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Social Work 800 (202): Social Work Practice in Mental Health
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I. Catalogue Description

800 Field Practice and Integrative Seminar III

An approved advanced generalist seminar and placement linked to areas of focus. Seminar and placement require a minimum of 20 hours/week. The first course (SW800) of the two semester advanced field sequence. The second course (SW801) of the two semester field sequence.

Attributes and Designations: This course counts toward the 50% graduate coursework requirement.

Requisites: MSW Student

How Credit Hour is Met: The credit standard for this course is met by an expectation of a total of 320 hours of student engagement with the courses learning activities (45 hours per credit), which include regularly scheduled instructor: student meeting times (Wednesdays for 2.5 hours over 13 weeks), reading, writing, field placement and other student work as described in the syllabus.

II. Course Overview and Prerequisites/Co-requisites

This advanced practice social work field unit provides an integrative seminar and supervised practice of clinical social work services, including assessment, diagnosis, treatment including psychotherapy and counseling, client-centered advocacy, consultation and evaluation. Students are placed in community-based settings where the primary focus is to provide treatment to children, adolescents and adults who experience a wide range of DSM-V-recognized mental health problems.

This is a field course in the Mental Health Concentration and prior enrollment in SW 712 (Psychopathology) and SW 835 (Advanced Practice in Mental Health) is required. Major content areas comprising clinical social work practice will include assessment, diagnosis, and treatment including psychotherapy and counseling, client centered advocacy, clinical case management, consultation and evaluation. Special emphasis will be placed on

providing students with a foundation for continued development of culturally competent clinical social work practice.

Our focus is direct clinical social work practice that is recovery-oriented and committed to providing culturally appropriate, effective services to clients who have traditionally been under or poorly served due to economic, social and political disenfranchisement. Students will be challenged to consider how to reduce barriers to mental health service delivery that may arise from intersecting oppressions linked to age, race, ethnicity, gender, class, sexual orientation, disability, and other marginalized statuses. Along with the content areas noted above, we will examine and apply values and principles of ethical practice and give particular attention to ethical dilemmas in which important values appear to collide.

Some agencies may require the student pass an agency-initiated background check before having client contact in addition to the mandatory background check required by the School of Social Work.

Advanced Practice Students must acquire a minimum of 320 field hours per fall and spring semester, for a total of 640 hours over the academic year. Included in these hours is the weekly 2.5 hour Integrative Seminar held on Saturdays. In order to ensure that students have the most productive field experience, which is the combination of attending the Field Seminar while being placed in the field, students may not finish their placement early. In addition, field settings require a commitment of two consecutive semesters of placement, due to the nature of client needs and the services provided, as well as the time needed for student's professional development, and so the student's field experience must continue through the last week of class in May 2019.

Students are expected to document field hours on the *Hourly Log* form provided by the field faculty member. It is the student's responsibility to document the field hours. If a student has questions about hours or other expectations and requirements of the program, the student should contact the field faculty member immediately. Supervision of direct practice will be provided primarily by staff members of the agency or program unit to which students are assigned. The requirement is that students will receive **a minimum of 1 hour of supervision per week** from the primary supervisor.

Students are expected to familiarize themselves and comply with the procedures and policies at their agency, work within the parameters of the NASW Code of Ethics and the WI State Statutes, seek appropriate supervision, and carry a reasonable workload in a responsible, sensitive, competent and independent manner in accordance with their individualized learning plan objectives and the requirements of the agency and supervisor. This includes completing agency clinical documentation in a competent and timely fashion. It is expected that students will attend agency functions that are viewed as important components of the field experience, with the understanding that the priority is on building a practice that allows for substantial direct service.

The seminar, as an integral component of the Field course, and the special activities of the Unit as a whole, are intended to support all the Competencies listed below for the

Advanced Specialization year. The seminar differs from the agency component of the Field course in its *emphasis* and *primary* focus and methods. It a) utilizes a *group* problem- solving approach, b) provides an arena for introduction of *new content*, c) *transcends* the focus of individual agencies and d) works actively to further *integration* of practice and knowledge from multiple sources, using multiple methods.

III. Course Competency, Description and Dimensions (Field and Seminar)

Field education is comprised of two interrelated components: 1) The field placement, and 2) the Integrative Seminar. Together, these elements are the means by which students become competent practitioners at the advanced generalist (800-801) level.

The Integrative Seminar provides students with regular opportunities for integration of course content and field experiences. The integrative seminar connects the theoretical and conceptual content of the classroom with advanced generalist (800-801) practice in field settings. In seminar, as we consult with one another and reflect on practice dilemmas, we examine practice problems in the context of social work values and how we professionally think and feel (cognitive and affective processes) incorporating each of the identified social work competencies listed in Appendix A of the syllabus.

In seminar, a generalist perspective is used to analyze and reflect on advanced social work (800-801) practice situations students encounter in their placement. The generalist practitioner combines multidisciplinary knowledge bases, problem analysis skills, and multiple practice methods to apply creative solutions to the problems and situational needs of people in their various life roles, or social and economic realities. Central to the generalist perspective are concepts of multi-level person-environment assessment and intervention, multiple targets, and multiple methods. The field practice and integrative seminar blends agency-based practice with practice theory, human behavior, social work policy/services, and social work research. The advanced generalist perspective builds on generalist practice adapting and extending the knowledge, values and skills to address more complex direct practice situations and to be reflexive social work leaders capable of addressing unique, ambiguous, unstable and complex situations.

Social Work Education is framed by a competency-based approach to curriculum design. At the conclusion of their education, social work students are expected to be competent in 9 core areas. Competency is achieved through mastery of course content as measured through course activities, readings and assignments and behaviors learned in field experiences, and which are derived from social work knowledge, values, skills and cognitive and affective processes. The competencies addressed in this course can be found in Appendix A.

In placement, students demonstrate mastery of a set of behaviors tied to advanced practice social work competencies that are related to the mission and goals of social work. The behaviors associated with the competencies addressed in this field course may be found in “Student Learning Plan” and the “Evaluation Instrument” found in Appendix B.

IV. Course Content

Time: 9:00-11:30 a.m., with one break

Week 1: Saturday, August 4th

Getting started and welcome!

***Please read the entire syllabus prior to the start of class and come prepared with questions.**

Introduction to Field Unit

- Review syllabus, key themes, and assignments
- Integrating placement experiences and social work concepts and principles
- Student Learning Plan, Student Field Performance Evaluation Tool, and Record of Field Hours
- Fall semester schedule and dates
- Background Checks and *Continuing Duty To Inform*

Exercise: *Creating an Effective and Supportive Learning Environment in the Field Seminar (How do you learn best? What is your learning style? Ground rules for seminar)?*

Required Readings:

University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Social Work Field Handbook

Available at: <http://socwork.wisc.edu/files/field/FieldHandbook.pdf>

National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics

Available at: <http://socialworkers.org/pubs/code/default.asp>

Week 2: Saturday, August 11th

Topic: Stages of Internship

Discussion of the different stages of an internship and how to cope and manage.

Practice Question: *What are the stages of internship? Are you experiencing any?*

Required Readings:

Carson, L. & Bill, D. (2003). Utilizing the stages of internship to help students transition from Interns to health education professionals. *The Health Educator*, 35 (2), 9-15.

Week 3: Saturday, August 18th

*****Learning Plan DRAFT Due (unsigned, submitted to CANVAS)**

Topic: Social Work Supervision

Practice Question: *How do you use supervision? What does it look like? How is it different than staffing?*

Required Reading:

Baird, B. N. (2008). Supervision. In *The internship, practicum, and field placement handbook: A guide for the helping professions*, pp. 79-101. New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

NASW Best Practice Standards for Social Work Supervision; pp. 8-27

(<http://www.naswdc.org/practice/naswstandards/supervisionstandards2013.pdf>)

Kaiser, T. (1997). Supervisory relationships. Exploring the human element. Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole. (Chapter 5).

Week 4: Saturday, August 25th

Topic: Use of Social Work Supervision

Practice Questions: *Compare your field experiences to-date with the Sweitzer & King article (week 2). What similarities and differences do you notice in your experience? To what degree is field what you expected? How do you see yourself using supervision this year? What can you do to strengthen your use of supervision? How does supervision contribute to ethical social work practice?*

Required Reading:

Munson, C. (2002). Chapter 3. An introduction to clinical social work supervision. Third Edition. New York: Haworth, 1983.

Sheafor, B., Horejsi, C.H., & Horejsi, G.A. (1988). Personal and professional development. *Techniques and Guidelines for Social Work Practice*. Allyn and Bacon, Massachusetts, pp. 151-155

<http://www.businessballs.com/kolblearningstyles.htm>

PDF Handouts: Kolb Preferred Learning Styles Self -Assessment; Best Practice Guidelines Reflective Supervision. (2009); Operationalizing the Competencies; Effective Use of Supervision; Evaluation Tools, Supervision Orientation Guide; and Supervision Agenda.

No class: 9/1. Have a safe and fun weekend!

Week 5: Saturday, September 8th

*****Learning Plan with Agency Supervisor Signature Due**

Topic: *Social Work Code of Ethics- Ethical Responsibilities to Clients and Decision Making*

Practice Topics: *We will review clinical mental health scenarios related to ethical*

responsibilities to clients.

Required Reading:

Reamer, F. G. (2006). *Ethical Standards in Social Work*. Washington, DC. NASW Press.
Read Chapter 2- Ethical Responsibilities to Clients

Rothman, Juliet C. "Elements of Ethical Decision Making." *From the Front Lines: Student Cases in Social Work Ethics*. 3rd ed. Boston: Allyn & Bacon, 2011. 1-22. Print.

Week 6: Saturday, September 15th

Topic: Ethical Responsibilities to Colleagues

- *Ethical Responsibility to Colleagues*
- *Strategies for Ethical Practice*
- *Applying the Nine Step Ethical Decision Making Model to Practice*

Practice Question: What is your role in the ethical decision making? What questions do you have about utilizing the models? What have you observed in your agency related to boundaries and the NASW Code of Ethics?

Required Readings:

Reamer, F. G. (2006). *Ethical Standards in Social Work*. Washington, DC. NASW Press.
Read Chapter 3- Ethical Responsibilities to Colleagues

Week 7: Saturday, September 22nd

Topic: Ethical Responsibilities in Practice Settings

Practice Question: What are your observations regarding how conflicts related to ethical issues and values are handled at your agency? Have you or your agency supervisor encountered any ethical dilemmas? How are these resolved at your agency? Were any of the decision making models or approaches used?

Required Readings:

Reamer, F. G. (2006). *Ethical Standards in Social Work*. Washington, DC. NASW Press.
Read Chapter 4- Ethical Responsibilities in Practice Settings

Week 8: Saturday, September 29th

Topic: Ethical Boundaries

Practice Questions: We will be reviewing ethical boundaries and other ethical dilemmas from your field placement. We will review the Rothman article for steps in ethical decision making.

Required Readings:

Cole, P.L. (2012). You want me to do what? Ethical practices within interdisciplinary collaborations. *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*, 9(1), 26-39

Judd, R.G. & Johnston, L.B. (2012). Ethical consequences of using social network sites for students in professional social work programs. *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*, 9(1), 5-12.

Week 9: Saturday, October 6th

Topic: Therapeutic Alliance #1

Required Readings:

Hoglend, P. (2014). Exploration of the Patient Therapist Relationship in Psychotherapy. *American Journal of Psychiatry*, 171, 1056-1066.

Markowitz, J. (2011). The Importance of Responding to Negative Affect in Psychotherapies. *American Journal of Psychiatry*, 168:2.

Ruisard, D. (2016). Transformation through Attachment: The power of relationship in clinical Social Work. *Journal of Clinical Social Work*, 44, 279-292

Week 10: Saturday, October 13th

Topic: Assessment and Treatment of Suicidal Clients

Week 11: Saturday, October 20th

Topic: Validation in Psychotherapy/Mental Health

Practice Questions: How can validating someone's pain and experience be therapeutic? How is this technique different than giving compliments or problem-solving. Today we are going to learn techniques to validate.

Required Reading:

Kroening, K. (2011). Validation Principles and Strategies. In *Doing Dialectical Behavioral Therapy*. (pp 111-139). New York, New York: The Guildford Press.

Linehan, M.M. (1997). Validating and psychotherapy. *Empathy Reconsidered: New Directions in Psychotherapy* (353-392). Washington D.C.: American Psychological .

Week 12: Saturday, October 27th

Topic: Compassion Fatigue in Mental Health

Practice questions: How do you self-regulate so you don't experience disabling compassion fatigue? What personal signs/cues inform you that you are experiencing secondary trauma or compassion fatigue? How well do your self-help techniques work in managing secondary trauma?

Required Reading:

Rothschild, B. (2006). Help for the helper. Los Angeles, CA: WW Norton & Company.

(Chapter 1-2).

Brill, M. (2017). The Presence of Compassion in Therapy. *Clinical Social Work Journal*, 45, 10-21.

Recommended Reading:

Berzoff, J. & Kita, E. (2010). Compassion fatigue and countertransference: two different Concepts. *Clinical Social Work Journal*. 38, 341-349

Hesse, A.R. (2002). Secondary trauma: How working with trauma survivors affects therapists. *Clinical Social Work Journal*, 20, 293-309.

Week 13: Saturday, November 3rd

Keynote Speaker

Week 14: Saturday, November 10th

Topic: Importance of Self-Care in Social Work

Practice Questions: Describe the importance of self-care in social work practice. What are your areas of strength and areas of continued growth related to your self-care?

Required Readings:

Rothschild, B. (2006). Help for the helper. Los Angeles, CA: WW Norton & Company. (Chapter 3).

Week 15: Saturday, November 17th

Topic= LGBTIA+, Speaker Chris Jorgenson, 9-11

*Large System Paper Due @ 900 am

No Class, Saturday, November 24th

Week 16: Saturday, December 1st

Ethical Dilemma Presentations- See assignment description for more information.

Week 17: Saturday, December 8th

Topic= Pain management and mental health, Amanda Neckar, speaker

** Process Recording Due @900 am.

Week 18: Saturday, December 15th

Pulling It All Together; Course Review, Wrap Up, and End of Semester Celebration!
Planning for Spring Semester

Course Evaluations

The schedule represents the agenda of activities the field faculty intends to follow during the term. However, the faculty reserves the right to modify or change this schedule at any time based on the perceptions of the objectives to be realized, topics of current interest, and specific needs of students in the light of these factors.

V. Text and Reading Materials

Readings will be assigned, in advance, for specific class topics. For those identified as required readings, students are expected to come prepared for class having thoughtfully read the assigned articles or other materials. Students are also expected to complete, critically think about, and integrate with practice experiences readings and exercise materials handed out in seminar and relevant practice materials available in their agency placement. Students are encouraged to consider questions that the weekly readings might stimulate in relation to one's field experience or other course content. Students are expected to complete and understand all currently assigned readings in social work and related courses and to review past readings to enhance understanding and integration of theory, methods and practice. Additional relevant readings may be provided by the field faculty member throughout the semester. The readings and exercises are available on CANVAS. Students are also expected to read relevant practice material available in their agency placement.

It is anticipated that students will be exposed to new substantive areas in the field that they will need to learn more about in order to gain sufficient understanding to address the needs in that area. In many cases, this will be necessary in order to make progress toward accomplishing the related competencies or behaviors in the learning plan. Students are expected to select and read a minimum of three practice articles over the course of the semester relevant to substantive areas of interest in the field setting (e.g., the populations served, social, psychological, spiritual or health issues, evidence informed interventions to address needs, or related policies). *Students should indicate on their learning plan topics that will be pursued over the semester and note progress in their final semester evaluation.*

Books to purchase or rent:

American Psychiatric Association (2013). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, (Fifth Edition, DSM-V)*. Washington, D.C.: American Psychiatric Association.

Rothschild, B. (2006). *Help for the helper*. Los Angeles, CA: WW Norton & Company.

Reamer, F. (2006). *Ethical Standards in Social Work*. Washington, D.C., NASW Press.

VI. Evaluation: Assignments, Grading and Methods

Assignments and Expectations: In order to achieve the competencies, timely completion of assignments is expected. Students needing assistance with written assignments are expected to use available resources (e.g., the Writing Lab, 6171 Helen C. White Hall). Carefully review the syllabus, assignments, expectations and evaluation criteria for this semester. Immediately ask the field faculty member and/or agency supervisor, as applicable, about any information,

assignments, expectations, or instructions you do not understand.

Learning Plan

Learning plan drafts are due August 19th and final versions are due on September 2nd. Final learning plans must be approved by field supervisors and field faculty and signed by students, agency supervisors and field faculty. The field faculty provides students with a framework for social work practice and assistance in self-assessment in order to formulate a learning plan. In the learning plan, students, in collaboration with agency supervisors and field faculty, must identify the methods by which the behaviors outlined in the syllabus will be observed. For example; relative to competency 2.1.8, “employ diverse strategies to negotiate, mediate and advocate with and on behalf of diverse clients and constituencies in a focus area,” the student and agency supervisor could agree to the following: student will propose a plan for advocating to be approved by the supervisor and provide an outcome report relative to their advocacy work for the supervisor’s review and feedback. This indicates how the student will achieve this behavior (an advocacy plan and outcome report) and how it will be observed (e.g., supervisor’s approval, review and feedback regarding the plan and outcome report). Learning goals must be connected to the CSWE approved nine competencies.

Some behaviors may have multiple strategies and some may not be addressed in the field agency placement but would then need to be addressed in another part of the agency or another placement. The learning plan, sometimes referred to as a “learning contract,” is a critical document that can be revised overtime when indicated. It needs to be specific, observable, individualized and can be changed over time. Students needing assistance in completing it should contact the field faculty member. This learning plan is meant to be an organizational aid to help initiate, plan and update/revise your field experience. It is not intended to be a substitute for regular supervisory contact and educational consultation with faculty and professional staff. The learning plan will be signed and dated by the student and the agency supervisor or school social worker.

Integrative Seminar

There is a required weekly seminar with the field faculty member. The seminar is used for integrating theory and practice. The format for the seminar includes consultation about practice problems and issues, faculty instruction and student presentations, guest speakers and learning activities. Students are responsible for reading all assigned material so that they are fully prepared to participate in discussion and class activities.

Each student is expected to share field and other related experiences in order to enhance the integration and application of social work concepts with practice through active consultation, problem solving and support. Given the diversity of students and their life experiences and the various agency placement settings, populations-at-risk, and the human rights issues, active participation is critical to learning about various perspectives and social work in public and private child welfare agencies. There will be time set aside for you to talk about your field experience and issues that you are encountering, both to seek consultation around challenges you are experiencing and to enhance each other’s learning. Coming prepared to share, discuss and learn, is extremely important! Students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner, similar to what would be observed in the student’s field placement.

Participation and professionalism in all field unit seminars is required. Quality participation includes the ability to look at oneself and critically analyze strengths and areas for growth. Quality participation also includes providing support and feedback to peers as appropriate, as well as seeking feedback and consultation from peers. Those whose participation clearly demonstrates having completed readings and other assignments, the ability to integrate social work concepts with field and other experiences, AND the ability to fully engage in problem solving and other exercises (presenting social work issues or other perspectives for discussion as well as responding to other students who present issues) will earn high marks in this area. Participation can be challenging for some students.

Professionalism includes being prepared and present in every class. It includes arriving on time. The policy for this course is to deduct points each time you are late to class unless the reason for your tardiness is deemed acceptable by the field faculty member. In other words, if you arrive to class after we have started, you can assume you will be deducted one or more points unless your tardiness is approved by me. You are expected to demonstrate an ability to listen to and ask questions of your peers in a respectful, thoughtful manner consistent with the values of social work. It also involves the ability to discuss challenges in one's field placement in a respectful manner. This includes not only the manner in which we discuss clients, but also the manner in which you might discuss challenges with your agency supervisor or other staff. Discussing challenges in field placement in a way that is akin to "gossiping" will not be tolerated. I recommend adopting the practice of discussing issues related to clients and colleagues as if they were in the room. Students should demonstrate curiosity, an ability to examine assumptions, values and practice challenges, and the ability to contribute to a shared space in which it is safe to do so. Please see the field faculty member early in the semester if you need any assistance in this or any other areas.

Supervision, Consultation, and Evaluation

Students have three sources of supervisory guidance, consultation and evaluation: the agency supervisor, the field faculty member, and the seminar group. The required weekly field seminar is used for integrating theory and practice. The format for the seminar includes consultation about practice problems and issues, faculty instruction and student presentations, guest speakers and learning activities. Each student will complete a field learning plan reflective both of the competencies and their particular learning needs. Students are responsible for defining and achieving the competencies and behaviors suggesting, organizing, and documenting activities; and fully participating in the field instruction process. Students are required to receive weekly supervision from their agency supervisor. Consultation is available each week during the seminar meetings and students can seek additional consultation from their agency supervisor or field faculty member, as needed.

Individual Meetings and Out-of-Class Contact

Students are encouraged to meet with me at any time during the semester. I am happy to meet before and after class but would prefer advance notice, if possible. We can also arrange a time to meet or talk by phone on non-class days. I am most accessible by email, which I check daily. I will respond to emails within 24 hours during the business week (Monday thru Friday).

However, questions or requests related to assignments need to be emailed 24 hours prior to the start of class on the day the assignment is due.

Meetings Together with your Agency Supervisor

Open and frequent communication among all parties over the course of the semester will help keep all of us on track. At the end of the semester, you and I will meet with your agency supervisor at the agency for evaluation of your work at the field placement. There are evaluation forms for this end-of-semester meeting that your supervisor and you will each fill out, and then share with each other, before our end-of-semester meeting.

Use of supervision includes being *prepared* for discussions or meetings with your supervisor as well as other professionals in the agency. Preparation would include critically thinking about and being ready to discuss and process the following:

- issues, situations, challenges, opportunities, and/or successes experienced in practice;
- what you have done or would do (e.g., options, interventions) in addressing issues or concerns and any specific questions you have regarding the matter;
- the learning plan (e.g., reviewing progress on a couple methods of achievement and its respective competency each time);
- seminar discussions and assignments, including the practice questions of the week; and
- other topics for discussion identified by the field faculty member, agency supervisor, or student

You will also be meeting with your supervisor for a mid-term evaluation and with your supervisor and field faculty for the end-of-the semester evaluation. See the section on evaluation and grading for more information. For more information on supervision, consultation and evaluation and educational roles, including those of students, please see below and the *Field Education Handbook*, section I.

The Agency Supervisor has the following responsibilities:

1. Participate in student selection/placement process.
2. Work with student and faculty in development of learning plans and supervisory arrangements.
3. Orient student to agency, work unit, and practice area.
4. Provide ongoing practice supervision.
5. Possible teamwork with student.
6. Provide good professional role model.
7. Consult with student on professional growth and development.
8. Provide student with ongoing constructive criticism and final evaluation.

The Field Faculty has the following responsibilities:

1. Responsible for student selection and community placement.
2. Develop and approve learning plan and supervisory arrangements with student and practicum supervisor.
3. Teach field unit seminar to provide relevant theoretical, policy, and problem content.
4. Share in ongoing practice supervision/consultation and help student integrate seminar content with placement experience.
5. Provide good professional role model.
6. Maintain regular contact (at least monthly) with practicum supervisor to monitor student performance, ensure learning opportunities, deal with performance problems, etc.
7. Consult with student on professional growth and development
8. Help student integrate constructive criticism and responsible for evaluation and grading.

For more detail, see “Summary of Educational Roles in Working with Field Students” in the Field Education Handbook.

Evaluation and Grading

Grading. Evaluation is on-going between the student, agency supervisor(s) and the field faculty member. The field faculty member receives feedback on your performance from you and your agency supervisor(s) and determines the grade earned. Your education is a **shared responsibility**, so always feel free to seek and give feedback, ask questions, make appointments, and do what you need to do to keep yourself actively learning, excited, and happy in your field setting.

Forty percent (40%) of the final grade will be based on the thoughtfulness and preparedness of your participation in seminar and the quality of your written assignments, which are all a part of professional behavior. Written assignments must be turned in by the specified due dates unless specific arrangements have been made with me in advance. Students are expected to attend all seminars, with reasonable accommodations being made as specified in University policy or for other situations such as illness, emergencies and, especially for those commuting from outside of Madison when travel is discouraged due to inclement weather. Students are responsible for informing me of absences from class in advance if possible, and for following up with me as soon as possible regarding that day’s seminar content. Frequent absences from field unit meetings and/or failure to follow up may result in a grade reduction for this course. Completion of required readings and active participation in seminars, including arriving on time and demonstrating an ability to listen to and ask questions of your peers, will also figure importantly into this portion of your overall grade.

More specifically:

Regarding professionalism, field faculty will be looking for evidence of thoughtful reading of assigned materials, curiosity, ability to examine assumptions, values and practice challenges, and the ability to contribute to a shared space in which it is safe to do so.

For the written assignments this semester, field faculty will be looking for thoroughness in all of the elements noted earlier in this syllabus.

If you have not completed the required hours for field practicum by the end of the semester, you will receive a grade of Incomplete for the semester (assuming that you are otherwise passing the course and have obtained advance approval from field faculty of your plan to complete the hours).

Sixty percent (60%) of the grade is based on actual fieldwork taking into account the degree to which the competencies are met through observable behaviors, including the student's performance in the classroom and in the field. The student's demonstration of professionalism, both in seminar and in the field, and as outlined in this syllabus, will be included in the student's final grade. Students are expected to achieve the competencies of the field course through the observable behaviors; complete the required hours per semester, cooperate fully with agency staff and the field faculty member; seek clarification of feedback when needed; apply feedback across practice; and strive for their best performance in all field assignments. This is especially important because field practice differs from most other university courses in that the placement entails not only educational outcomes for the student, but also professional responsibilities to clients, agencies, and the community. As such, when students engage clients and assume service obligations, there are ongoing professional and ethical matters to be considered as well as the learning needs of the student. Also, considerable time and effort is spent on the part of the agency supervisors and faculty to plan and deliver a good learning opportunity. Evaluation and grading, therefore, reflect the overall quality of the performance, not merely completion of the activities. The field evaluation instrument with the competencies and respective behaviors; the student's performance in seminar, the student's learning plan; and the progress summary will serve as guides in the evaluation process.

The following components will be assessed based on the student's performance:

End of semester evaluation instrument:

- Utilization of supervision (listens to and accepts critical feedback; ability for self-reflection and open discussion of challenges; appropriately seeks consultation with asking questions, sharing concerns and ideas; preparedness for supervision meetings)
- Participation in field placement activities (taking initiative to seek learning opportunities; shows motivation; appropriate interactions with other staff; ability to work within an interdisciplinary team)
- Cultural and ethical components of field practice (displays cultural competence with staff and clients; awareness of biases and ability to discuss these in supervision; consideration of culture and the social environment in case conceptualization; ability to identify ethical dilemmas and discuss these in supervision; adheres to NASW Code of Ethics)
- Clinical documentation (ability to work with the technology; content of notes; clinical language; thoroughness, timeliness)
- Professionalism (reliability; thoroughness; organization; adhering to boundaries; time management; ability to work responsibly and independently; completes tasks as assigned; participation and preparedness; attire; uses professional judgment)

- Attendance and timeliness (in seminar and in field)

Practice Skills:

- Engagement skills (relates well to clients and staff, ability to build rapport; ability to convey warmth, empathy and genuineness; ability to demonstrate active listening)
- Assessment and skills (ability to gather relevant information; ability to articulate a comprehensive formulation; conceptualization skills)
- Planning and goal setting (ability to develop a clear plan with specific goals and observable, measurable objectives)
- Intervention (ability to implement interventions in line with goals and objectives; ability to understand and incorporate best practice interventions)
- Evaluation (ability to evaluate interventions and progress toward goals; ability for self-reflection on performance)

Final responsibility for grading the student’s performance in the placement rests with the field faculty member. However, considerable weight in grading will be given to the student’s agency supervisor’s assessment of the progress the student has made in fulfilling the stated competencies and the quality of the student’s work in the field placement. Field faculty will periodically review your progress both with you and with the agency supervisor and joint meetings will be held with you if indicated or desired by you or your agency supervisor. A mid-semester meeting can be scheduled if the student, agency supervisor, or field faculty member request a meeting.

In December, the student, agency supervisor and field faculty member will meet together to discuss your progress in accomplishing your learning objectives for the semester and to evaluate the overall quality of your field performance. This discussion will be informed in part by a self-evaluation form you will be asked to complete prior to our meeting, and a parallel version of the form that your agency supervisor will complete. While your self-evaluation will be given considerable weight in arriving at your final grade for fieldwork, greatest weight will be given to your agency supervisor’s overall assessment of your work. *Be sure that you and your agency supervisor each have a copy of each other’s evaluation form and have shared this information with each other prior to the final evaluation meeting.*

The grade equivalency for these percentages is as follows:

94-100	A
88-93	AB
82-87	B
76-81	BC
70-75	C (see “Field Education Handbook” regarding this grade)
64-69	D

The following are grading standards for the course:

A grade of “A” will include:

***Outstanding; frequently surpasses expectations in all areas (competencies and practice behaviors) on the “Student Field Evaluation Instrument” and in seminar.**

*Superior/excellent ability to utilize supervision, receive feedback from supervisor and/or instructor with minimal defensiveness, respond positively to suggestions and implement them.

*Excellent integration with the placement, ability to relate to staff, supervisor, other clinicians and students, including the ability to participate as a member of a team regarding service for clients with particularly complex service needs.

*Consistent attendance, thoughtful preparation and collaborative participation in the field seminar, with consistent evidence of having read assigned material (e.g., ability to interject major concepts from readings into discussion without prompting).

*With participation, clearly demonstrates ability to provide other perspectives, solutions, options to discussion (e.g., problem solving) AND integrate social work concepts with field and other experiences.

*Excellent, thorough and timely completion of all written and/or oral assignments for the field seminar.

*Enthusiasm and responsiveness to learning opportunities, awareness of learning opportunities and takes initiative to develop learning opportunities and take appropriate risks to further your learning.

*Consistent and excellent responsiveness to cultural and ethical components of your practice as evidenced by supervisor feedback and seminar participation.

A grade of “AB” represents very good to superior/excellent performance in all areas. It may mean that a student has met the “A” criteria in all but one or two of the above areas.

A grade of “B” represents good performance. A student earning a "B" will exhibit good performance in most areas. A student may be meeting only minimum standards in an area but is working actively to make improvements.

A grade of “BC” indicates that the student has met the minimum criteria needed to pass the course.

The “C” grade represents below minimum performance standards/expectations in several areas, or major deficits in two areas and may not be meeting client obligations adequately. As cited in the Field Education Handbook (p. 38): “A grade of “C” in the first, second or third semester of the field course will not allow a student to continue in the professional degree program. A grade of “C” in the final semester will not permit a student to graduate. Both situations may be remediated if the field faculty (upon consultation with the Field Education Coordinator agree to

permit additional field study and practice, and the student succeeds in raising the grade upon satisfactory completion of additional work. Permission to continue in the entire social work professional degree program (field and other courses) following the receipt of a grade of “C” may be granted by the Field Course Committee upon the student’s written request and committee review of the student’s educational needs, performance problems, and the likelihood of improved performance.”

A grade of “D” or “F” may be assigned in this class and would represent extremely serious performance issues. Conditions under which these grades might be assigned include, but are not limited to, serious ethical misconduct, commission of a crime while engaged in a field activity, or using alcohol or drugs (except as prescribed by a medical provider) while engaged in a field activity.

D= failing, below expectations in many areas and may not continue in field and program
F= failing grade, below expectations in all areas and may not continue

Note about grading: Your goal for this and other courses should be to make the most of your learning experience, and not to simply “get an A.” Your expectations about the grades you receive on assignments should be wholly based on (1) the extent to which you respond to assignment objectives, (2) the quality of your writing (to include grammar and spelling, organization, and clarity), (3) your ability to demonstrate critical thinking, and (4) your level of effort and engagement with the course and assigned material. If there is something about an assignment that is unclear to you, it is your responsibility to bring this to my attention. Grade expectations should NOT be based on what you have received in other courses—this is never a legitimate argument for appealing a grade. If you have an issue with a grade that you receive in this course, please document the reasons for your appeal in writing with specific attention to the four points raised above and I will give your appeal my careful attention.

Fall Semester

Weekly Seminar (40% of Final Grade):

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| A. Rough Draft of Learning Plan | 5 points |
| B. Finalized Learning Plan | 20 points |
| C. Ethical Dilemma Presentation | 20 points |
| E. Large System Paper | 25 points |
| F. Process Recording | 30 points |

Total Maximum Points: 100 points

End-of-semester evaluations (60% of final grade)

Total Maximum Points: 60 points

Successful completion of the course requires completion of **all** assignments. Your final course grade will be based on your work at your field placement and your field seminar in the following proportions:

1. WEEKLY FIELD SEMINAR

Seminar topics and required readings are noted in Section IV. There will be time set aside for you to talk about your field experience and issues that you are encountering, both to obtain consultation around challenges you are experiencing and to enhance each other's learning. We will also be discussing aspects of the readings assigned for that week. Coming prepared to share, discuss and learn, is extremely important! Students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner, similar to what would be observed in the student's field placement.

2. WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

A. Learning Plan

Due: 8/18 Draft. 5 points

In the learning plan, students, in collaboration with agency supervisors and field faculty, identify the methods by which course competencies and behaviors will be met and measured. The learning plan needs to be specific, individualized and can be changed over time. Please use the format for the learning plan that is provided on the Canvas site. The learning plan provides the required behaviors for each competency in column one. The student will need to formulate methods for observing and demonstrating achievement of each behavior in column two. The methods should be specific and observable, and should include what your supervisor will do to support and observe your progress toward the behavior. Column three in the learning plan will be completed by the supervisor at the end of each semester to evaluate the student's mastery of each behavior. In section VI. Supervisor/Student Plan Schedule you should describe your plan for the weekly one hour of supervision. In section VII. Self-Care Plan please provide a description of how you will engage in self-care practices throughout the semester.

*Establish at least one specific method of achievement to be observed and met at the agency that is aimed at furthering your development of skills in each of the nine competency areas.

Each method to observe and demonstrate achievement should be clearly written and followed by:

- a) A description of experiences and methods you will use to reach the identified behavior
- b) A description of what your agency supervisor will do in support of the identified behavior
- c) A statement that describes how you, your agency supervisory, and I will know that each behavior has been met.

Students will submit an unsigned electronic draft of the learning plan to their field instructor via the Canvas site. The instructor will provide written feedback on the learning plan, potentially with recommendations for revisions. After making the recommended revisions, students will review the final draft with their agency supervisor and both will sign the learning plan. A hard copy of the final learning plan, with signatures, will be submitted to the field instructor in class as stated above. You should also provide your supervisor with a copy of the final plan.

Please attach an organizational chart to the back of your final learning plan. The process of acquiring the organizational chart usually provides a nice opportunity to discuss agency structure and management. It is important for students to have an understanding of their agency from a macro lens.

3. WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS/Presentations

B. Ethics Presentation, 20 points.

Ethical dilemmas are central to our profession as social workers. Knowing what to do and how to proceed ethically is crucial to our profession and the clients served. This assignment will take a look at one ethical scenario that you are experiencing at your field placement and analyze a “solution”, while considering all sides of the situation.

In class, we discussed **eight** steps in making ethical decisions. Select a scenario from your field placement that you would like to analyze and use the 8 steps to discuss and make an ethical decision about your situation. Then we will use two class periods to discuss your ethic steps. This presentation will demonstrate your ability to analyze, resolve and justify social work ethical dilemmas through social work values, principles and standards. Also identifying your own values and morals and understanding how those impact resolving ethical dilemmas will be included in this presentation. Length: 10 minutes

You will be graded on preparedness, ability to verbally discuss 8 steps for ethical decision making and any enhanced learning teaching methods. Presentations will be December 1st.

Steps to Ethical Decision Making

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| Step 1 | Defining the ethical problem. _____ vs _____ |
| Step 2 | Gathering Information |
| Step 3 | Determining /Examining Ethical Theories and Principles |
| Step 4 | Determining Relevant Elements in the NASW Code of Ethics |
| Step 5 | Defining Personal Values and Bias |
| Step 6 | Defining values of affected system |
| Step 7 | Defining and considering options |
| Step 8 | Selecting an option and planning implementation |

C. Larger Systems Change Reflection Paper

Value: 25 points

Length: 7-9 pages

Font: 12, Due 11/17

For this assignment, you are asked to identify three ideas for agency or social policy change that you believe would benefit clients served by your placement agency. This is an academic paper that requires a cover page, polished writing and APA citations. You should avoid using first-person pronouns whenever possible. This paper should be written in professional, respectful language as if it were to be presented to your agency’s board or directors or at a staff meeting. The paper should be edited so that it flows smoothly, similar to a professional report. In other words, **do not** simply regurgitate and respond to the assignment questions. This paper will provide a starting point for a SW801 assignment, in which you will be asked to formulate and carry out a change project with clients, colleagues, peers, or other constituencies.

Consider and attend to the impact of agency policies and practices, and larger-system social policies and practices, on the diverse clients receiving mental health/substance use disorder services at your placement. Listen carefully to clients’ experiences, and be alert to ways in which social problems, oppression, limited resources, and/or agency and social policies impact them.

You must interview various stakeholders in your agency to gain a sense of how they might view various problems and if they might be in support of the change you are proposing. Ask questions and visit with your agency supervisor and other staff about their experiences, concerns, and thoughts about the effects of various policies and social problems.

Policy change may include modification of existing policy or introduction of new policy. Consider policy changes that would advance human rights and social and economic justice, advance the wellbeing of oppressed and marginalized members of society, and/or enhance the provision of services to diverse cultural groups. Select policy issues that are meaningful and of interest to you, and about which you experience some level of enthusiasm, energy, or passion. Consider agency changes that could improve the quality of client services, such as reducing barriers to service, increasing the cultural competence of services, introducing or enhancing evidence informed practice, introducing or supporting recovery-oriented services.

Begin your paper with an introduction that provides a brief overview of what will be discussed in the paper. Following the introduction, your paper should be written in three separate sections – one for each change idea. For each idea, include the following:

- 1) Describe the agency or larger system policy change for which you would advocate.
- 2) Establish an argument with supporting evidence for why this change is needed. Comment on the observations, information, and/or experiences that led you to select this issue. In your paper, be sure to include specific comments from clients and staff that inform your understanding of the problem. These should be cited in text as verbal communication in accordance with APA formatting. Utilize at least three references from the readings or your own research that inform and support your argument.
- 3) Generate some early ideas for how you might go about making this change. While the plan for implementing the change does not need to be fully developed, you do need to articulate some primary considerations for what it would take to make this change occur, who the key stakeholders might be and how you might generate buy-in.
- 4) Anticipate what it might be like to enact your proposed change in the agency. Identify other individuals, groups, or organizations that are promoting this policy change, or that may be inclined to share your perspective and why. Discuss potential barriers to implementing this change.

D. Process Recording Assignment

Points 30 points

Length: 7-9 pages (not including verbatim), Due 12/8

Purpose: The purpose of this assignment is to be able to assess interventions and statements used in session to help understand social work practice and principles. Many times individual sessions or time with clients are not reflected on but this is necessary to assess our work with the

clients. This assignment helps to recall details of our work with clients and be able to reflect back on purpose, content and ability to integrate theoretical concepts and skills.

Details: Please use at least a 10-15 minute session with a client for individual therapy, family therapy or couples counseling. Include verbatim verbal and non-verbal communications for both you and client. Verbatim is a transcript of what occurred in session. Either write down verbal and non-verbal communications in session on a pad of paper or right after the session. You will be surprised how much you can remember once you start writing it down.

Please complete the following sheet and turn in with paper. The verbatim length will vary depending on the length of the session. Remember to note every verbal and non-verbal communications including sighs, eye rolling, deep breaths, leg bouncing, head nod, etc. Non-verbal communications are important to note and understand. The length of the paper (not including verbatim discussion) will be 7-9 pages long.

The process recording form includes four columns.

Considerations for Column 1

This column is the **content** of the session. Word for word (as well as you can remember) what was said. Also the content of nonverbals that are communicated.

Considerations for Column 2

This column has more to do with the **process** of the session. What did you notice about your feelings/emotions during this client interaction? Did your feelings/emotions drive your interventions, were you aware of what was internally happening for you? Did your emotions get in the way of an effective response? Sadness, anxiety, anger and excitement can be involved in the session and can vary over time even within the session.

Considerations for Column 3

This is the column where you use your clinical judgment to comment on what occurred in the session in both the **content and the process**. What do you think about what is being said (or not said) and what is happening, and why? Identify any techniques used (CBT, relationship building, limit setting, etc.). What led you to ask the question or provide the response? What were you hoping would happen? What did you think when the client said XXX? What questions do you have for me?

Process Recording Outline:

A. Identifying Information

1. Write a statement about the client(s) and why they are seeing help. Include any additional information gathered from previous sessions that would be helpful to understand today's session (dx, treatment plan, clinical concerns, presenting issues).

2. Include information about the demographics of this patient/client (age, city of residence, children, parents names if child, relationship status, legal status, etc.

B. Purpose of the Session

1. Discuss the purpose of the session.
 - a. Indicate what the client or family considers the purpose of the session to be.
 - b. Indicate what you consider the purpose of the session to be.
 - c. Indicate how these perceptions of purpose are similar or different. If different, briefly discuss the implications of this difference.

C. Assessment of the Session

1. What is your current assessment of this client(s)? Include client(s)' strength and weaknesses. Does past diagnosis still fit? Is treatment plan still relevant. Did your perceptions of the client change from last session to this current session? New insights you had about this client.
2. Indicate the theory, interventions or other knowledge that helps you understand the process and content of this session, e.g., theories used, human behavior and social environment principles, techniques, etc. . Discuss at least *three* examples of such interventions and how they worked. If you did not use three, you can speak to potential interventions you might have used from what you have learned in class and how they might have helped or been received.
 - Discuss how you might improve or expand on these interventions (i.e. what might you say or do both similarly and differently "next time"). What specific questions do you have for me about your work with this client? What are you still uncertain of or want to learn more about?

D. Plan for the Next Session

1. Write the plan for the next session. What will happen in the next session? If not going to see the client again, what would you do at the next session?
 - a. Explain how you and the client(s) engaged in a mutual process to formulate the plan.
 - b. Explain how the plan relates to the problem for which the client(s) sought help.
2. If relevant, specify what the client(s) are to do between the end of the current interview or session and the next time you meet.

E. Analysis of the Student Social Worker's Practice

1. What did you notice about your feelings/emotions during this client interaction? Did your feelings/emotions drive your interventions, were you aware of what was internally happening for you? Did your emotions get in the way of an effective response? Sadness, anxiety, anger and excitement can be involved in the session and can vary over time even within the session. Explain how you will keep tabs on what is happening in your body and within your thoughts to not affect transference/countertransference.

- You can either use the box form or write out what occurred. For example:

Johnny (patient): I am so upset at my mother. (looking down, with tears rolling down his face)

Therapist: That makes sense after what just happened you would be so upset. (Why is he crying if he is so mad at her then? What if I can get him to verbalize that? What if he is suicidal after the session)

Process Recording Form

	Feelings and Reactions- Identify <u>your</u> emotional response to what the patient/client is saying or not saying.	Observations and Analysis- Record what you think about the interactions.	Field Instructor Comments

G. Record of Field Hours

Students are required to use the form provided in class to record weekly how many hours you were present at your field placement. Keep in mind that missed hours must be made up. Time spent traveling to your placement does NOT count towards field hours; however, time spent traveling from a field placement to in-home sessions or community meetings or to sites of other placement activities in the course of your fieldwork does apply. Your attendance at field seminars, orientation sessions, and the end-of-semester field meeting counts towards your field practice hours. Students are encouraged to consult with their agency supervisor at the beginning of the semester to inquire how frequently they want to review the hourly log.

This is an all or nothing assignment. If hours are not completed and arrangements for continuing the placement over the semester break have not been made in advance with the field faculty member and the agency supervisor, or the record is not submitted on time; passing students will be given a grade of “Incomplete” for the semester until the Record of Field Hours is submitted with signatures, and students are unable to begin a new semester with an “Incomplete.”

VII. Course Policies

Your final course grade will be based on your work both in your work at your field placement and your field seminar.

Code of Ethics, Student Rights and Responsibilities & Plagiarism

BSW and incoming MSW students read and signed electronic forms of the NASW Code of Ethics, the School of Social Work Plagiarism Policy and the Student Rights and Responsibilities. In doing so, they agreed that while in the BSW or MSW Program they would honor the NASW Code of Ethics and Student’s Rights and Responsibilities, as well as adhere to the Plagiarism Policy and that should they not do so, sanctions would be imposed. BSW and MSW students are expected to adhere to these policies in the classroom, in the field and in the preparation of course assignments.

Reading Assignments:

Students are expected to have read all assigned material prior to the class date under which the readings are listed above. Reading and critically evaluating what you have read is necessary so that you can learn, actively participate in class discussions, and successfully complete written assignments.

Confidentiality:

Confidentiality is of utmost importance. In both written assignments and oral discussions and presentations, the rules of confidentiality, as expressed in the NASW Code of Ethics, are to be strictly observed. It is imperative to protect client identity at all times. The same rules apply to dialogue concerning co-workers or professionals and staff at the field placement site and/or agency of employment. Do not share information that would violate the confidentiality of clients or embarrass coworkers.

Written Assignment Policy:

All written assignments are to be either typed or computer-generated using Microsoft Word. Please format these assignments using one-inch margins, double-spacing, and a Times New Roman 12-point font. Always include a cover sheet (not counted as one of the required pages) with the title of the paper, your name, the date turned into the field faculty member, course number, and course title (do not put this information on the first page of your paper). You must use correct APA format for citations; consult the UW writing center’s guide for APA formatting (<http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/DocAPA.html>). When required to use references, you must use peer-reviewed journals. Websites may only be used with prior approval from the field faculty member. Failure to comply with these expectations will result in a loss of points. All assignments should be checked thoroughly for correct spelling and grammar.

Late Assignment Policy:

The assignments listed above are due at the beginning of the class period on the date specified. Students who believe they have a legitimate reason for turning in a late assignment should contact the field faculty member prior to the due date. *Unapproved late assignments will be marked down three points for each day they are late.*

Accommodation Due to a Disability:

If you require accommodations to obtain equal access to this class or to any assignments that I may give, please contact me as soon as possible. I want all students to have an excellent learning experience. Students who are requesting an accommodation due to a disability are expected to inform the field faculty member and provide verification (e.g., from the McBurney Disability Resource Center) at the beginning of the semester or as soon as the need for an accommodation is determined.

Academic Misconduct:

Please note the following definition of academic honesty. “Academic honesty requires that the course work (drafts, reports, examinations, papers) a student presents to an instructor honestly and accurately reflects the student’s own academic efforts. UWS14.03 cites that (among other things) Academic Misconduct Subject to Disciplinary Action includes an “act in which a student seeks to claim credit for the work or efforts of another without authorization or citation”. Examples include, but are not limited to: “cutting and pasting text from the web without quotation marks or proper citation; paraphrasing from the web without crediting the source, using another person’s ideas, words or research and presenting it as one’s own by not properly crediting the originator, etc.

Incomplete Policy:

According to University policy, an Incomplete may only be given when students, who have otherwise made good progress in the course, are prohibited from completing the course as a result of an emergency or crisis event in their lives. A grade of Incomplete or “I” will not be given unless the student meets the university policy criteria, and also contacts the field faculty member prior to the end of the semester to explain the situation and make arrangements for making up the required work.

Attendance & Class Participation Policy:

Class attendance is required of all students. *Attendance is defined as arriving on time, staying through the entire class, and leaving only for scheduled breaks.* In order for you and your classmates to benefit from this course, attendance and active participation are expected. Attendance will be taken at the beginning and end of each class and I will note your level of participation. If you are unable to attend class, please email me prior to class so that you can receive an excused absence; you may receive one per semester. Three points will be deducted from your grade for each unexcused absence incurred.

· Inclement weather Policy:

o If there is inclement weather across the Program area, students will be expected to check

their email prior to leaving for class to confirm whether classes are cancelled.

o If classes are not cancelled but an individual student concludes he/she cannot safely travel to reach his/her class site, the student must contact his/her instructor(s) regarding his/her plan to not travel. Students will be responsible for learning the material they missed.

Technology in Class:

A minimal level of external distractions is essential to a productive learning environment. Cellphones, iPods, iPads, and any other electronic devices are not to be used in seminar. Students are required to turn cell phones off or on vibrate before entering the classroom. Taking calls during class time interrupts teaching and learning. Please review the school's policy on professional conduct which can be found in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook pp. 10-12 Professional Conduct in All the Social Work Degree Programs.

Student Behavior Policy:

In order to learn, we must be open to the views of people different from ourselves. Each and every voice in the classroom is important and brings with it a wealth of experiences, values and beliefs. In this time we share together over the semester, please honor the uniqueness of your fellow classmates, and appreciate the opportunity we have to learn from each other. Please respect your fellow students' opinions and refrain from personal attacks or demeaning comments of any kind. Finally, remember to keep confidential all issues of a personal or professional nature discussed in class. The following is a list of expectations of student's display of personal integrity and professionalism, and successful adherence to these expectations will be measured and incorporated into both the field seminar grade and the field placement grade.

- Use of cell phones is limited to scheduled breaks, both in the classroom and in the field.
- Laptops are not to be utilized during field seminar.
- Respect is displayed for viewpoints with which you may disagree.
- Respect is displayed for each student and colleague's right to be heard.
- A capacity to respect and appreciate diversity is displayed.
- Appropriate materials are brought to class and field placement.
- Student has read materials and prepared for class.
- Student displays qualities of an active learner, including taking notes when appropriate.
- Student actively and constructively participates in classroom and field site discussion.
- Careful, respectful language is utilized in all verbal and written communication with classmates, field faculty member, and agency supervisor.
- Student solicits and incorporates feedback when there are questions about performance
- Both in the classroom and the field, student proactively seeks clarification (prior to assignment due dates) if guidance or assistance is needed.

Students are expected to maintain a level of professional behavior in and out of the classroom. Disrespectful and unprofessional behavior in the classroom and field will not be tolerated and will be reflected in the final course grade. Disrespectful behavior will be determined at the discretion of the field faculty member. Some examples of this behavior are, but not limited to,

talking while others are speaking, sleeping in class and not being respectful to peers, field faculty or to guest speakers. Field seminar is an extension of the field placement. Your grade in field seminar is based on successful completion of the competencies and behaviors, both in seminar and in the field. It is important to review the section, Professional Conduct in All the Social Work Degree Programs, which can be found in the *Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook*. If you have any concerns with this policy, or a concern that needs to be brought to the class's attention, please speak with this field faculty member. It is the student's responsibility to contact the field faculty member for any clarification on disrespectful and unprofessional behavior.

Code of Ethics, Professional Conduct & Plagiarism

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Plagiarism is a form of academic misconduct, which is not tolerated by the University or the School of Social Work. Plagiarism seeks to claim credit for the work or effort of another without citation or authorization.

The School of Social Work defines plagiarism as:

1. The appropriation of passages or complete works of another person and submitting them as one's own work – in either written materials or speeches.
2. The presentation of ideas of others as one's own without giving credit.

There are two major forms of plagiarism:

1. Using direct quotes from others' written or spoken work and presenting them as one's own words without using proper quotation marks or offsetting and/or with failure to identify the source of the ideas.
2. Paraphrasing the ideas or research findings of another person(s), with failure to identify the source of the ideas.

Note that slight changes to the author's original text, even with a citation, is plagiarism. Please see http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/QPA_paraphrase.html

Process:

- If an instructor suspects a student has plagiarized, the instructor will contact the student to discuss their concern.
- If the instructor determines that the student has plagiarized, the instructor will decide on a sanction in accordance with the misconduct rules in UWS 14.

Sanction:

- Based on the seriousness of the sanction, the instructor may inform the Dean of Student's Office. The only sanctions that can be imposed without notifying the Dean of Students Office are: 1) oral reprimand; 2) written reprimand presented only to the student; and 3) an assignment to repeat the work on its merits.
- More serious sanctions may include a zero on the assignment or exam, a lower grade in the course or failure in the course. The School of Social Work will inform the Dean of Student's Office when imposing any of these sanctions. This action is taken so the Dean of Student's Office can decide whether to seek additional sanctions.
- Repeated acts of academic misconduct may result in more serious actions such as removal from the course in progress, disciplinary probation or suspension, or expulsion (<http://www.students.wisc.edu/doso/acadintegrity.html>).
- Note: Students can appeal any sanctions.

For more information:

Academic misconduct rules procedures can be found in UWS 14:

<http://www.students.wisc.edu/doso/docs/UWS14.pdf>

For guidelines on quoting and paraphrasing:

UW-Madison Writing Center <http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/QuotingSources.html>

Appendix A: CSWE Competencies

<p>Advanced Practice Year <u>Competency Addressed in Course</u></p>	<p><u>Course Content</u></p>	<p><u>Location in the syllabus</u></p>
<p>1: Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior Advanced Generalist social workers demonstrate and employ in a focus area an understanding of 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. They understand and utilize frameworks of ethical decision-making and autonomously apply principles of critical thinking to those frameworks in practice, research, and policy arenas. Advanced Generalist social workers demonstrate awareness of their personal values and an ability to distinguish them from professional values. They also possess and employ an understanding as to how their personal experiences and affective reactions influence their professional judgment and behavior. Advanced Generalist social workers understand the role of other professions and use this understanding to engage effectively in inter-professional teams. They have a commitment to life-long learning and continually update their skills to ensure they are relevant and effective. Advanced Generalist social workers also are knowledgeable about the emerging forms of technology and ethically use this technology in social work practice.</p>	<p>Each seminar week: Class consultation, check-in and problem-solving along with lecture, reading, assignments and group discussion related to dimensions of ethics working in mental health. (V,C & AP)</p> <p>Explore the intersectionality of multiple factors affecting those ethics with NASW Code of Ethics. (K, V, C,&AP)</p> <p>Evaluate ethical dilemmas related to problems and issues in the area of mental health. (K,S,V,C & AP)</p> <p>Weigh values, principles of ethical decision-making, and the NASW code of ethics and, as appropriate, International Federation of Social Workers Ethics in Social Work/Statement of Principles in order to address ethical dilemmas related to practice in the area of mental health. (K, S, V, C & AP)</p> <p>Apply knowledge of social services, policies and programs relevant to the area of mental health with adults, families, to advocate with and/or on behalf of clients for access to services. (K, S, V, C & AP)</p> <p>Develop a plan for continuing professional education and development. (K, S, & V)</p> <p>Collaborate with and articulate the mission of Social Work to others</p>	<p>All: Field practicum, class exercises, participation in field seminar discussions: Weeks 1-18</p> <p>Week 6 Week 7</p> <p>Week 7</p> <p>Week 7</p> <p>Week 2</p> <p>Week 5</p>

	(e.g., interdisciplinary team members, volunteers, the broader community, the news media, and political leaders). (K, S, V, C & AP)	Week 10
<p>2.1.2 Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice Advanced practice social workers demonstrate in a focus area an advanced understanding of how diversity and difference characterize and shape the human experience and are critical to the formation of identity. They demonstrate comprehension that 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. Advanced practice social workers recognize 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, and apply this recognition in their practice. They also demonstrate in practice their understanding of the forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination, and a recognition of 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.</p>	<p>Each seminar week: Class consultation, check-in and problem-solving along with lecture, reading, assignments and group discussion related to dimensions of diversity issues in working with individuals, groups and families and the intersectionality of multiple factors affecting diversity in relation to race, culture, gender, sexual identity, poverty and privilege. (V, C & AP)</p> <p>Mid and End of semester evaluation and learning plan with supervisor and field faculty (K, S, V, C, & AP)</p>	<p>All: Field practicum, class exercises, participation in field seminar discussions: Weeks 1-19</p> <p>Week 7 & 18</p>
<p>2.1.3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice Advanced Generalist social workers demonstrate in their focus area an understanding 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. Advanced generalist social workers incorporate in practice an understanding of the global interconnections of oppression and human rights violations, and knowledgeable about theories of human need and social justice and strategies to promote social and economic justice and human rights. Advanced</p>	<p>Each seminar week: Class consultation, check-in and problem-solving along with lecture, reading, assignments and group discussion related to dimensions of human rights and the intersectionality of poverty, social justice, theory and policies. (V,C & AP)</p>	<p>All: Field practicum, class exercises, participation in field seminar discussions: Weeks 1-18</p>

<p>generalist social workers employ 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.</p>	<p>Mid and End of semester evaluation and learning plan with supervisor and field faculty (K, S, V, C, & AP)</p>	<p>Week 7 & 18</p>
<p>2.1.4: Engage in Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice Advanced Generalist social workers understand and apply quantitative and qualitative research methods to advance the science of social work and practice in the focus area. They know and apply the principles of logic, scientific inquiry and culturally informed and ethical approaches to building knowledge in the focus area. Advanced Generalist social workers understand and demonstrate that evidence informed practice derives from multi-disciplinary sources and multiple ways of knowing, demonstrate the processes for translating research findings into their focus area of practice</p>	<p>Each seminar week: Class consultation, check-in and problem-solving along with lecture, reading, assignments and group discussion related to dimensions of evidence based methods and practices in working with mental health (V, C & AP)</p> <p>Change Agent Report and Presentation (K,S,V, C & AP)</p> <p>Mid and End of semester evaluation and learning plan with supervisor and field faculty (K, S, V, C, & AP)</p>	<p>All: Field practicum, class exercises, participation in field seminar discussions: Weeks 1-18</p> <p>Week 14 & 15</p> <p>Weeks 7 & 18</p>
<p>2.1.5: Engage in Policy Practice Advanced Generalist social workers demonstrate a developed understanding that human rights, social justice, social welfare and services in the focus area are mediated by policy and its implementation at the federal, state, and local levels. They understand the history and current structures of social policies and services in the focus area, the role of policy in service delivery, and the role of practice in policy development in the focus area. Advanced Generalist social workers understand, demonstrate, and engage policy development and implementation within their focus area practice settings at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels to affect change within those settings. They recognize and understand the historical, social, cultural, economic, organizational, environmental, and global influences that affect social policy in the focus area. They also demonstrate advanced levels of</p>	<p>Each seminar week: Class consultation, check-in and problem-solving along with lecture, reading, assignments and group discussion related to dimensions of local, state and national policies in public and private with emphasis on the role of the social worker. (V,C & AP)</p> <p>Mid and End of semester evaluation and learning plan with supervisor and field faculty (K, S, V, C, & AP)</p>	<p>All: Field practicum, class exercises, participation in field seminar discussions: Weeks 1-18</p> <p>Weeks 7 & 18</p>

<p>knowledge about policy formulation, analysis, implementation, and evaluation in the focus area.</p>		
<p>2.1.6 Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations and Communities Advanced Generalist social workers understand and demonstrate that engagement is an ongoing component of the dynamic and interactive process of social work practice in a focus area with, and on behalf of, diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. They value the importance of human relationships. Advanced Generalist social workers understand and apply theories of human behavior and the social environment, and critically evaluate and apply this knowledge in a focus area to facilitate engagement with clients and constituencies, including individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. They understand and demonstrate an array of strategies to engage diverse clients and constituencies to advance practice effectiveness</p>	<p>Each seminar week: Class consultation, check-in and problem-solving along with lecture, reading, assignments and group discussion related to family engagement and strategies to work with adults, children, youth and families in various settings. (V, C & AP)</p> <p>Mid and End of semester evaluation and learning plan with supervisor and field faculty (K, S, V, C, & AP)</p>	<p>All: Field practicum, class exercises, participation in field seminar discussions: Weeks 1-18</p> <p>Weeks 7 & 18</p>
<p>2.1.7 Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities Advanced Generalist social workers independently engage and apply their understanding of theories of human behavior and the social environment in the ongoing assessment of diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities in a focus area. They engage in inter-professional collaboration and utilize methods of assessment appropriate to a focus area to advance practice effectiveness. Advanced Generalist social workers demonstrate an understanding of how their personal experiences and affective reactions may affect their assessment and decision-making.</p>	<p>Each seminar week: Class consultation, check-in and problem-solving along with lecture, reading, assignments and group discussion covering assessment. (V, C & AP)</p> <p>Mid and End of semester evaluation & learning plan with supervisor and field faculty</p>	<p>All: Field practicum, class exercises, participation in field seminar discussions: Weeks 1-18</p> <p>Weeks 7 & 18</p>
<p>2.1.8 Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities Advanced Generalist social workers recognize and understand 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. They independently identify, analyze and implement evidence-informed interventions to achieve the</p>	<p>Each seminar week: Class consultation, check-in and problem-solving along with lecture, reading, assignments and group discussion related covering interventions and evidence based approaches. (V, C & AP)</p>	<p>All: Field practicum, class exercises, participation in field seminar discussions: Weeks 1-18</p>

<p>goals of clients and constituencies in a focus area. Advanced Generalist social workers incorporate their knowledge of theories of human behavior and the social environment when selecting and implementing interventions in a focus area. They also engage in interdisciplinary, inter-professional, and inter organizational collaboration as appropriate, in evaluating and implementing interventions.</p>	<p>Mid and End of semester evaluation & learning plan with supervisor and field faculty (K, S, V, C, & AP)</p>	<p>Weeks 7 & 18</p>
<p>2.1.9 Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations and Communities Advanced Generalist social workers recognize the importance of ongoing evaluation in the dynamic and interactive process of social work practice with, and on behalf of, diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. They are knowledgeable about various methods of evaluating outcomes and practice effectiveness in a focus area and incorporate their knowledge of theories of human behavior and the social environment when evaluating outcomes. Advanced Generalist social workers employ qualitative and quantitative methods as appropriate for evaluating outcomes and practice effectiveness in a focus area.</p>	<p>Each seminar week: Class consultation, check-in and problem-solving along with lecture, reading, assignments and group discussion related using various evaluation tools in mental health settings (V, C & AP)</p> <p>Mid and End of semester evaluation & learning plan with supervisor and field faculty (K, S, V, C, & AP)</p>	<p>All: Field practicum, class exercises, participation in field seminar discussions: Weeks 1-18</p> <p>Weeks 7 & 18</p>

UW-Madison School of Social Work: Student Learning Plan & Field Evaluation Instrument
Social Work Practice in _____
Advanced Generalist Practice Specialization Year: SW 800 Fall, _____ (School Year)

STUDENT: _____
Phone Number: _____
Placement Phone Number: _____
UW Email Address: _____
Field Hour Schedule: _____

AGENCY SUPERVISOR: _____
Phone Number: _____
Agency Name/Address: _____
Office Location: _____
Email Address: _____

Academic Courses (Fall):

Full Course Name & Number:
Instructor:

Instructions for Evaluating Students on the Nine Competencies: Evaluation Component (Column 3)

The nine competencies specified in this evaluation form are those established by our national accrediting organization (the Council on Social Work Education). The student's learning plan has identified the learning opportunities (e.g., methods, activities, and assignments) available for the student to achieve these competencies. Under each competency statement are several indicators, i.e., behaviors, which we ask you to rate, according to the following criteria, based upon their performance of the measurable methods of achievement (the observable learning opportunities). Students demonstrate mastery of a set of behaviors tied to practice competencies that are related to the mission and goals of social work in the field placement. Students gain experience and focus on skill development in their field placements related to the behaviors associated with the competencies.

5	The student has excelled in this area.
4	The student is functioning somewhat above expectations for students in this area.
3	The student has met the expectations for students in this area.
2	The student is functioning somewhat below expectations for students in this area.
1	The student is functioning significantly below expectations for students in this area.
N/A	Not applicable, as the student has not had the opportunity to demonstrate competence in this area.*

Comments may be made under any competency statement, if desired. Please be sure to indicate those areas in which you think the student is particularly strong and those areas in which the student needs improvement. For the latter, please note specific strategies for making improvement or indicate that these will need to be identified during the three-way (agency supervisor, student and field faculty) evaluation meeting.

This evaluation is intended to give the student feedback about their performance. Students are expected to indicate if there are areas they do not understand and/or with which they do not agree. For the fall semester evaluation, the rating is based on what the student has accomplished to-date and how well they have accomplished it in terms of expectations, at that time, for achievement of the behavior. The spring end-of-semester rating indicates the "outcome" in terms of achieving the behavior. For the advanced generalist level student, the desired outcome is that of an autonomous social work practitioner. The Field Faculty will determine the student's grade based on their overall evaluation of the student's performance in the field placement in conjunction with performance in the integrative seminar.

***Note: The N/A rating is only applicable for the fall semester final.**

Advanced Generalist Practice Specialization Year Competencies, Behaviors and Evaluation

Competency 2.1.1

Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior.

Advanced Generalist social workers demonstrate and employ in their focus area an understanding of 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. They understand and utilize frameworks of ethical decision-making and autonomously apply principles of critical thinking to those frameworks in practice, research, and policy arenas. Advanced Generalist social workers demonstrate awareness of their personal values and an ability to distinguish them from professional values. They also possess and employ an understanding as to how their personal experiences and affective reactions influence their professional judgment and behavior. Advanced Generalist social workers understand the role of other professions and use this understanding to engage effectively in inter-professional teams. They have a commitment to life-long learning and continually update their skills to ensure they are relevant and effective. Advanced Generalist social workers also are knowledgeable about the emerging forms of technology and ethically use this technology in social work practice. Advanced Generalist Social Workers:

Advanced Generalist Level Practice Student Required Behaviors:	Methods to Observe and Demonstrate Achievement:	Enter rating using key above (5,4,3,2,1 or NA)
		Fall Final
Evaluate and render ethical decisions by applying the standards of the NASW Code of Ethics, relevant federal and state laws and regulations, agency regulations, models for ethical decision-making, ethical conduct of research, and additional codes of ethics in a focus area.		Rating.
Exercise continual self-reflection and self-awareness in order to understand personal values, beliefs and biases, and how they may potentially influence practice, and ethical issues and decisions that arise in a focus area.		Rating.
Demonstrate ethical professional demeanor in behavior; appearance; oral, written, and electronic communication and use of technology in a focus area.		Rating.
Employ supervision and consultation to monitor professional judgments, behavior and guide ethical decision-making in a focus area.		Rating.

Agency Supervisor Comments:

Competency 2.1.2

Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice.

Advanced Generalist practice social workers demonstrate in their focus area an advanced understanding of how diversity and difference characterize and shape the human experience and are critical to the formation of identity. They demonstrate comprehension that 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. Advanced practice social workers recognize 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, and apply this recognition in their practice. They also demonstrate in practice their understanding of the forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination, and a recognition of 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.

Advanced Generalist Social Workers:

Advanced Generalist Level Practice Student Required Behaviors:	Methods to Observe and Demonstrate Achievement:	Enter rating using key above (5,4,3,2,1 or NA)
		Fall Final
Demonstrate and communicate a recognition and understanding of the important role that diversity plays in shaping life experiences at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels of practice in a focus area.		Rating.
Present oneself as a learner to clients and constituencies, and engage them as experts of their own culture and experience in a focus area.		Rating.
Exercise continual self-reflection and self-awareness in order to understand personal values, beliefs and biases regarding diversity, and the potential role they may play in working with diverse clients and constituencies in a focus area.		Rating.

Agency Supervisor Comments:

Competency 2.1.3

Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice.

Advanced Generalist social workers demonstrate in a focus area an understanding 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. Advanced generalist social workers incorporate in practice an understanding of the global interconnections of oppression and human rights violations, and knowledgeable about theories of human need and social justice and strategies to promote social and economic justice and human rights. Advanced generalist social workers employ 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.

Advanced Generalist Social Workers:

Advanced Generalist Level Practice Student Required Behaviors:	Methods to Observe and Demonstrate Achievement:	Enter rating using key above (5,4,3,2,1 or NA)
		Fall Final
Demonstrate advanced knowledge and understanding of social, economic, and environmental justice necessary to advocate for human rights at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels of practice in a focus area.		Rating.
Assess how mechanisms of oppression and discrimination impact clients and constituencies in a focus area.		Rating.
Engage in practices of advocacy and social change that advance social, economic and environmental justice for clients and constituencies in a focus area.		Rating.

Agency Supervisor Comments:

Competency 2.1.4

Engage In Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice.

Advanced Generalist social workers understand and apply quantitative and qualitative research methods to advance the science of social work and practice in a focus area. They know and apply the principles of logic, scientific inquiry and culturally informed and ethical approaches to building knowledge in a focus area. Advanced Generalist social workers understand and demonstrate that evidence informed practice derives from multi-disciplinary sources and multiple ways of knowing, demonstrate the processes for translating research findings into a focus area of practice.

Advanced Generalist Social Workers:

Advanced Generalist Level Practice Student Required Behaviors:	Methods to Observe and Demonstrate Achievement:	Enter rating using key above (5,4,3,2,1 or NA)
		Fall Final
Use practice experience and theory to inform social work interventions in a focus area.		Rating.
Autonomously apply critical thinking in analysis of research methods and research findings to inform practice.		Rating.
Disseminate research evidence to diverse groups to inform and improve practice, policy and service delivery in a focus area.		Rating.

Agency Supervisor Comments:

Competency 2.1.5

Engage in Policy Practice.

Advanced Generalist social workers demonstrate a developed understanding that human rights, social justice, social welfare and services in a focus area are mediated by policy and its implementation at the federal, state, and local levels. They understand the history and current structures of social policies and services in a focus area, the role of policy in service delivery, and the role of practice in policy development in a focus area. Advanced Generalist social workers understand, demonstrate, and engage policy development and implementation within a focus area practice setting at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels to affect change within those settings. They recognize and understand the historical, social, cultural, economic, organizational, environmental, and global influences that affect social policy in a focus area. They also demonstrate advanced levels of knowledge about policy formulation, analysis, implementation, and evaluation in a focus area.

Advanced Generalist Social Workers:

Advanced Generalist Level Practice Student Required Behaviors:	Methods to Observe and Demonstrate Achievement:	Enter rating using key above (5,4,3,2,1 or NA)
		Fall Final
Demonstrate knowledge of social policies at the local, state and federal level that impact well-being, service delivery, and access to social services in a focus area.		Rating.
Autonomously assess how social welfare and economic policies impact the delivery of and access to social services in a focus area.		Rating.
Apply advanced critical thinking to analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies.		Rating.

Agency Supervisor Comments:

Competency 2.1.6

Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities.

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

Advanced Generalist Social Workers:

Advanced Generalist Level Practice Student Required Behaviors:	Methods to Observe and Demonstrate Achievement:	Enter rating using key above (5,4,3,2,1 or NA)
		Fall Final
Employ diverse strategies based on a demonstrated in-depth knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to engage with clients and constituencies across all levels of practice in a focus area.		Rating.
Autonomously use empathy, reflection and advanced level interpersonal skills to effectively engage diverse clients and constituencies in a focus area.		Rating.

Agency Supervisor Comments:

Competency 2.1.7

Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities.

Advanced Generalist social workers independently engage and apply their understanding of theories of human behavior and the social environment in the ongoing assessment of diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities in a focus area. They engage in inter-professional collaboration and utilize methods of assessment appropriate to a focus area to advance practice effectiveness. Advanced Generalist social workers demonstrate an understanding of how their personal experiences and affective reactions may affect their assessment and decision-making

Advanced Generalist Social Workers:

Advanced Generalist Level Practice Student Required Behaviors:	Methods to Observe and Demonstrate Achievement:	Enter rating using key above (5,4,3,2,1 or NA)
		Fall Final
Independently collect and organize data, and effectively apply critical thinking to interpret information from clients and constituencies in a focus area.		Rating.
Employ knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to critically analyze assessment data from clients and constituencies in a focus area.		Rating.
Collaborate in developing mutually agreed-on intervention goals and objectives based on the critical assessment of strengths, needs and challenges within clients and constituencies in a focus area.		Rating.
Effectively utilize the assessment, research knowledge, and values and preferences of clients and constituencies to determine a range of potentially effective and appropriate intervention strategies to improve practice outcomes in a focus area.		Rating.

Agency Supervisor Comments:

Competency 2.1.8

Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities.

Advanced Generalist social workers recognize and understand 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. They independently identify, analyze and implement evidence-informed interventions to achieve the goals of clients and constituencies in a focus area. Advanced Generalist social workers incorporate their knowledge of theories of human behavior and the social environment when selecting and implementing interventions in a focus area. They also engage in interdisciplinary, inter-professional, and inter-organizational collaboration as appropriate, in evaluating and implementing interventions.

Advanced Generalist Social Workers:

Advanced Generalist Level Practice Student Required Behaviors:	Methods to Observe and Demonstrate Achievement:	Enter rating using key above (5,4,3,2,1 or NA)
		Fall Final
Implement interventions at different levels, with and on behalf of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities, to achieve desired practice outcomes in a focus area.		Rating.
Independently apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to evaluate and choose methods of intervention most appropriate to a focus area.		Rating.
Demonstrate advanced skill in inter-professional collaboration as appropriate to achieve beneficial practice outcomes in a focus area.		Rating.
Employ diverse strategies to negotiate, mediate and advocate with and on behalf of diverse clients and constituencies in a focus area.		Rating.
Autonomously facilitate effective transitions and endings that advance mutually agreed-on goals.		Rating.

Agency Supervisor Comments:

Competency 2.1.9

Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities.

Advanced Generalist social workers recognize the importance of ongoing evaluation in the dynamic and interactive process of social work practice with, and on behalf of, diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. They are knowledgeable about various methods of evaluating outcomes and practice effectiveness in a focus area and incorporate their knowledge of theories of human behavior and the social environment when evaluating outcomes. Advanced Generalist social workers employ qualitative and quantitative methods as appropriate for evaluating outcomes and practice effectiveness in a focus area.

Advanced Generalist Social Workers:

Advanced Generalist Level Practice Student Required Behaviors:	Methods to Observe and Demonstrate Achievement:	Enter rating using key above (5,4,3,2,1 or NA)
		Fall Final
Demonstrate the ability to use appropriate methods to evaluate practice and outcomes in a focus area.		Rating.
Independently apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to choose methods of evaluation most appropriate to a focus area.		Rating.
Apply research skills to analyze, monitor and evaluate interventions, outcomes and program processes in a focus area		Rating.
Apply and disseminate evaluation findings to improve practice effectiveness at the micro, mezzo and macro levels.		Rating.

Agency Supervisor Comments:

