis for all interaction with the student.
2. Create a supportive learning environment for each social work student.
3. Provide each student with an orientation period which provides structure and learning about the organization, its purpose, goals, and the social work roles.
4. Encourage continued professional growth through client contact, group work, community involvement, participation in the organization's organizational environment, evaluation of service delivery systems, social welfare policy implementation, professional documentation, social history writing, grant writing, workshop attendance, research, and professional reading.
5. Encourage continued self-awareness and personal growth through the understanding of personal values versus professional values, ethics, and human diversity.
6. Encourage students to integrate social work and liberal arts skills, values, knowledge, ethics, and self-awareness which will eventually translate to more effective social work practice skills.
7. Set aside time for weekly supervisory conferences and use that time to obtain feedback regarding the student's feelings and learning style. Give support, suggestions, and encouragement as deemed appropriate.
8. Use the Field Office as a resource and maintain ongoing contact.
9. Be willing to share your practice wisdom and serve as a mentor to your student; but recognize that you can also learn from your student.

Individual, one to one, supervision is by far the most common form of supervision used by the agencies working with the MSW Program. Regular supervisory conferences are required to provide the students with ongoing support, increased learning, and skill development through regular periodic assessment. "Periodic" is determined as a minimum of 10 hours over the course.

Methods of Evaluating Student

One important element of supervision is evaluation. This is accomplished informally and formally at least six times during the academic year:

1. Oral evaluation with field liaison during each site visit (informal evaluation).
2. Written evaluation at mid-term.
3. Written evaluation at the end of the semester

Student performance evaluation forms are the basis on which the grade for field is determined, and the field seminar instructor is prohibited from giving a passing grade without having a completed evaluation. There are two student performance evaluations which are used to evaluate the field experience, the mid-term evaluation, and the final evaluation. Students are responsible for informing field supervisors as to due dates set for these evaluations.

It will be necessary for the organization field supervisor to give verbal feedback on a regular basis. Students must know where they stand prior to a written evaluation. Specifically, the NASW Code of Ethics states: "The social worker who has the responsibility for evaluating the performance of employees, instructors, or students should share evaluations with them."

Methods for dealing with student’s evaluations are discussed during orientation for field supervisors.

Expectations of Supervision from External Supervisor

The external supervisor is an integral part of the MSW program and provides a valuable service to the community and the profession. Supervisors are encouraged to be familiar with classroom content and other learning input (i.e., The Campus Association of Social Workers) to which the student is exposed. Field supervisors are recognized as training resources for the Department of Social Work. The Field Office is responsible for making materials available that would be helpful to them.

The purpose of external supervision is to provide students with appropriate supervision that meets CSWE accreditation standards and allows the student to remain in a field placement of interest to their future practice area. Additionally, the external supervision course will be held in a hybrid model to meet the individual needs of all students. The format for this hybrid model is as follows:

1. The students registered for external supervision will be assigned into two groups (e.g., Group A or Group B).
2. Each group will meet with the external supervisor via a hybrid model (e.g., Group A may meet 1st and 3rd week of the month and Group B will meet the 2nd and 4th week of the month).

There are six primary tasks for student supervision:

1. Competition external supervisor orientation.
2. The sharing of practical experience, knowledge, and organization resources.
3. The development of a professional identity as a professional social worker.
4. The encouragement of skill development.
5. The evaluation of the student with feedback to facilitate professional growth on an ongoing basis.
6. Scheduling of regular supervisory sessions. Students must have a minimum of two
individual supervision hours and a maximum of 8 supervision hours.

The student can link the academic world with the real practice of social work, to develop his/her professional identity and to learn a specific area of social work. The most difficult task of the organization field supervisor is to evaluate the student's experience. Since the spring of 1985, the Social Work Program has used the pass/fail grading system (see “Grading” below). The P/F grading system requires that the supervisor offer an evaluation that is descriptive of the student's strengths and needs which may not appear otherwise.

Students are to be evaluated by the highest standards. The faculty respects the field supervisor’s evaluation. A passing grade will be indicated by the instructor’s selection of “meeting expectations” on the final evaluation form.

**Safety of Students in Field Practicum**

The safety of students in field practicum is of major importance. It is important that students feel safe to carry out their responsibilities in the field. Students are made aware that the practice of social work has the potential to involve personal risk.

To minimize risk, students are not allowed to transport clients in their own personal vehicle or an agency (company) vehicle. Students must be accompanied by their field supervisor and another agency employee on all home visits. Students and field practicum sites are made aware of this rule in orientation and in field seminars. Students are to be made aware of and follow additional agency-specific safety protocols. If safety concerns arise for a student, it is imperative that the student discuss these safety concerns with their field supervisor immediately. This discussion also must be shared with the student’s field seminar instructor. Students are not to take needless risks. If a student is threatened or injured while in the field practicum or is involved in an incident when their safety could have been compromised, the student should report the event immediately to their field supervisor and the Field Director.
Faculty Monitoring of Students and Field Practicum Sites

A representative from the Department of Social Work (field seminar instructor and/or the Field Director) continually assesses and evaluates the field activities of each student. The field seminar instructors are expected to check-in (e.g., email, phone call, and/or electronic form) with the MSW field supervisor or task instructor within the first four weeks of the semester. Additionally, a representative from the Department of Social Work (field seminar instructor and/or the Field Director) visits field placement sites to ensure the student is completing their tasks/activities associated with their learning contract and assessing the student’s experience in the field site placement. These visits are held synchronously through video conferencing and should be held prior to the midpoint of the semester. However, these visits can be held face-to-face if requested or at the discretion of the Field Office.

Priority is placed on early visits to agencies that are being utilized for field placements for the first time. The faculty meets with both the student and the organization field supervisor at the organization. The faculty also communicates with organization field supervisors as needed throughout the semester by telephone. Additional meetings are arranged, if necessary, to address problems or special needs.

Field Placement Expectations of the Student

The Field Education Program has the following expectations of students in the Field Practicum:

1. Confidentiality must be strictly maintained so students must not use actual client names or any specific identifying information in any written assignments or class discussions.
2. The student enrolled in the BSW program must complete a minimum of 400 hours of supervised work in the field practicum site.
3. The student enrolled in either the MSW Hybrid or Online program must complete a minimum of 930 hours of supervised work in the field practicum site.
4. The student enrolled in MSW Advanced Standing program must complete a minimum of 500 hours of supervised work in the field practicum site.
5. The student will maintain their typical schedule as designated on the learning contract throughout the duration of the semester even when minimum hours have been obtained.
6. The student must follow and adhere to the National Association of Social Worker’s Code of Ethics.
7. The student must attend all scheduled seminars.
8. The student must attend all required organization meetings and workshops.
9. The student must attend all scheduled supervision sessions with the field supervisor or external supervisor.
10. The student must develop and successfully fulfill the activities described in the learning contract.
11. Students will document their field hours and submit to the organization field supervisor for signature to monitor the required hours in field. The student must submit their field hours on a routine basis as scheduled by the field seminar instructor.
12. The organization field supervisor and the field seminar instructor must be informed of all absences in advance when possible. Time missed must be made up to meet the
requirements of the field setting, the Department of Social Work, and the University.

13. Students are encouraged to attend educational activities outside of their normal field setting (workshops and seminars related to their field work placements). To attend such events, students must obtain permission from the organization field supervisor in writing prior to the event.

14. All students are required to attend the field seminar as scheduled. The seminar is of the utmost importance for the professional growth and development of the student. It also supports the transition of the student to entry-level professional and serves to integrate the classroom knowledge with the field experience. Students are expected to attend all seminar classes.

15. Field settings freely commit themselves to the education of social work students. They volunteer their facilities and the time of the staff. These agencies have established policies and procedures which the students are expected to follow. If a student is unclear or questions organization policies, it is the responsibility of the student to discuss the matter with the organization field supervisor, and the Field Office.

The field practicum is closely integrated with all aspects of the social work program curriculum and is an integral component of the curricula. The field experience reinforces identification with the purposes, values, and ethics of the profession in a real-world setting in which the student can translate classroom experiences into beginning-level professional practice. In a carefully chosen organization setting the student can begin the process of integrating empirical and practice-based knowledge. The student is afforded the opportunity to develop professional competence by doing, transforming his/her abilities and knowledge gained in social work courses into action.
Procedures for Grievance, Transition, and Dismissal

This section provides step-by-step procedures to address any grievances or concerns regarding the field practicum.

Student Concerns Related to Site Supervisor/Task Instructor/Agency.

Below are the steps for the student to follow regarding any concerns involving the assigned site supervisor, task instructor, and/or field agency.

Step 1: Meeting with Site Supervisor or Task Instructor

The student will request a one-on-one meeting with their assigned site supervisor or task instructor to address the concerns of the student. During the meeting, the student will communicate their concerns in a respectful and professional manner. Additionally, the student and site supervisor or task instructor will collaborate on next steps needed to resolve these concerns. The student is responsible for documenting the meeting and will complete a Field Practicum Report Form (see Appendices) and upload it into Tevera within one week of the meeting.

Note: The student cannot use electronic communication to explicitly state their concerns or grievances towards the site supervisor, task instructor, or field agency. These concerns must be addressed verbally in a face-to-face meeting.

Step 2: Meeting with Field Seminar Instructor

If the concerns or grievances remain unresolved after the completion of Step 1 then the student will request a one-on-one meeting with their assigned field seminar instructor. During the meeting, the student will communicate their concerns in a respectful and professional manner. Additionally, the student and field seminar instructor will collaborate on next steps needed to resolve these concerns. The field seminar instructor is responsible for documenting the meeting and the determined resolution to the student’s concern(s). The field seminar instructor will add the documentation in Tevera within one week of the meeting. The student will adhere to the resolution agreed upon between the student and field seminar instructor.

Note: The student must always adhere to confidentiality and the NASW Code of Ethics and are not permitted to voice their concerns or grievances during the field seminar course. These concerns should be directly addressed only the field seminar instructor.

Step 3: Meeting with Site Supervisor or Task Instructor and Field Seminar Instructor

If the concerns or grievances remain unresolved after the completion of Step 2, then the field seminar instructor will request a joint meeting with the student and site supervisor or task instructor. If necessary, the Director of Field Education will attend the meeting. Additionally, all parties involved in the meeting will collaborate on the next steps needed to resolve these concerns. The field seminar instructor is responsible for documenting the meeting and the determined
resolution to the student’s concern(s). The student will adhere to the resolution agreed upon by all parties.

**Step 4: Meeting with the Field Office and Program Director**

If the concerns or grievances remain unresolved after the completion of Step 3, then the field seminar instructor will request a joint meeting with the student, the Field Office, and respective Program Director. All parties involved in the meeting will collaborate on next steps needed to resolve these concerns. The Field Office is responsible for documenting the meeting and the determined resolution to the student’s concern(s). The student will adhere to the resolution agreed upon by all parties.

**Exceptions to steps 1-4.**

There are exceptions to the above steps if the student’s concern(s) justify immediate action by the Field Office. If the student is experiencing discrimination, harassment, or abuse then the student should report these concerns immediately to the Field Office. Additionally, if the student is concerned for their safety at their field placement, then the student should report these concerns immediately to the Field Office.

**Site Supervisor or Task Instructor Concerns Related to a Student**

Below are the steps for the site supervisor or task instructor to follow regarding any concerns involving the student.

**Step 1: Meeting with Student**

The site supervisor or task instructor will request a one-on-one meeting with the student to address the concerns of the site supervisor or task instructor. During the meeting, the site supervisor or task instructor will communicate their concerns and engage in problem-solving with the student to identify potential solutions. Moving forward, the student will adhere to the solutions determined. The site supervisor or task instructor is responsible for documenting the meeting and will input this documentation into Tevera.

**Step 2: Meeting with Field Seminar Instructor**

If the concerns or grievances remain unresolved after the completion of Step 1 then the site supervisor or task instructor will request a one-on-one meeting with the student’s assigned field seminar instructor. During the meeting, the site supervisor or task instructor will communicate their concerns and will collaborate on next steps with the field seminar instructor to resolve these concerns. Following this meeting, the field seminar instructor will meet with the student separately to address the site supervisor or task instructor’s concerns. Then the field seminar instructor will schedule a meeting with the site supervisor or task instructor and the student to collaboratively resolve the concerns. The field seminar instructor is responsible for documenting all meetings and the determined resolutions to the presented concerns. The field seminar instructor will add the documentation in Tevera within one week of the meeting.
Step 3: Meeting with the Field Director

If the concerns or grievances remain unresolved after the completion of Step 2, then the field seminar instructor will request a joint meeting with the student, site supervisor or task instructor, and the field director. Additionally, all parties involved in the meeting will collaborate on the next steps needed to resolve these concerns. A field practicum remedial plan may need to be implemented and this plan should include the site supervisor or task instructor’s concerns, remedial steps for the student to address the concerns, and possible outcomes for noncompliance. The field director is responsible for documenting the meeting and the determined resolutions to the presented concerns. The field director will add the documentation to Tevera within one week of the meeting.

Step 4: Meeting with the Field Office and Program Director

If the concerns or grievances remain unresolved after the completion of Step 3, then the field director will request a joint meeting with the student and respective program director. All parties involved in the meeting will collaborate on next steps needed to resolve these concerns. The field director is responsible for documenting the meeting and the determined resolutions to the presented concerns. The student will adhere to the resolution agreed upon by all parties.

Exceptions to steps 1-4.

There are exceptions to the above steps if the site supervisor or task instructor concern(s) justify immediate action by the Field Office. If the student has violated University policies, then the site supervisor or task instructor should report these concerns immediately to the Field Office.

Placement Transition

A student may request to change their placement. Prior to formally requesting to change their placement through the Field Office by completing the Request for a Placement Change form (see Appendices) the student must first follow the Grievance procedures outlined above. The placement change request form will not be considered if the student has not followed the steps outlined in the Grievance procedures. Additionally, a student requesting a placement change will not be considered after the midpoint of the semester.

Note: A student cannot change their placement without approval by the Field Office.

Students requesting a placement change are expected to adhere to the following steps:

1. The student will follow the Grievance process outlined above. If all steps have been completed student will consult with their Field Seminar Instructor and complete the Request for a Placement Change (see Appendices).
2. The student will submit the form to their faculty seminar instructor for their input; and after it is completed and signed then the student will submit the completed form to the Director of Field Education.
3. The Request to Change Field Placement form will be reviewed by the Field Office and/or
the Field Committee.
   a. Note: The student must remain in their placement until the Field Office has approved the placement change.
4. The Field Office will request an evaluation of the student based on their time spent at the agency.
5. The student may be requested to update their resume and field application as part of the placement process to the new agency.
6. Students will be expected to update their learning contract to reflect the new placement.
7. Students will be responsible for completing any required pre-onboarding items for the new agency and training or orientations held by the new agency.

Student Dismissal

This section will outline the steps regarding student dismissal from the field practicum site.

Note: Students are expected to remain in their same placement for two consecutive semesters. If a student is dismissed in their first semester, then this dismissal is in effect for the duration of the two semesters and the student must follow the dismissal procedures outlined below.

1. If the site supervisor/task instructor/field practicum agency decides to dismiss the student due to egregious behavior on the part of the student, then the Field Office will request a written document of the explanation of the dismissal of the student.
2. The Director of Field Education will meet with the respective Program Director of the student to discuss the documentation provided by the agency and to determine the implementation of a Field Practicum Remedial Action Plan for strengthening the area(s) to be improved. The decisions from this meeting will be (1) implementing a Field Practicum Remedial Action Plan while the student is concurrently enrolled in their field practicum, or (2) implementation and successful completion of the Field Practicum Remedial Action Plan prior to the student reenrolling in a section of field practicum.

   Note: If the dismissal occurs after the midpoint of the semester, then the Field Office will not be able to find a new placement for the student and the student will either withdraw from field practicum, receive an “I” in field practicum, or receive an “F” in field practicum.

Additionally, if it is decided that the student will complete the remedial action plan prior to reenrolling in a section of field practicum then the student will have to withdraw from their current field practicum course. Failure to withdraw from field practicum will result in the student receiving an “F” in field practicum.

3. The Field Office provides documentation to the student’s Program Director to include the written explanation of dismissal and the remedial action plan. The student will receive a copy and the original will be retained electronically by the Department of Social Work.
4. If the Field Practicum Remedial Action Plan will be implemented while the student is concurrently enrolled in their field practicum, then it is the student’s responsibility to work closely and timely with the Field Office to establish a new placement site.
   a. The student may be requested to update their resume and field application as part of the placement process to the new agency.
b. Students will be expected to update their learning contract to reflect the new placement.

c. Students will be responsible for completing any required pre-onboarding items for the new agency and training or orientations held by the new agency.

5. If the Field Practicum Remedial Action Plan will be implemented prior to the student reenrolling in a section of field practicum, then it is the student’s responsibility to complete the Field Practicum Remedial Action Plan. The Field Office will review the student’s completed Field Practicum Remedial Action Plan and determine whether the plan has been successfully completed.

a. If the student has successfully met the requirements of the action plan, then the Field Office will work closely with the student to determine a new field practicum placement.

b. The student will have to follow the placement steps outlined in the field practicum handbook.
Appendix A

BSW Field Practicum Application

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It is important to the preservation of our program’s relationship with field education sites that students do not to contact organizations or supervisors individually to arrange for a field practicum or supervision without the advanced approval of the Field Director. The Field Director will work with you to find a practicum you are interested in. Students that violate this procedure may risk delay in the placement process.

BSW Student First Name:
BSW Student Last Name:
Banner ID:
Active Contact Phone Number:
UNCP Email Address (must use @bravemail.uncp.edu address):
Date when the Field Semester Begins:
Expected Graduation Date:
What city/county/area do you prefer your internship to begin?
Will you be employed during your field practicum?
☐ Yes
☐ No
Are you requesting a field practicum at your current place of employment?
☐ Yes
☐ No

Administration and Management

Social work administrators are proactive leaders in public and private agencies that provide services to clients. Many elements of this area of social work practice are common to administration in other organizations. However, administration and management also require knowledge about social policy and the delivery of social services, vision for future planning, an understanding of human behavior, and commitment to social work ethics and values.

Advocacy and Community Organization

Advocacy is one of the keystones of social work practice. Social work advocates champion the rights of individuals and communities with the goal of achieving social justice. Community organizing and advocacy work with the power of numbers—many people thinking, working, and acting together—to counterbalance wealthy and powerful groups and the means they have to protect and extend themselves. Historically, community organizing and social work were responses to the many forces that created inequality in our society. They remain as necessary and effective as ever today.

Aging

Social workers link older adults with services that help them live independently and with dignity, thereby maximizing their quality of life and participation in society. Social work with older adults focuses on the physical, psychological, social, and economic aspects of daily living.
Social workers help individuals, families, and communities find ways to recover from substance use. They provide a much-needed ecological perspective to treatment that focuses on the client in relation to family and neighborhood environments, community support systems, cultural attitudes, and policies. Consequently, social workers trained in treating alcohol, tobacco, and other drug addictions can be found doing case management, group and individual therapy, family counseling, advocacy for jobs and housing needs, community resource development, education, and policy making.

Child Welfare
Child welfare social workers serve some of the most vulnerable children, youths, and families. Social workers specialize in building on the strengths of families and helping them to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children and youths. However, when families are unable to do this, social workers must intervene to protect the children from harm. Child welfare social workers ensure that children and youths who have experienced abuse or neglect are supported through a range of services.

Developmental Disabilities
Social workers also help parents of children with developmental disabilities understand their legal rights. They help parents learn to be advocates and find special services that enable their children to be as independent as possible.

Health Care
Since the early 1900s, professionally trained social workers have helped people deal with personal and social factors that affect health and wellness. Some health care social workers are in direct services and concentrate on individuals, families, and small groups. Others work in settings where the focus is on planning, administration, and policy. In the health care setting, social workers may conduct research, develop programs, and administer social work and other departments.

International
The functions of social work in international development are diverse. They include direct services in communities, refugee camps, orphanages, hospitals, and schools, as well as supporting the efforts of national governments, intergovernmental organizations, and nongovernment organizations to enhance social well-being.

Justice and Corrections
Social workers who work in justice and corrections can be found in courts, rape crisis centers, police departments, and correctional facilities.

Mental Health and Clinical Social Work
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suggest alternative approaches or new programs. They may foster coalitions of groups with similar interests and develop organizational networks.

Politics
There is a natural progression in the careers of many social workers from activism to leadership. Increasingly social workers are holding elective offices from school boards to city and county governments, from state legislatures all the way to the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate. Social workers also play leadership roles in local, state, and federal agencies.

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Social work in public welfare entails planning, administering, and financing programs, training and supervising staff, and setting and evaluating standards and criteria for service delivery. Public welfare offers many challenges that require creative thinking and leadership from professional social workers.

Research
Social workers in research typically tend to be academics with postgraduate degrees in social work. Research provides the framework for effective practice. Although considered an art by some, social work is also a science based on evidence.

School Social Work
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Please select areas of interest (check all that apply).

- Administration and Management
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- Clinical Social Work (Mental/Behavioral Healthcare)
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- Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Intervention/Prevention
- Family Services
- Health Care (Medical Social Work)
- International
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- Military/Veterans
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- Policy and Planning
- Politics
- Public Welfare
- Research/Higher Education
- Residential Facilities for Youth or Adults
List your top three preferences below. You must identify more than one preference.
1.
2.
3.

Are you a child welfare collaborative student?
☐ Yes
☐ No

Are you pursuing your school social work licensure?
☐ Yes
☐ No

Most organizations require a criminal background check and/or a current drug screen before accepting students for practicums. Criminal charges do not necessarily preclude students from being placed but may significantly limit choice of practicum site. Have you ever been convicted or are you currently charged with any crime other than minor traffic violations? (This information will not be disclosed by UNCP Faculty and Staff)
☐ Yes
☐ No

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What city/county/area do you prefer your practicum site to be in? 

Will you be employed during your field practicum? 
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Are you requesting a field practicum at your current place of employment? 
☐ Yes  ☐ No

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- Clinical Social Work (Mental/Behavioral Healthcare)
- Crisis Intervention/Disaster Services
- Developmental Disabilities (Services for physically or mentally disabled)
- Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Intervention/Prevention
- Environmental
- Family Services
- Health Care (Medical Social Work)
- International
- Justice and Corrections (Juvenile or Adult)
- Military/Veterans
- Non-profit
- Occupational and Employment Assistance Program (EAP) Social Work
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- Politics
- Public Welfare
- Research/Higher Education
- Residential Facilities for Youth or Adults
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- Shelter Services/Housing Insecurity (individuals experiencing homelessness)
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Student Signature: Date
Appendix C

BSW Employment-Based Field Application

Criteria for Employment-Based Field Practicums
• Practicum tasks must align with BSW program competencies and practice behaviors.
• Practicum tasks must be different from duties of regular employment.
• Student must have a new learning experience (cannot have worked in same role more than three months prior to start of field)
• Student must be allowed to designate hours as field hours and be allowed to work on field tasks during these hours.
• During field practicum hours, educational needs must take priority over regular employment duties.
• Field Supervisor or Task Instructor must be different from employment supervisor.

Student Name:
Student Email:
Organization Name:
Employment Supervisor:
Employment Supervisor Phone:
Employment Supervisor Email:
Field Supervisor or Task Instructor:
Field Supervisor or Task Instructor Phone:
Field Supervisor or Task Instructor Email:

Please list current duties as an employee or attach a position description.

Please describe field practicum duties or attach a position description (must be different than employment duties listed above).

Employment Hours Schedule
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Field Practicum Hours Schedule (must be different from employment hours listed above)
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

I have reviewed this application and I am in agreement with the arrangement detailed above.

________________________  _______________
Student Signature:        Date

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Field Supervisor/Task Instructor Signature: Date

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Employment Supervisor Signature: Date

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Field Director Signature: Date
Appendix D

MSW Employment-Based Field Application

The policy of the Department of Social Work allows an employment setting to be used as a field placement if all the regular requirements of agencies and organization instructors are met in the setting. Students seeking a field practicum experience in their place of employment must receive approval from the Department of Social Work field office. This placement must be clearly delineated as a learning experience and not a work experience, and therefore will require close supervision. To this end, field practicum assignments in places of employment must be educationally focused and structured appropriately to achieve the goals and objectives of the field practicum course. While employment-based practicums are not always the ideal situation, there are times when a field practicum assignment in places of employment (FPAPE) can be beneficial for the student and employer. Not all employment situations will be approved for field placement. The Field Director will review the material and make a recommendation to the MSW Program Director making sure that role confusion will not occur between the student and employee role.

Field practicum assignments in places of employment (FPAPE) must meet **ONE** of the following criteria:

**New Employment**

- New employment is defined as employment that begins no earlier than 3 months (90 days) prior to the start of the semester the student is enrolling in a field seminar course.
- The agency must be willing to establish an affiliation agreement with UNCP’s Department of Social Work if one does not already exist.
- The agency must be able to provide an advanced generalist placement experience (job duties must address program practice behaviors) and have an educational focus.
- The student/employee and agency can document days and times field clock hours will be completed on the employment-based application.
- The agency must be willing to allow the student/employee to attend classes.
- If available, the agency will assign the student/employee a qualified MSW Field Supervisor that has been employed at the agency for at least one year – A qualified MSW Field Supervisor is defined as an individual that has an MSW degree, from an accredited program, with at least two years post-master’s experience.
- If there is an on-site MSW Supervisor, they must agree to submit a copy of their MSW degree to the MSW Field office.
- If the agency does not have a qualified MSW Field Supervisor on-site the agency must assign the student a Task Instructor – A Task Instructor is defined as an individual that has been employed with the agency for more than one year and will provide day–to–day instruction to the student/employee.
- The agency must be willing to allow the student/employee to attend regularly scheduled external MSW supervision with a faculty member in the Department of Social Work.
- The agency must be willing to allow the site supervisor/task instructor to attend, in person or virtually, field orientation and/or all other field education training and seminars offered by the Department of Social Work.
- The agency agrees to allow the site supervisor/tasks instructor to have sufficient time to provide a minimum of at least one hour/week of supervision for the student and time to complete all required field documentation.
- The student and setting can clearly outline how the learning opportunity and supervision requirements will be met.

**Existing Employment**

- Satisfies all requirements of “New Employment”
- The student/employee has been employed at the agency for a minimum of 91 days prior to applying for an employment-based practicum and has an employment and academic history that demonstrates an ability to be successful in this setting.
the learning opportunity differs from the student's regular employment. In order to provide new learning opportunities, the field experience must be in an area or role that is different from where the student is currently employed, has been employed, or has had previous field experience.

- The field experience supervisor cannot be the student's employment supervisor – the student/employee can identify another individual, within the agency, that has agreed to provide day-to-day instruction during scheduled field clock hours.

Once the application is returned to the field office, it will be reviewed, and a written response will be given as soon as possible to indicate whether or not the placement has been approved. A site visit may be required as part of the application review process prior to determining approval.

**MSW Program Competencies and Practice Behaviors**

All social work students will be expected to demonstrate their mastery of the cluster of practice behaviors that operationalize each of the nine core competencies. The expectation is that competency-based education will better prepare social work students for professional practice.

**Generalist Practice Behaviors (Addressed during Foundation Semesters)**

**Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior**

1. Make ethical decisions by applying the standards of the NASW Code of Ethics, relevant laws and regulations, models for ethical decision-making, ethical conduct of research, and additional codes of ethics as appropriate to context.
2. Use reflection and self-regulation to manage personal values and maintain professionalism in practice situations.
3. Demonstrate professional demeanor in behavior; appearance; and oral, written, and electronic communication.
4. Use technology ethically and appropriately to facilitate practice outcomes.
5. Use supervision and consultation to guide professional judgment and behavior.

**Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice**

1. Apply and communicate understanding of the importance of diversity and difference in shaping life experiences in practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.
2. Present themselves as learners and engage clients and constituencies as experts of their own experiences.
3. Apply self-awareness and self-regulation to manage the influence of personal biases and values in working with diverse clients and constituencies.

**Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice**

1. Apply understanding of social, economic, and environmental justice to advocate for human rights at the individual and system levels.
2. Engage in practices that advance social, economic, and environmental justice.

**Competency 4: Engage In Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice**

1. Use practice experience and theory to inform scientific inquiry and research.
2. Apply critical thinking to engage in analysis of quantitative and qualitative research methods and research findings.
3. Use and translate research evidence to inform and improve practice, policy, and service delivery.

**Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice**

1. Identify social policy at the local, state, and federal level that impacts well-being, service delivery, and access to social services.
2. Assess how social welfare and economic policies impact the delivery of and access to social services.
3. Apply critical thinking to analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies that advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.

**Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**
other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to engage with clients and constituencies.

1. Use empathy, reflection, and interpersonal skills to effectively engage diverse clients and constituencies.

**Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**
1. Collect and organize data and apply critical thinking to interpret information from clients and constituencies.
2. Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in interventions with clients and constituencies.
3. Develop mutually agreed-on intervention goals and objectives based on the critical assessment of strengths, needs, and challenges within clients and constituencies.
4. Select appropriate intervention strategies based on the assessment, research knowledge, and values and preferences of clients and constituencies.

**Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**
1. Critically choose and implement interventions to achieve practice goals and enhance capacities of clients and constituencies.
2. Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in interventions with clients and constituencies.
3. Use inter-professional collaboration as appropriate to achieve beneficial practice outcomes.
4. Negotiate, mediate, and advocate with and on behalf of diverse clients and constituencies.
5. Facilitate effective transitions and endings that advance mutually agreed-on goals.

**Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**
1. Select and use appropriate methods for evaluation of outcomes.
2. Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in the evaluation of outcomes.
3. Critically analyze, monitor, and evaluate intervention and program processes and outcomes.
4. Apply evaluation findings to improve practice effectiveness at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.

**Advanced Generalist Practice Behaviors (Addressed during Concentration Semesters)**
1. Develop training and educational opportunities for career-long learning
2. Design opportunities for supervision and consultation
3. Design opportunities for supervision and consultation
4. Justify practice decisions based on professional social work values and ethics and relevant laws
5. Use multiple perspectives to analyze client's strengths and challenges
6. Assess needs, values and strengths in applying appropriate interventions for diverse client systems
7. Appraise practice delivery and policies to promote social and economic justice and human rights at all levels of practice
8. Use empirical evidence to create strategies for systems change
9. Synthesize and select human behavior and social environment theories to match client system needs
10. Develop and recommend program and/or policy changes based on evaluation of programs that advance social welfare and enhance service delivery of all levels of practice
11. Employ micro and mezzo practice by monitoring and responding to a changing context
12. Integrate theory-based relational skills in all areas of client engagement
13. Design and conduct assessments at all levels of practice
14. Critically apply interventions to facilitate best practice with all client systems
15. Continuously scan the environment, forecast, and adapt macro practice based on the acquired knowledge

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Student/Employee Name:
Date:

Which best describes the type of employment-based practicum being requested?

☒ New Employment
☒ Existing Employment

Agency Information
Agency Director Name:
Agency Contact Person:
Agency Contact Person Title:
Agency Name:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip Code:
Phone Number:

Does the agency have a Memorandum of Agreement established with UNCP’s Department of Social Work?

☒ Yes
☒ No

Employment Information
Date Employment Began:
Employee’s Department/Program:
Employee’s Job Title:
Employee’s Job Supervisor:

Employee’s job duties/responsibilities. Please include client population and practice methods used.

Proposed Field Placement Information
Student’s Field Placement Department/Program:
Please fill out the following fields if the field placement’s address is different from the place of employment’s address.
Field Placement Address:
City:
State:
Zip Code:

Field Supervision
Name:
Job Title:
Phone Number:
Email Address:
Student’s Responsibilities/Assignments
Please clearly differentiate employment responsibilities from field responsibilities, specify different client populations, practice methods/interventions and skills learned, etc. or attach a job description.

Can the agency program provide learning activities/tasks to address each of the competencies and practice behaviors? (See above section)
☐ Yes
☐ No
Please complete the following schedule to document the days/hours the student will be operating as an employee and the days/hours the student will be fulfilling their field placement responsibilities at the agency. The field placement experience must have a primary educational focus.

Employment Schedule

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Field Practicum Hours Schedule
Must be different from employment hours listed above or identified as practicum hours for students starting new employment.

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I have read the attached guidelines for field practicum assignment in places of employment (Employment-Based) field placement and attest that this proposed field placement can meet all of the identified criteria.

Agency Director/Administrator Signature: Date

Proposed Field Supervisor (Field Placement Supervisor) Signature: Date

Student/Employee’s Work Supervisor Signature: Date

Student/Employee Signature: Date

Field Office Use Only
Please select one:
☐ Approved
☐ Denied

Field Director Signature: Date

Appendix F
Field Agency Confirmation Form

Student Name:
Field Agency Name:

☒ I confirm my placement at this agency.

_____________________  ____________
Student Signature:  Date

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Appendix G

PRACTICUM CONFIRMATION FORM

University Information:
Bobbi L. Fields, MSW, LCSW
Director of Field Education
Department of Social Work
The University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Health Sciences Building/Office 356
910.775.4176 (o)
bobbi.fields@uncp.edu

The below student has met all pre-field requirements (see below) and can begin their practicum as of:

Student Information:
Name:
Email:
Program:
Semester:

The receipt of this letter confirms that the following agency has met all pre-field requirements (see below) and has agreed to provide a learning environment that allows the above student to address the practice behaviors of UNCP’s Social Work MSW Program.

Practicum Information:
Agency:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip Code:
Telephone:

Pre-Field Requirements
1. Professional Liability Insurance:
2. Blood Borne Pathogen Training:
3. MSW Field Practicum Agreement & Waiver Form:
4. MSW Field Manual Acknowledgement Form:
5. Registered for Field Seminar- Section:
6. Registered for External Supervision (If applicable):
External Supervisor’s Name:
7. Employment-based Field Application submitted/approved (if applicable):
8. Attended Field Orientation:

Agency:
1. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) current and on file:
2. MSW Supervisor’s Name/Credentials/Title:
3. MSW Supervisor’s Contact:
☐ Copy of MSW Degree
☐ Copy of CCS Credentials
☐ Copy of School Social Work License
4. Task Instructor’s Name (if applicable):
5. Task Instructor’s Contact Information:

Signatures:

_________________________________________  _______________________
Program Administrator Signature:  Date

_________________________________________  _______________________
SHU - Field Director Signature  Date

_________________________________________  _______________________
Student Signature:  Date
Appendix H

SWK 4900: BSW Learning Contract

BSW Learning Contract

Student:
Student Contact Number:
Student Email:
Semester:
Year:
Practicum Organization:
Practicum Organization Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Field Supervisor (BSW) or Task Instructor:
Field Supervisor Contact Number:
Field Supervisor Email:
Field Practicum Schedule:
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
Sunday:
Supervision Day and Time:

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Each competency is matched with one or two dimensions of learning that are most relevant. For example, when evaluating your student’s progress in achieving Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior, please consider the student’s knowledge of ethical and professional expectations and their values in acting on these expectations. When evaluating your student’s progress on Competency B: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations and Communities, please consider their skills in implementing interventions and their use of cognitive and affective processes while doing so. Competence is defined as demonstrating levels of knowledge, values, skills, and cognitive & affective processes that are appropriate for the degree the student is seeking.
Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior (Dimensions: Knowledge & Values)
1.1 Make ethical decisions by applying the standards of the NASW Code of Ethics, relevant laws and regulations, models for ethical decision-making, ethical conduct of research, and additional codes of ethics as appropriate to context.
   Relevant Activities or Tasks:

1.2 Use reflection and self-regulation to manage personal values and maintain professionalism in practice situations.
   Relevant Activities or Tasks:

1.3 Demonstrate professional demeanor in behavior; appearance; and oral, written, and electronic communication.
   Relevant Activities or Tasks:

1.4 Use technology ethically and appropriately to facilitate practice outcomes.
   Relevant Activities or Tasks:

1.5 Use supervision and consultation to guide professional judgment and behavior.
   Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice (Dimensions: Skills & Values)
2.1 Apply and communicate understanding of the importance of diversity and difference in shaping life experiences in practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.
   Relevant Activities or Tasks:

2.2 Present themselves as learners and engage clients and constituencies as experts of their own experiences.
   Relevant Activities or Tasks:

2.3 Apply self-awareness and self-regulation to manage the influence of personal biases and values in working with diverse clients and constituencies.
   Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Values)
3.1 Apply understanding of social, economic, and environmental justice to advocate for human rights at the individual and system levels.
   Relevant Activities or Tasks:

3.2 Engage in practices that advance social, economic, and environmental justice.
   Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Competency 4: Engage In Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
4.1 Use practice experience and theory to inform scientific inquiry and research.
   Relevant Activities or Tasks:

4.2 Apply critical thinking to engage in analysis of quantitative and qualitative research methods and research findings.
4.3 Use and translate research evidence to inform and improve practice, policy, and service delivery.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Skills)
5.1 Identify social policy at the local, state, and federal level that impacts well-being, service delivery, and access to social services.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

5.2 Assess how social welfare and economic policies impact the delivery of and access to social services.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

5.3 Apply critical thinking to analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies that advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Skills & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
6.1 Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to engage with clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

6.2 Use empathy, reflection, and interpersonal skills to effectively engage diverse clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
7.1 Collect and organize data and apply critical thinking to interpret information from clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
8.1 Critically choose and implement interventions to achieve practice goals and enhance capacities of clients and constituencies.
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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

8.4 Negotiate, mediate, and advocate with and on behalf of diverse clients and constituencies.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

8.5 Facilitate effective transitions and endings that advance mutually agreed-on goals.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Knowledge & Skills):

9.1 Select and use appropriate methods for evaluation of outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

9.2 Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in the evaluation of outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

9.3 Critically analyze, monitor, and evaluate intervention and program processes and outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

9.4 Apply evaluation findings to improve practice effectiveness at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Learning Contract Approval

__________________________________________
Student Signature: Date

__________________________________________
Field Supervisor Signature (BSW): Date

__________________________________________
Task Instructor Signature (if applicable): Date
Appendix I

SWK 5300: Foundation I Learning Contract

MSW Foundation I Draft Learning Contract

Student: 
Student Contact Number: 
Student Email: 
Semester: 
Practicum Organization: 
Practicum Organization Physical Address: 
City: 
State: 
Zip Code: 
Field Supervisor (MSW) or Task Instructor: 
Field Supervisor Contact Number: 
Field Supervisor Email: 

Field Practicum Schedule
Monday 
Tuesday 
Wednesday 
Thursday 
Friday 

Supervision Day and Time: 

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Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior (Dimensions: Knowledge & Values)
1.1 Make ethical decisions by applying the standards of the NASW Code of Ethics, relevant laws and regulations, models for ethical decision-making, ethical conduct of research, and
additional codes of ethics as appropriate to context.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

1.2 Use reflection and self-regulation to manage personal values and maintain professionalism in practice situations.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

1.3 Demonstrate professional demeanor in behavior; appearance; and oral, written, and electronic communication.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

1.4 Use technology ethically and appropriately to facilitate practice outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

1.5 Use supervision and consultation to guide professional judgment and behavior.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice (Dimensions: Skills & Values)

2.1 Apply and communicate understanding of the importance of diversity and difference in shaping life experiences in practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

2.2 Present themselves as learners and engage clients and constituencies as experts of their own experiences.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

2.3 Apply self-awareness and self-regulation to manage the influence of personal biases and values in working with diverse clients and constituencies.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Values)

3.1 Apply understanding of social, economic, and environmental justice to advocate for human rights at the individual and system levels.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

3.2 Engage in practices that advance social, economic, and environmental justice.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Competency 4: Engage In Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)

4.1 Use practice experience and theory to inform scientific inquiry and research.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

4.2 Apply critical thinking to engage in analysis of quantitative and qualitative research methods and research findings.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:
4.1 Use and translate research evidence to inform and improve practice, policy, and service delivery.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

**Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice** *(Dimensions: Knowledge & Skills)*
5.1 Identify social policy at the local, state, and federal level that impacts well-being, service delivery, and access to social services.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

5.2 Assess how social welfare and economic policies impact the delivery of and access to social services.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

5.3 Apply critical thinking to analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies that advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

**Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities** *(Dimensions: Skills & Cognitive/Affective Processes)*
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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

6.2 Use empathy, reflection, and interpersonal skills to effectively engage diverse clients and constituencies.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

**Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities** *(Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)*
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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Knowledge & Skills)

9.1 Select and use appropriate methods for evaluation of outcomes.

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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

9.3 Critically analyze, monitor, and evaluate intervention and program processes and outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

9.4 Apply evaluation findings to improve practice effectiveness at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Learning Contract Approval

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Student Signature: Date

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Field Seminar Instructor Signature: Date
Appendix J

SWK 5500: Concentration I Learning Contract

MSW Concentration I Learning Contract

Student: 
Semester: 
Student Contact Number: 
Student Email: 
Practicum Organization: 
Practicum Organization Physical Address: 
City: 
State: 
Zip: 
Field Supervisor (MSW) or Task Instructor: 
Field Supervisor Contact Number: 
Field Supervisor Email: 
Field Practicum Schedule 
Monday: 
Tuesday: 
Wednesday: 
Thursday: 
Friday: 
Saturday: 
Sunday: 
Supervision Day and Time: 

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Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional (Dimensions: Knowledge & Values)
AGPB 1 Develop training and educational opportunities for career-long learning
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 2 Design opportunities for supervision and consultation
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 3 Negotiate professional roles and boundaries in a rural environment
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 4 Justify practice decisions based on professional social work values, ethics, and relevant laws
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 5 Use multiple perspectives to analyze client’s strengths and challenges
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

**Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice (Dimensions: Skills & Values)**
AGPB 6 Assess needs, values, and strengths in applying appropriate interventions for diverse client systems
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

**Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Values)**
AGPB 7 Appraise practice delivery and policies to promote social and economic justice and human rights at all levels of practice
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

**Competency 4: Engage In Practice-Informed Research and Research-Informed Practice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)**
AGPB 8 Use empirical evidence to create strategies for system change
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 9 Synthesize and select human behavior and the social environment theories to match client system needs
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

**Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Skills)**
AGPB 10 Develop and recommend program and/or policy changes based on evaluation of programs that advance social welfare and enhance service delivery of all levels of practice
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

**Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Skills & Cognitive/Affective Processes)**
AGPB 11 Employ micro and mezzo practice by monitoring and responding to changing contexts
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 12 Integrate theory-based relational skills in all areas of client engagement
Relevant Activities or Tasks:
Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
(Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
AGPB 13 Design and conduct assessments at all levels of practice
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
(Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
AGPB 14 Critically apply interventions to facilitate best practice with all client systems
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
(Dimensions: Knowledge & Skills)
AGPB 15 Continuously scan the environment, forecast, and adapt macro practice based on the acquired knowledge
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Learning Contract Approval

__________________________________________________________________________
Student Signature: Date

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Field Supervisor Signature (MSW): Date

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Task Instructor Signature (if applicable): Date

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Field Seminar Instructor Signature: Date
Appendix K

SWK 4900: Midterm Evaluation

BSW Midterm Evaluation

Student:
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Student Email:
Semester:
Year:
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Practicum Organization Physical Address:
City:
State:
Zip Code:
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1.1 Make ethical decisions by applying the standards of the NASW Code of Ethics, relevant laws and regulations, models for ethical decision-making, ethical conduct of research, and additional codes of ethics as appropriate to context.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

\[5\] \[4\] \[3\] \[2\] \[1\] \[n/a\]

1.2 Use reflection and self-regulation to manage personal values and maintain professionalism in practice situations.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

\[5\] \[4\] \[3\] \[2\] \[1\] \[n/a\]

1.3 Demonstrate professional demeanor in behavior; appearance; and oral, written, and electronic communication.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

\[5\] \[4\] \[3\] \[2\] \[1\] \[n/a\]

1.4 Use technology ethically and appropriately to facilitate practice outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

\[5\] \[4\] \[3\] \[2\] \[1\] \[n/a\]

1.5 Use supervision and consultation to guide professional judgment and behavior.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

\[5\] \[4\] \[3\] \[2\] \[1\] \[n/a\]

Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice (Dimensions: Skills & Values)
2.1 Apply and communicate understanding of the importance of diversity and difference in shaping life experiences in practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:
2.2 Present themselves as learners and engage clients and constituencies as experts of their own experiences.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

2.3 Apply self-awareness and self-regulation to manage the influence of personal biases and values in working with diverse clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Values)

3.1 Apply understanding of social, economic, and environmental justice to advocate for human rights at the individual and system levels.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

3.2 Engage in practices that advance social, economic, and environmental justice.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

Competency 4: Engage In Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)

4.1 Use practice experience and theory to inform scientific inquiry and research.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

4.2 Apply critical thinking to engage in analysis of quantitative and qualitative research methods and research findings.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

4.3 Use and translate research evidence to inform and improve practice, policy, and service delivery.
5.1 Identify social policy at the local, state, and federal level that impacts well-being, service delivery, and access to social services.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

5 4 3 2 1 n/a

5.2 Assess how social welfare and economic policies impact the delivery of and access to social services.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

5 4 3 2 1 n/a

5.3 Apply critical thinking to analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies that advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

5 4 3 2 1 n/a

Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities

6.1 Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to engage with clients and constituencies.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

5 4 3 2 1 n/a

6.2 Use empathy, reflection, and interpersonal skills to effectively engage diverse clients and constituencies.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

5 4 3 2 1 n/a

Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities

7.1 Collect and organize data and apply critical thinking to interpret information from clients and constituencies.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:
7.2 Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in interventions with clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

7.3 Develop mutually agreed-on intervention goals and objectives based on the critical assessment of strengths, needs, and challenges within clients and constituencies;
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

7.4 Select appropriate intervention strategies based on the assessment, research knowledge, and values and preferences of clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
8.1 Critically choose and implement interventions to achieve practice goals and enhance capacities of clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

8.2 Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in interventions with clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

8.3 Use inter-professional collaboration as appropriate to achieve beneficial practice outcomes.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

8.4 Negotiate, mediate, and advocate with and on behalf of diverse clients and constituencies.
8.5 Facilitate effective transitions and endings that advance mutually agreed-on goals.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

5  4  3  2  1  n/a

Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Knowledge & Skills)
9.1 Select and use appropriate methods for evaluation of outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

5  4  3  2  1  n/a

9.2 Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in the evaluation of outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

5  4  3  2  1  n/a

9.3 Critically analyze, monitor, and evaluate intervention and program processes and outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

5  4  3  2  1  n/a

9.4 Apply evaluation findings to improve practice effectiveness at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

5  4  3  2  1  n/a

Mid-Term Performance Evaluation
Number of Clock Hours Completed:
Mid-Term Field Supervisor Comments:

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Field Supervisor Signature (BSW):  Date
Appendix L

SWK 4900: Final Evaluation

BSW Final Evaluation

Student:
Student Contact Number:
Student Email:
Semester:
Year:
Practicum Organization:
Practicum Organization Physical Address:
City:
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Field Supervisor (BSW) or Task Instructor:
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Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior (Dimensions: Knowledge & Values)

1.1 Make ethical decisions by applying the standards of the NASW Code of Ethics, relevant laws and regulations, models for ethical decision-making, ethical conduct of research, and additional codes of ethics as appropriate to context.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1
- n/a

Final Rating:

- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1
- n/a

1.2 Use reflection and self-regulation to manage personal values and maintain professionalism in practice situations.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1
- n/a

Final Rating:

- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1
- n/a

1.3 Demonstrate professional demeanor in behavior; appearance; and oral, written, and electronic communication.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1
- n/a

Final Rating:

- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1
- n/a

1.4 Use technology ethically and appropriately to facilitate practice outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1
- n/a

Final Rating:

- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1
- n/a

1.5 Use supervision and consultation to guide professional judgment and behavior.
Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice (Dimensions: Skills & Values)

2.1 Apply and communicate understanding of the importance of diversity and difference in shaping life experiences in practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

☒ 5 ☐ 4 ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☒ 1 ☐ n/a

Final Rating:

☒ 5 ☐ 4 ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☒ 1 ☐ n/a

2.2 Present themselves as learners and engage clients and constituencies as experts of their own experiences.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

☒ 5 ☐ 4 ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☒ 1 ☐ n/a

Final Rating:

☒ 5 ☐ 4 ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☒ 1 ☐ n/a

2.3 Apply self-awareness and self-regulation to manage the influence of personal biases and values in working with diverse clients and constituencies.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

☒ 5 ☐ 4 ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☒ 1 ☐ n/a

Final Rating:

☒ 5 ☐ 4 ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☒ 1 ☐ n/a

Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Values)

3.1 Apply understanding of social, economic, and environmental justice to advocate for human rights at the individual and system levels.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

☒ 5 ☐ 4 ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☒ 1 ☐ n/a
Final Rating:
❒ 5  ❒ 4  ❒ 3  ❒ 2  ❒ 1  ❒ n/a

3. Engage in practices that advance social, economic, and environmental justice.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:
❒ 5  ❒ 4  ❒ 3  ❒ 2  ❒ 1  ❒ n/a

Final Rating:
❒ 5  ❒ 4  ❒ 3  ❒ 2  ❒ 1  ❒ n/a

Competency 4: Engage In Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)

4.1 Use practice experience and theory to inform scientific inquiry and research.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:
❒ 5  ❒ 4  ❒ 3  ❒ 2  ❒ 1  ❒ n/a

Final Rating:
❒ 5  ❒ 4  ❒ 3  ❒ 2  ❒ 1  ❒ n/a

4.2 Apply critical thinking to engage in analysis of quantitative and qualitative research methods and research findings.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:
❒ 5  ❒ 4  ❒ 3  ❒ 2  ❒ 1  ❒ n/a

Final Rating:
❒ 5  ❒ 4  ❒ 3  ❒ 2  ❒ 1  ❒ n/a

4.3 Use and translate research evidence to inform and improve practice, policy, and service delivery.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:
❒ 5  ❒ 4  ❒ 3  ❒ 2  ❒ 1  ❒ n/a

Final Rating:
❒ 5  ❒ 4  ❒ 3  ❒ 2  ❒ 1  ❒ n/a

Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Skills)

5.1 Identify social policy at the local, state, and federal level that impacts well-being, service delivery, and access to social services.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:
5.2 Assess how social welfare and economic policies impact the delivery of and access to social services.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

Final Rating:

5.3 Apply critical thinking to analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies that advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

Final Rating:

Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Skills & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
6.1 Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to engage with clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

Final Rating:

6.2 Use empathy, reflection, and interpersonal skills to effectively engage diverse clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

Final Rating:

Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
7.1 Collect and organize data and apply critical thinking to interpret information from clients
and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

☒ 5 ☑ 4 ☑ 3 ☑ 2 ☑ 1 ☒ n/a

Final Rating:

☒ 5 ☑ 4 ☑ 3 ☑ 2 ☑ 1 ☒ n/a

7.2 Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in interventions with clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

☒ 5 ☑ 4 ☑ 3 ☑ 2 ☑ 1 ☒ n/a

Final Rating:

☒ 5 ☑ 4 ☑ 3 ☑ 2 ☑ 1 ☒ n/a

7.3 Develop mutually agreed-on intervention goals and objectives based on the critical assessment of strengths, needs, and challenges within clients and constituencies;
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

☒ 5 ☑ 4 ☑ 3 ☑ 2 ☑ 1 ☒ n/a

Final Rating:

☒ 5 ☑ 4 ☑ 3 ☑ 2 ☑ 1 ☒ n/a

7.4 Select appropriate intervention strategies based on the assessment, research knowledge, and values and preferences of clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

☒ 5 ☑ 4 ☑ 3 ☑ 2 ☑ 1 ☒ n/a

Final Rating:

☒ 5 ☑ 4 ☑ 3 ☑ 2 ☑ 1 ☒ n/a

Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
8.1 Critically choose and implement interventions to achieve practice goals and enhance capacities of clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

☒ 5 ☑ 4 ☑ 3 ☑ 2 ☑ 1 ☒ n/a

Final Rating:
8.2 Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in interventions with clients and constituencies. Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

Final Rating:

8.3 Use inter-professional collaboration as appropriate to achieve beneficial practice outcomes. Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

Final Rating:

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Midterm Rating:

Final Rating:

8.5 Facilitate effective transitions and endings that advance mutually agreed-on goals. Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

Final Rating:

Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Knowledge & Skills)

9.1 Select and use appropriate methods for evaluation of outcomes. Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

Final Rating:

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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Midterm Rating:

Final Rating:

Mid-Term Performance Evaluation

Mid-Term Field Supervisor Comments:

Mid-Term Student Comments:

Number of Clock Hours Completed:

Final Performance Evaluation

Final Field Supervisor Comments:

Student’s final grade will be given by the Faculty Field Seminar Instructor based on seminar assignments, discussions with student and evaluations.

Satisfactory: Student has successfully completed all requirements and is ready to practice in the field as a BSW level social worker.

Unsatisfactory: Student has not completed one or more aspects of the field practicum and/or does not display readiness to work in the community as a BSW level social worker.

Overall Recommended Grade:
☐ SATISFACTORY
☐ UNSATISFACTORY

Number of Clock Hours Completed:

Signatures

____________________________
Field Supervisor Signature (BSW):  Date

____________________________
Task Instructor Signature (if applicable):  Date

Final Student Comments:

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Student Signature:  Date
Appendix M

SWK 5300: Foundation I Midterm Evaluation

MSW Foundation I Midterm Evaluation

Student:
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Student Email:
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**Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior (Dimensions: Knowledge & Values)**

1.1 Make ethical decisions by applying the standards of the NASW Code of Ethics, relevant laws and regulations, models for ethical decision-making, ethical conduct of research, and additional codes of ethics as appropriate to context.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

1.2 Use reflection and self-regulation to manage personal values and maintain professionalism in practice situations.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

1.3 Demonstrate professional demeanor in behavior; appearance; and oral, written, and electronic communication.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

1.4 Use technology ethically and appropriately to facilitate practice outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

- 2
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

1.5 Use supervision and consultation to guide professional judgment and behavior.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

**Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice (Dimensions: Skills & Values)**

2.1 Apply and communicate understanding of the importance of diversity and difference in shaping life experiences in practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

2.2 Present themselves as learners and engage clients and constituencies as experts of their own experiences.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

1 2 3 4 5 n/a

2.3 Apply self-awareness and self-regulation to manage the influence of personal biases and values in working with diverse clients and constituencies.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

1 2 3 4 5 n/a

Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Values)

3.1 Apply understanding of social, economic, and environmental justice to advocate for human rights at the individual and system levels.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

1 2 3 4 5 n/a

3. Engage in practices that advance social, economic, and environmental justice.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

5 4 3 2 1 n/a

Competency 4: Engage In Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)

4.1 Use practice experience and theory to inform scientific inquiry and research.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

1 2 3 4 5 n/a

4.2 Apply critical thinking to engage in analysis of quantitative and qualitative research methods and research findings.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

1 2 3 4 5 n/a

4.3 Use and translate research evidence to inform and improve practice, policy, and service delivery.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

1 2 3 4 5 n/a
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Relevant Activities or Tasks:
Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 1  ☐ 2  ☐ 3  ☐ 4  ☐ 5  ☐ n/a
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Relevant Activities or Tasks:
Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 5  ☐ 4  ☐ 3  ☐ 2  ☐ 1  ☐ n/a
5.3 Apply critical thinking to analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies that advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:
Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 4  ☐ 3  ☐ 2  ☐ 1  ☐ 5  ☐ n/a

Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Skills & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
6.1 Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to engage with clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:
Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 1  ☐ 2  ☐ 3  ☐ 4  ☐ 5  ☐ n/a
6.2 Use empathy, reflection, and interpersonal skills to effectively engage diverse clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:
Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 1  ☐ 2  ☐ 3  ☐ 4  ☐ 5  ☐ n/a

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Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 5  ☐ 4  ☐ 3  ☐ 2  ☐ 1  ☐ n/a
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constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 5 ☐ 4 ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☐ 1 ☐ n/a

7.3 Develop mutually agreed-on intervention goals and objectives based on the critical assessment of strengths, needs, and challenges within clients and constituencies;
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ n/a

7.4 Select appropriate intervention strategies based on the assessment, research knowledge, and values and preferences of clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ n/a

Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
8.1 Critically choose and implement interventions to achieve practice goals and enhance capacities of clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ n/a

8.2 Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in interventions with clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
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8.3 Use inter-professional collaboration as appropriate to achieve beneficial practice outcomes.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

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Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Knowledge & Skills)

9.1 Select and use appropriate methods for evaluation of outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ n/a

9.2 Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in the evaluation of outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ n/a

9.3 Critically analyze, monitor, and evaluate intervention and program processes and outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

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9.4 Apply evaluation findings to improve practice effectiveness at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ n/a

Mid-Term Performance Evaluation

Mid-Term Task Instructor Comments:

Task Instructor Signature (if applicable): Date

Mid-Term Field Supervisor Comments:

Field Supervisor Signature (MSW): Date
Mid-Term Student Comments:

________________________________________

Student Signature: Date
Appendix N

SWK 5300: Foundation I Final Evaluation

MSW Foundation II Final Evaluation

Student:
Student Contact Number:
Student Email:
Semester:
Year:
Practicum Organization:
Practicum Organization Physical Address:
City:
State:
Zip Code:
Field Supervisor (MSW) or Task Instructor:
Field Supervisor Contact Number:
Field Supervisor Email:
Field Practicum Schedule
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
Sunday:
Supervision Day and Time:

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Evaluation Scale
Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior (Dimensions: Knowledge & Values)

1.1 Make ethical decisions by applying the standards of the NASW Code of Ethics, relevant laws and regulations, models for ethical decision-making, ethical conduct of research, and additional codes of ethics as appropriate to context.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

Final Eval:
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

1.2 Use reflection and self-regulation to manage personal values and maintain professionalism in practice situations.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

Final Eval:
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

1.3 Demonstrate professional demeanor in behavior; appearance; and oral, written, and electronic communication.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

Final Eval:
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

1.4 Use technology ethically and appropriately to facilitate practice outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
- 2
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

Final Eval:
- 2
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

1.5 Use supervision and consultation to guide professional judgment and behavior.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:
Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice (Dimensions: Skills & Values)

2.1 Apply and communicate understanding of the importance of diversity and difference in shaping life experiences in practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

Final Eval:
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

2.2 Present themselves as learners and engage clients and constituencies as experts of their own experiences.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

Final Eval:
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

2.3 Apply self-awareness and self-regulation to manage the influence of personal biases and values in working with diverse clients and constituencies.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

Final Eval:
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Values)

3.1 Apply understanding of social, economic, and environmental justice to advocate for human rights at the individual and system levels.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- n/a

Final Eval:
3. Engage in practices that advance social, economic, and environmental justice.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

Final Eval:

Competency 4: Engage In Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)

4.1 Use practice experience and theory to inform scientific inquiry and research.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

Final Eval:

4.2 Apply critical thinking to engage in analysis of quantitative and qualitative research methods and research findings.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

Final Eval:

4.3 Use and translate research evidence to inform and improve practice, policy, and service delivery.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

Final Eval:

Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Skills)

5.1 Identify social policy at the local, state, and federal level that impacts well-being, service delivery, and access to social services.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
5.2 Assess how social welfare and economic policies impact the delivery of and access to social services.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 5 ☐ 4 ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☐ 1 ☐ n/a

Final Eval:
☐ 5 ☐ 4 ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☐ 1 ☐ n/a

5.3 Apply critical thinking to analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies that advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 4 ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☐ 1 ☐ 5 ☐ n/a

Final Eval:
☐ 4 ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☐ 1 ☐ 5 ☐ n/a

Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Skills & Cognitive/Affective Processes)

6.1 Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to engage with clients and constituencies.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ n/a

Final Eval:
☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ n/a

6.2 Use empathy, reflection, and interpersonal skills to effectively engage diverse clients and constituencies.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ n/a

Final Eval:
☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ n/a

Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)

7.1 Collect and organize data and apply critical thinking to interpret information from clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 5  ☐ 4  ☐ 3  ☐ 2  ☐ 1  ☐ n/a
Final Eval:
☐ 5  ☐ 4  ☐ 3  ☐ 2  ☐ 1  ☐ n/a

7.2 Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in interventions with clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 5  ☐ 4  ☐ 3  ☐ 2  ☐ 1  ☐ n/a
Final Eval:
☐ 5  ☐ 4  ☐ 3  ☐ 2  ☐ 1  ☐ n/a

7.3 Develop mutually agreed-on intervention goals and objectives based on the critical assessment of strengths, needs, and challenges within clients and constituencies;
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 1  ☐ 2  ☐ 3  ☐ 4  ☐ 5  ☐ n/a
Final Eval:
☐ 1  ☐ 2  ☐ 3  ☐ 4  ☐ 5  ☐ n/a

7.4 Select appropriate intervention strategies based on the assessment, research knowledge, and values and preferences of clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 1  ☐ 2  ☐ 3  ☐ 4  ☐ 5  ☐ n/a
Final Eval:
☐ 1  ☐ 2  ☐ 3  ☐ 4  ☐ 5  ☐ n/a

Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
8.1 Critically choose and implement interventions to achieve practice goals and enhance capacities of clients and constituencies.
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 1  ☐ 2  ☐ 3  ☐ 4  ☐ 5  ☐ n/a
Final Eval:
8.2 Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in interventions with clients and constituencies.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | n/a |

Final Eval:

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | n/a |

8.3 Use inter-professional collaboration as appropriate to achieve beneficial practice outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

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Final Eval:

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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | n/a |

Final Eval:

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | n/a |

8.5 Facilitate effective transitions and endings that advance mutually agreed-on goals.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | n/a |

Final Eval:

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | n/a |

Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities (Dimensions: Knowledge & Skills)

9.1 Select and use appropriate methods for evaluation of outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | n/a |

Final Eval:
9.2 Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in the evaluation of outcomes.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

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☐ 1  ☐ 2  ☐ 3  ☐ 4  ☐ 5  ☐ n/a

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☐ 1  ☐ 2  ☐ 3  ☐ 4  ☐ 5  ☐ n/a

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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

Mid-Term Eval:
☐ 1  ☐ 2  ☐ 3  ☐ 4  ☐ 5  ☐ n/a

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☐ 1  ☐ 2  ☐ 3  ☐ 4  ☐ 5  ☐ n/a

9.4 Apply evaluation findings to improve practice effectiveness at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

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☐ 1  ☐ 2  ☐ 3  ☐ 4  ☐ 5  ☐ n/a

Final Eval:
☐ 1  ☐ 2  ☐ 3  ☐ 4  ☐ 5  ☐ n/a

Mid-Term Performance Evaluation

Mid-Term Field Supervisor Comments:

Mid-Term Student Comments:

Final Performance Evaluation

Task Instructor Signature (if applicable):  Date

Final Field Supervisor Comments:

Student’s final grade will be given by the Faculty Field Seminar Instructor based on seminar assignments, discussions with student and evaluations.
Satisfactory: Student has successfully completed all requirements and is ready to move to second semester of MSW foundation-year practicum.
Unsatisfactory: Student has not completed one or more aspects of the field practicum and/or does not
display readiness for second semester of MSW foundation-year practicum.
Overall Recommended Grade:
☐ Satisfactory  ☐ Unsatisfactory

_______________________________
Field Supervisor Signature (MSW): Date

Final Student Comments:

_______________________________
Student Signature: Date
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MSW Concentration I Midterm Evaluation

Student: 
Semester: 
Student Contact Number: 
Student Email: 
Practicum Organization: 
Practicum Organization Physical Address: 
City: 
State: 
Zip: 
Field Supervisor (MSW) or Task Instructor: 
Field Supervisor Contact Number: 
Field Supervisor Email: 

Field Practicum Schedule 
Monday: 
Tuesday: 
Wednesday: 
Thursday: 
Friday: 
Saturday: 
Sunday: 

Supervision Day and Time: 

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Evaluation Scale 
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3= Emerging Competence
4= Competent
5= Exceptional Competence
N/A= Not Observed

**Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional (Dimensions: Knowledge & Values)**
AGPB 1 Develop training and educational opportunities for career-long learning
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 1 Mid-Term Rating

AGPB 2 Design opportunities for supervision and consultation
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 2 Mid-Term Rating

AGPB 3 Negotiate professional roles and boundaries in a rural environment
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 3 Mid-Term Rating

AGPB 4 Justify practice decisions based on professional social work values, ethics, and relevant laws
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 4 Mid-Term Rating

AGPB 5 Use multiple perspectives to analyze client's strengths and challenges
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 5 Mid-Term Rating

**Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice (Dimensions: Skills & Values)**
AGPB 6 Assess needs, values, and strengths in applying appropriate interventions for diverse client systems
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 6 Mid-Term Rating

**Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice (Dimensions: Knowledge & Values)**
AGPB 7 Appraise practice delivery and policies to promote social and economic justice and human rights at all levels of practice
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 7 Mid-Term Rating

**Competency 4: Engage In Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice**
AGPB 8 Use empirical evidence to create strategies for system change
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 8 Mid-Term Rating

AGPB 9 Synthesize and select human behavior and the social environment theories to match client system needs
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 9 Mid-Term Rating

**Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice**
(Dimensions: Knowledge & Skills)
AGPB 10 Develop and recommend program and/or policy changes based on evaluation of programs that advance social welfare and enhance service delivery of all levels of practice
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 10 Mid-Term Rating

**Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**
(Dimensions: Skills & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
AGPB 11 Employ micro and mezzo practice by monitoring and responding to changing contexts
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 11 Mid-Term Rating

AGPB 12 Integrate theory-based relational skills in all areas of client engagement
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 12 Mid-Term Rating

**Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**
(Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
AGPB 13 Design and conduct assessments at all levels of practice
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 13 Mid-Term Rating

**Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**
(Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
AGPB 14 Critically apply interventions to facilitate best practice with all client systems
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 14 Mid-Term Rating

**Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**
(Dimensions: Knowledge & Skills)
AGPB 15 Continuously scan the environment, forecast, and adapt macro practice based on the acquired knowledge

Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 15 Mid-Term Rating

**Mid-Term Performance Evaluation**

Mid-Term Student Comments:

Mid-Term Field Supervisor Comments:

Signatures

_____________________________________________________
Task Instructor Signature (if applicable): Date

_____________________________________________________
Field Supervisor Signature (MSW): Date

_____________________________________________________
Student Signature: Date
Appendix O

SWK 5500: Concentration I Final Evaluation

MSW Concentration I Final Evaluation

Student:
Semester:
Student Contact Number:
Student Email:
Practicum Organization:
Practicum Organization Physical Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Field Supervisor (MSW) or Task Instructor:
Field Supervisor Contact Number:
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Sunday:
Supervision Day and Time:

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AGPB 1 Final Rating

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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 2 Mid-Term Rating
AGPB 2 Final Rating

AGPB 3 Negotiate professional roles and boundaries in a rural environment
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 3 Mid-Term Rating
AGPB 3 Final Rating

AGPB 4 Justify practice decisions based on professional social work values, ethics, and relevant laws
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 4 Mid-Term Rating
AGPB 4 Final Rating

AGPB 5 Use multiple perspectives to analyze client's strengths and challenges
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 5 Mid-Term Rating
AGPB 5 Final Rating

Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice (Dimensions: Skills & Values)
AGPB 6 Assess needs, values, and strengths in applying appropriate interventions for diverse client systems
Relevant Activities or Tasks:
AGPB 6 Mid-Term Rating
AGPB 6 Final Rating

**Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice**
*(Dimensions: Knowledge & Values)*
AGPB 7 Appraise practice delivery and policies to promote social and economic justice and human rights at all levels of practice
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 7 Mid-Term Rating
AGPB 7 Final Rating

**Competency 4: Engage In Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice**
*(Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)*
AGPB 8 Use empirical evidence to create strategies for system change
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 8 Mid-Term Rating
AGPB 8 Final Rating

AGPB 9 Synthesize and select human behavior and the social environment theories to match client system needs
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 9 Mid-Term Rating
AGPB 9 Final Rating

**Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice**
*(Dimensions: Knowledge & Skills)*
AGPB 10 Develop and recommend program and/or policy changes based on evaluation of programs that advance social welfare and enhance service delivery of all levels of practice
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 10 Mid-Term Rating
AGPB 10 Final Rating

**Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**
*(Dimensions: Skills & Cognitive/Affective Processes)*
AGPB 11 Employ micro and mezzo practice by monitoring and responding to changing contexts
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 11 Mid-Term Rating
AGPB 11 Final Rating

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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

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**Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**
(Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
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Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 13 Mid-Term Rating

AGPB 13 Final Rating

**Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**
(Dimensions: Knowledge & Cognitive/Affective Processes)
AGPB 14 Critically apply interventions to facilitate best practice with all client systems
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 14 Mid-Term Rating

AGPB 14 Final Rating

**Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**
(Dimensions: Knowledge & Skills)
AGPB 15 Continuously scan the environment, forecast, and adapt macro practice based on the acquired knowledge
Relevant Activities or Tasks:

AGPB 15 Mid-Term Rating

AGPB 15 Final Rating

**Mid-Term Performance Evaluation**
Mid-Term Student Comments:

Mid-Term Field Supervisor Comments:

**Final Performance Evaluation**
Final Student Comments:

Final Field Supervisor Comments:

Student’s final grade will be given by the Faculty Field Seminar Instructor based on seminar
Appendix P
Field Practicum Report Form

Name of Individual Submitting Form: __________________________
Date of Meeting: __________________________
Persons involved in the incident: __________________________

Description of incident (what led up to the situation and what occurred during the incident)

Action taken:

Student signature: __________________________
Date: __________________________

Site Supervisor signature: __________________________
Task Instructor signature (if applicable): __________________________
Date: __________________________
Appendix Q

Request for Placement Change

Student Name:
Date of Request:
Name of Placement:
Name of Site Supervisor or Task Instructor:

Student Status: _____BSW  _____MSW Generalist  _____MSW Advanced Generalist

Reason for requested change:

Please provide details about the reason for the request and what action you have taken with both your site supervisor or task instructor and your field seminar instructor to attempt to resolve the issues:

Student’s Signature: ______________________

Field Seminar Instructor, please provide evidence for why you are advocating for placement change:

Field Seminar Instructor’s Signature: ______________________

Approved or Denied (To be completed by Director of Field Education):

__________________________________________________________________________