The Social Work Practicum: Purpose and Expectations

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Goals of Social Work: Application to the Practicum

Social Work Goals

• To enhance social functioning of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities

• To link client systems with needed resources

• To improve the operation of the social service delivery network

• Promote social justice through development of social policy
Competency Based Education

- A defined set of specific skill competencies
- Establishment of individual learning goals based on these competencies
- Assessment of student skill level based on these competencies at beginning and completion of field
- Integration of classroom and fieldwork
Integrative Learning Experiences for Competency Development

- Competencies
- Knowledge, Values, Skills
- Traits and Characteristics
Practicum Orientation Basics

- Confidentiality policies and procedures
- Orientation to documentation used in the agency
- Discuss your role and expectations as intern
- Understand expectations for supervision and establish a set weekly supervision time
- Formulate a plan to develop the learning plan
Risk Management

- Agency Risk Management Policies
- Self Assessment of Safety -- Speak up!
- SSW Field Manual: Risk Management
- **New policy**: Field Education Students will not transport clients or agency staff in own vehicle.
By September 26, complete the following:

- Review Field Education Manual and complete post-test
- Complete the HIPAA tutorial and post-test
- Read the OHSA Universal Precautions information sheet and take the post test
- Take IL or IA Mandated Reporter training and complete evaluation
- Read the NASW Code of Ethics, in your folder and online
Make your Practicum Work 4 U

- Commit to Professional Development and Life Long Learning
- Be Flexible and Collaborative
- Know what you need and don’t be afraid to ask
- Plan Ahead