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Mission Statement

**College of Staten Island Mission Statement**

Grounded in the Liberal Arts tradition, the College of Staten Island is committed to the highest standards in teaching, research, and scholarship. Drawing on the rich heritage of the City University of New York that has provided access to excellence in higher education since 1847, the College of Staten Island offers that same opportunity in New York City’s Borough of Staten Island. The College is dedicated to helping its students fulfill their creative, aesthetic, and educational aspirations through competitive and rigorous undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. We embrace the strength of our diversity, foster civic mindedness, and nurture responsible citizens for our city, country, and the world.

**BSSW Program Mission Statement**

Drawing on the past and present rich diversity of Staten Island, the College of Staten Island Social Work Program is committed to the highest standards in teaching, research, and scholarship. Given the history of the Willowbrook School where CSI is now located, the program infuses diversity, respect for all people, and integrity in all its endeavors. It is grounded in liberal arts education. The BSSW program provides a local and global context for understanding and addressing the experiences of people and societies that includes knowledge of cultural, economic, and political factors; and that fosters human and community well-being, with particular emphasis on matters of social and economic justice, and global interconnectedness. The Social Work Program is committed to community development on Staten Island and ensuring that our graduates are prepared for practice that meets the needs of the local and global community. The BSSW program honors human diversity and acknowledges its vital role in advancing mutuality and interdependence.

**BSSW Program Goals**

1. Graduates will have the knowledge and skills for entry-level, urban, generalist social work practice, on Staten Island and in the region.
2. Graduates will be competent, culturally sensitive professional practitioners who can help people to meet basic survival needs for food, clothing, shelter, and livelihood.
3. Graduates will be able to apply social work knowledge and skills to informed action, at direct and indirect levels, that will benefit individuals, groups, communities, organizations, and the greater society.
4. Graduates will have the knowledge, skills, and commitment to work toward a just and equitable society, and to support the rights of all people to determine their own destiny, in the context of global interconnectedness.
5. Graduates will have the foundation knowledge and skills needed to enter into the advanced study of social work.
6. Graduates will be prepared for practice with an understanding of the importance of continued self-reflection and professional development throughout their social work careers.

Social Work Program

Social Work Core Competencies

Students enrolled in the BSSW Program at the College of Staten Island will learn through their coursework how to:

EP2.1.1: Identify as a professional social workers and conduct oneself accordingly.
EP2.1.2: Apply social work ethical principles to guide professional practicum
EP2.1.3: Apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments.
EP2.1.4: Engage diversity and difference in practice.
EP2.1.5: Advance human rights and social and economic justice.
EP2.1.6: Engage in research-informed practice and practice-informed research.
EP2.1.7: Apply knowledge of human behavior in the social environment.
EP2.1.8: Engage in policy practice to advance social and economic well-being and to deliver effective social work services.
EP2.1.9: Respond to contexts that shape practice.
EP2.1.10: Engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

Academic Requirements

The undergraduate program in social work leads to a Bachelors of Science degree in Social Work (BSSW). The Program in Social Work requires the successful completion of a minimum of 120 credit hours of undergraduate study. This curriculum consists of 29-43 credit hours of general education foundation courses, plus 24 credit hours of pre-major courses, (11 of the required pre-major credit hours will also fulfill a portion of the general education requirements), plus 40 credit hours of social work foundation courses, inclusive of 12 credit hours of field practicum and field seminar. Students are also required to complete social work related electives, approved by their social work advisor.

Students can find more detail regarding academic requirements in their major and general education in the Bachelor of Science in Social Work Student Handbook and in the CSI Undergraduate Catalogue.
**The Field Practicum**

Field Education is an integral component of Social Work Education, anchored in the mission and goals of the program and the profession. It occurs in settings that reinforce a student’s identification with the purposes, values, and ethics of the profession. It fosters the integration of theoretical, empirical and practice-based knowledge, and promotes the development and enhancement of generalist social work knowledge and skills.

**Field Structure and Hours**

The field internship is a required component of the social work major at the College of Staten Island, and the signature course in social work education nationally. In this course, students are placed in a social service setting under the supervision of a social work practitioner. Students entering the field must have senior status and must have completed and passed all preparatory coursework. Students are required to complete 240 hours per semester, for a total of 480 hours in an approved agency engaged in social work activities. This is approximately 16 hours per week. The field placement provides both the direct and indirect practice experience necessary to becoming an entry-level social worker.

Based on student and agency need, some flexibility in the days and times for scheduling the field practicum might be possible but is never guaranteed. Students are expected to be in the field placement during regular agency hours (usually Monday – Friday, 8AM – 5PM). Students are required to have daytime hours available to complete the necessary hours.

**Please note:** Social work majors must have two week days (16 hours) of daytime availability to be placed in a field practicum. Otherwise, the program may be unable to place the student, and continuation in the program is jeopardized.

Time spent in the weekly seminar does not count toward the required 480 hours. Students are expected to start their assigned field placement in September and end in May, with the exception of Thanksgiving recess, winter, and spring breaks. Agencies will be in operation during the College inter-session and, at times, open on days when there are College holidays. Students are expected to be in the field placement during these days. Students are entitled to all agency holidays, however, students must keep in mind that if the agency is closed on a day that the student is scheduled to be in the field, the student will NOT receive credit for those hours and the time must be made up.

Each student will be given a monthly time sheet that is to be filled out and returned to the Field Education Department at the end of each month. It is the student’s responsibility to keep track of hours and submit time sheets to the school.
Students cannot take time off from field placement to do class projects or other assignments. Absence due to observance of religious holidays may be excused, with prior approval of the field instructor. In this instance too, hours must be made up. For unavoidable and essential reasons such as illness, a student may be absent from the agency up to four days over the course of the year without incurring an obligation to make up lost time as long as 480 hours are completed. If the number of absences exceeds four days, the student must arrange with their field instructor a plan to make up the missing time. Any student who has excessive absences or incomplete hours in their field placement risks removal from the program.

In the event of inclement weather, the student is excused from the placement and is not required to make up the hours if the agency is closed. If the school is closed but the agency is open, but the student believes travel may be too perilous, the student may elect not to go to field placement but the student must inform the supervisor. The student will have to make up the missed hours in this situation.

**Field Placement Timeline/Calendar**

The Director of Field Education will publish a calendar of important dates annually. This calendar will outline the dates during each semester that students are expected to be in field placement, apply for field placements for the following semester, as well as dates that specific paperwork is due by. The following is an approximate timetable for field placement:

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<td>Submit Field Education Application</td>
<td>December</td>
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<td>Interview with BSSW Field Director</td>
<td>February</td>
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<td>Field Education Office contacts Field Instructors regarding potential placements</td>
<td>February-April</td>
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<td>Students receive information regarding placement &amp; schedule interview</td>
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<td>Field Instructors inform the Field Education Office of acceptance/rejection of student</td>
<td>April</td>
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<td>Students receive confirmation of placement</td>
<td>May-June</td>
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<td>Students begin field seminar</td>
<td>1st week of fall semester</td>
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<td>Students begin field placement</td>
<td>3rd week of fall semester</td>
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<td>Students complete Learning Contract with Field placement supervisors</td>
<td>Within 3 weeks of placement initiation</td>
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Application Process

Students entering the BSSW Field Practicum must have senior status and have completed all social work foundation coursework with a minimum grade of C, with the exception of SWK 350 Social Work Practice I, and SWK 360 Social Work Practice II, in which students must receive a grade of B or above. SKW 365 Social Work Practice III, taken simultaneously with the Field Practicum, in the Fall of the senior year, also must be completed with a grade of B or better.

Students are required to complete the Field Application (See Appendix A) and submit two copies of their most updated resume during the semester prior to field placement. Generally these applications will be distributed to students in December of the year preceding entry into the field.

After the Director of Field Placement reviews the Field Application, an interview will be scheduled with the student to further explore possibilities for field placement. The goal is to assign internships well in advance of the actual placement allowing ample time to iron out any possible difficulties and to complete agency requirements for paperwork or medical clearances, thus avoiding delays once the internship is underway.

Students with Criminal Records

Students who have been convicted of a felony or a first-degree misdemeanor may encounter limited field experience opportunities. An increasing number of field agencies screen applicants for criminal records and do not accept interns who have a criminal record. The Director of Field Education also screens for criminal history through the application process. If the student has a criminal history it is recommended that the student, at the time of entry into the Social Work Program, discuss the circumstances with the BSSW Program Director as well as the Director of Field Education to determine an appropriate field agency. The student with a criminal record is advised that such a record may effect eligibility for placement in a field agency and therefore in the BSSW program as a whole.

Student-Agency Matching Process

The Director of Field Education carries the responsibility for assigning students to field placements. In making the decision as to where the student will be placed, the Director of Field Education draws information from various sources including the student, professors, and potential agency. Placement decisions are based on the availability and educational suitability of a setting.

A concerted effort will be made to place the student in the area of interest, however, the student’s choice of agency is not guaranteed. It is of major importance that the student identifies and clarifies interests in the application form. The Director of Field Education will then work toward
placing the student in an agency that matches these interests, taking into consideration the requirements of the agency, and the requirements of the social work program.

Once a field placement has been identified, the student will receive the information regarding the agency from the Director of Field Education. The student is responsible for setting up an interview with the assigned field placement. If a student fails to call the agency to arrange an interview, the student risks losing the placement. Usually, after a student completes the agency interview, the student will be offered an opportunity to complete a placement in the agency. In the event that additional interviews need to be scheduled, up to two other agencies will be selected. If personnel from three different agencies are unwilling to accept a student for placement, the student will be referred to the BSSW Program Director to evaluate whether the student will be able to enroll in the practicum. Failure to negotiate a practicum placement in a reasonable time may result in discontinuation from the program.

Once the student placement process is complete, some agencies may have additional requirements specific to the agency (for example, immunization, drug testing, background criminal investigation check, etc.) for student placements. The student is responsible for completing the necessary paperwork prior to starting the field placement. Failure to complete the necessary paperwork may result in loss of field placement.

The Field Placement Interview

An important part of the placement process is the student interview with the prospective field instructor. The student is expected to discuss professional goals, appropriate background, issues that may inhibit the successful completion of the internship, and mutual expectations with the field instructor.

The student is responsible for calling and arranging a face-to-face interview with the agency contact person immediately upon referral from the field education office. This interview should be treated like a job interview. An updated resume should be presented for the agency representative to review. At the interview, the student should present in a professional manner (presence, tone, demeanor, and professional dress and comportment). The student should research the field placement prior to the interview to get a basic understanding of the services offered.

Questions you might be asked

- How would you describe yourself? OR tell me about yourself?
- What are your long range and/or short-term goals and objectives?
- Why did you choose social work?
- What do you consider your strengths and weaknesses?
- What do you know about our organization?
- What type of supervision do you need? Like?
o Do you have any experience in the social work field?

o What does your schedule look like? What days and times are you available to work?

o Do you have any questions for me?

Questions you might want to ask

o What population does your agency serve?

o What is a typical day at your agency?

o What services does your agency provide?

o Would it be possible to work weekend/evening hours? (only if necessary for your schedule)

o How much direct client contact will I have?

o Will I have my own caseload? How many cases?

o Will you be my field instructor? If not, who will be?

o Are there other training opportunities available to me here?

o What specific skills will this agency assist me in developing?

o Is there an orientation process?

o Will I be working with other agency staff?

o Does the agency have requirements before I can start – drug testing, fingerprinting, medical clearances, etc?

o How would you describe your supervisory style?

Selection of Field Work Sites

Human service organizations throughout the five boroughs of New York City, and occasionally in New Jersey, are utilized for field education sites. Selection and evaluation of practicum settings is an ongoing process. The Social Work Program endeavors to ensure that field placement settings are diverse in areas of practice, personnel and clientele.

Each field site is required to complete and submit a Field Agency Application (See Appendix B). The field agencies selected by the CSI BSSW program offer social work interns a wide range of learning opportunities to work with individuals, families, groups, organizations, congregations, neighborhoods, and communities.

Agencies/Organizations must:

o Create and maintain conditions that are favorable to learning

o Have available qualified MSW staff members as potential field instructors.

o Offer opportunities for student exposure to a range of social work experiences.

o Ensure physical resources to provide necessary space, materials, and support for a student to function in an effective professional manner.

o Possess the willingness to designate field instructors who will take responsibility for student supervision
Field Placement at Students’ Work Setting

Students may use their work sites for field placement provided the placement meets the following specific criteria:

- The agency must meet the basic requirements for all field placements.
- Placement hours must be arranged in a different department, unit, or program from that in which the student is employed.
- Field Instructor must be someone other than the employing supervisor and meet the basic requirements for all field supervisors.
- Assignments must be proposed that are essentially new and different, educationally appropriate, and employ new and different skills.
- The student and the agency must submit a written proposal describing the proposed differences in assignments, duties, and supervision before the program can determine suitability of the proposed placement.

Field Seminar Course Requirements

The Social Work Field Seminars are a two-course sequence to be taken in conjunction with the field placement. The seminar meets weekly and is designed to facilitate joining the theoretical knowledge and professional skills that are central to the educational goals of the BSSW curriculum (See Appendix H for a sample syllabus of SWK 454 Social Work Field Seminar I). The second semester of field seminar, SWK 464 Social Work Field Seminar II, includes a Capstone assignment. In this course, students will integrate all their learning in the BSSW program to date, and will complete a project that reflects the knowledge and skills learned both in the field and in the classroom.

In the Field Seminars, students are required to submit logs, process recordings, and other written assignments. Students will have a project due in each of the field seminar courses that will directly link their work in the field to their coursework.

In all class assignments, names of clients and other potentially identifying information will be disguised to assure confidentiality. Confidentiality is a core value in the social work profession and students are expected to always respect its importance.

The Learning Contract

The learning contract is a formal plan between the student and the field supervisor, which identifies the specific learning objectives of the placement and the tasks and activities to be assigned to the student to permit achievement of those objectives (See Appendix C).
The learning contract initially describes the basic requirements and conditions of work and should be developed and discussed within the two weeks of field placement. The initial contract should include the following areas:

- Orientation to the field practicum
- Specific assignments
- Meetings, conferences, and other educational opportunities
- Supervisory format and process
- Backup in case of emergencies
- Mutual responsibilities

The learning contract is an ever changing and evolving document. It should reflect the student’s accomplishments and increased responsibility at the agency. In the second semester of placement, the learning contract should be updated and resubmitted to both the Field Liaison and the faculty member who teaches the student’s section of the Field Seminar. The learning contract should define target areas for continued development and improvement including areas identified as problematic during the first semester. At this time, more complex understanding and skill development should be the goal.

Process Recordings

The use of process recordings is encouraged by the program as a learning tool for students (See Appendix D). The purposes of the process recording are for students to practice skills of recall and retention of the content of client interactions, to engage in self-reflection and self-evaluation, to form the basis of feedback on practice, and to allow the field liaison to assess both the student’s work, and the supervision provided by the field instructor. Process recordings are expected to be shared with the field instructor in the supervisory sessions. They are also to be shared with the Social Work Field Seminar instructor. A minimum of one process recording per week is required of each student.

Grades in Field Practicum

The grade in this course is based on the student's overall professional development and practice, as exhibited by performance in the field agency, and the depth of analysis and skill reflected in the logs and written assignments. The student, agency field instructor, and the faculty liaison evaluate performance in the field cooperatively.

Occasionally a grade of “Incomplete” may be given for field placement. This occurs when a student has not developed the minimum competency expected of a student at the end of that semester, and/or the student has missed several days of field for legitimate reasons and needs to make up time. In these cases, a plan for completing the required hours and/or achieving specified learning objectives would be developed, with a timeline for completion. Unlike Incomplete grades in other courses, for which the College policy, described in the Undergraduate Catalog apply, a grade of Incomplete in the Social Work Field Practicum I or II requires a written agreement signed by the student and field instructor, and approved by the Field Liaison and the
Director of Field Education. The student has approximately one semester to make up the missing work. If the student fails to make up the missing hours or advance in their skills as assessed by the agency supervisor and faculty field liaison, the student may be removed from the program and receive a failing grade for the course. **Failing Field Practicum prevents a student from obtaining a degree in Social Work.**

**Evaluations**

In December and in May of the placement year, each student receives a formal written evaluation prepared by the agency field instructor (See Appendix E). The evaluation focuses on several major areas including practice skills, professional values and ethics, knowledge base, application of knowledge in the helping process, and use of self in practice and in supervision.

The preparation of this evaluation should be a joint effort between the field instructor and the student. It should evaluate both the student’s growth and capacity to meet objective standards of performance.

Before submitting the evaluation to the faculty field liaison, the field instructor should discuss the evaluation with the student, who must sign the report indicating the student has read it. Should the student disagree with any aspect of the evaluation, he/she has the opportunity to prepare a written addendum to accompany the report.

The student cannot receive a grade for fieldwork until the signed evaluation has been submitted to the faculty field liaison. The student is responsible for making arrangements in a timely manner for the evaluation to be completed before the end of the semester.

At the conclusion of the internship year, students have the opportunity to complete a formal written evaluation of the placement experience to date and the learning opportunities afforded to them. This evaluation is useful to the program to plan for future students. The BSSW program is interested in both the positive and negative aspects of the experience in the field. Student feedback is valued in assessing the strengths and limitations of the agencies utilized in the program.

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**Policies and Procedures**

**Agency Policies**

While in field placement, students are expected to abide by the policies and regulations of the agency to which they are assigned. Every agency has a set of guidelines which outline the laws governing the services provided, types of clients, services, and eligibility, rights of clients and employees, hiring, retention, promotion, confidentiality, and ethical issues.
This information is vital for the student to understand and abide by while placed in the field. The student is responsible for obtaining such guidelines, gaining familiarity with their content, and adhering to agency policies during their practicum placement.

**Safety in the Field**

Safety of students in the field is a priority for the Office of Field Education. While it is impossible to remove all potential risk from social work practice, it is possible and desirable for students to exercise caution and take preventive measures to assure their safety while delivering services to clients. This topic is addressed in more detail in the Social Work Field Seminar courses. Students have the right and are encouraged to raise issues of potential risk and safety with agency field supervisors during placement interviews and at any time thereafter.

**Personal Items**

All students in field should have a secure place to keep handbags and other personal belongings while at the field placement. It is preferable that the space be locked, but a desk drawer or cabinet will do. It is best not to leave personal items visible and unattended even if the office door is locked. If a student becomes a victim of theft it is imperative that the student alert the field placement supervisor immediately and call the police to file a report.

**Travel**

Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from their field placement. The College of Staten Island does not reimburse students for the use of their automobiles or for other expenses incurred in the conduct of agency business.

Students are **NOT PERMITTED** to transport clients in their own vehicle. Should it be necessary to accompany a client to an appointment outside the agency, students should use public transportation. When traveling to home visits it is advisable that a member of the staff accompanies the student until the student is comfortable enough to do it alone. No student is required to do home visits unaccompanied if the student feels unsafe or unsure.

**Personal Liability**

Prior to entering your field practicum site, you must apply and successfully receive student field liability insurance. Students can obtain insurance through their own existing insurance provider or through various other outlets, including the National Association of Social Workers’ (NASW) Student Professional Liability Insurance Program. [http://www.naswassurance.org/pdf/SSL-1-StudentPLIApplication-07-18-07.pdf](http://www.naswassurance.org/pdf/SSL-1-StudentPLIApplication-07-18-07.pdf).
Students must present proof of liability coverage to the Field Director. Students cannot enter field practicum unless they have successfully received Student Professional Liability Insurance.

**Professional Behavior in the Field**

Students are expected to treat their field placement like a job. Their field instructor is to be considered their boss, and students are to abide by all the rules of the agency as if they were a paid employee.

Students are to abide by the dress code of the agency in which they are placed. Unless specifically told, students are expected to dress in appropriate professional attire. If a student is unsure about an agency’s dress code, this matter should be discussed with the field instructor.

Students are expected to be at their field placement on the days scheduled, at the time scheduled. If a student is going to be late for any reason, it is the student’s responsibility to inform their field instructor. If a student is ill or is unable to go to field placement on a scheduled day it is the student’s responsibility to inform their supervisor prior to the start of the day. Lateness, missed days, and unprofessional behavior can result in termination from the field placement and the Social Work program.

**Resolving Issues in the Field**

Should a problem arise in regard to the student’s field assignments, field instructor, or agency, there are steps to be taken to resolve the situation. In the field, the student who is experiencing difficulty should first seek guidance from the field instructor. If the issue remains unresolved or if it concerns the performance of the field instructor or failure of the agency to provide appropriate assignments or conditions for learning, the student should address the matter with the faculty field liaison or the Director of Field Education. Every step will be taken to assure that, within reasonable limitations, the agency and field instructor provide the necessary educational opportunities in a supportive learning environment.

**Mid-Semester Placement Changes**

Changing of field placements mid semester is not advisable. However the Department of Field Education is aware that in some situations, changing a student’s field placement is necessary to complete the requirements of the program.

When agencies fail to meet the terms of the program, or are unable to provide appropriate supervision or learning assignments, the faculty field liaison and the Director of Field Education will meet to discuss a change in placement. A student who must change the field placements as a result of these circumstances will not be penalized. Any student who must be re-placed in a more suitable setting will have an opportunity to meet with the Director of Field Education to
discuss the options available to them, and all effort will be made to help the student to have a smooth transition to a new placement.

In some cases the change of the semester alters the student’s schedule in a way that is impossible to meet the needs of the agency in which they are currently placed. In this situation, the student has the responsibility of informing the Director of Field Education immediately once the new schedule becomes available. A student must be available at times during school recess to meet with the Director of Field Education and interview at new placements to have a smooth transition. A mid-semester change of placement could affect the internship start date and therefore affect hours required. In such cases, it is the student’s responsibility to discuss with the new field instructor how to make up the required hours or extend the placement.

**Suspension/Dismissal from Field Placement**

As with all academic programs, a student in the BSSW program can be dismissed for failing to perform academically in accordance with the standards established by the College and the Program.

Specific concerns of the field instructor regarding the student’s performance in general, behavior that is inconsistent with the professional NASW Code of Ethics, or that reflects negatively on the student’s suitability for professional social work, are approached with great seriousness and may result in a change of field placement or termination from the Program.

Students may be dismissed from field education for failure to meet the following criteria:

- The student is unwilling to develop self-awareness and professionalism and a commitment to the principals of the social work profession.
- The student is unable to relate to clients, peers, faculty, and colleagues in an accepting and nonjudgmental manner.
- The student exhibits behaviors that interfere with the ability to provide ethical and effective practice. This includes use or possession of alcohol or illicit substances during internship hours.
- The student fails to attend placement and/or is terminated from placement.
- The student fails to attend the Field Seminar and complete assignments.

Whenever the faculty field liaison and/or Director of Field Education become aware of serious difficulties a student is having in the field, either in matters related to professional conduct or use of knowledge and skills, specific procedures are followed.

The Academic Review Committee (ARC) members include the Director of the Social Work program, two faculty members and two students. Faculty members are appointed by the Director of the Social Work Program. Student members are elected; one student represents the junior class, and one represents the senior class. The ARC may be convened with two students and two faculty.
The goal of the ARC is to develop educational plans for students experiencing serious academic and non-academic problems. Educational plans may include asking the students to repeat courses or the field practicum, to extend the field placement, or to change status from full-time to part-time to a reduced schedule. In some instances, students may be asked to withdraw from the Program. However, if for any reason the student leaves placement, or if the agency asks the student to leave, or in the case of serious ethical issues, a referral must be made to the ARC.

The ARC reviews statements prepared by the student, faculty advisor, field instructor and/or classroom faculty and is knowledgeable about performance expectations. At the meeting, there is a discussion of the identified problems and an attempt is made to assess the basis for the difficulties. The ARC then deliberates and a decision is conveyed to the student and the advisor. There is a process for appeal (see below for Formal Process and Appeal Process).

Formal Process for Academic Review
1. A statement describing the situation under review from both field instructor and faculty advisor must be submitted to the Director no less than 72 hours before the ARC meets. The student must also write a statement and submit it to the Director no less than 72 hours before the ARC meets. The student and members of the ARC must then be given the opportunity to receive and read the statements from each at least 24 hours prior to the ARC meeting.

2. The student statement is not intended to be a rebuttal, but rather a statement of the student’s understanding of the situation.

3. The student will have the opportunity to read all the available statements before the formal meeting of the ARC is convened (see specifications noted in number 1).

4. The student’s situation must be reviewed with free and open discussion. Deliberations will be conducted privately, without the student present.

5. The Director of the Social Work program will meet with the student to share the ARC’s recommendations immediately following the meeting. The student will be sent a letter of notification of the ARC’s decision within two working days from the date of the meeting. A copy of the recommendation will be placed in the student’s record.

Possible Recommendations
1. Continuing in courses and field with no changes

2. Continuing with conditions:
   A. Where there are problems in the field, conditions may include:

   1. Change in assignment, field instructor, and/or faculty advisor;

   2. A testing out period to be followed up with a progress report, by a specified date, to the ARC;
3. An extension of time beyond the planned ending date of the field practicum;

4. Change in field practicum;

5. Repeating the year of field practicum when a student has a field practicum grade of Incomplete or No-Credit, or it appears that the student is not able to achieve a grade of Credit.

6. Termination from Field. A student who is terminated from Field is terminated from the Social Work Program.

B. Where there are academic problems, conditions may include:

1. Setting dates for the completion of incomplete work

2. Intermit from the Program

3. Termination from the Program

4. A student convicted of a felony during the time of enrollment at the Program may be permanently dismissed.

All ARC decisions are considered final, subject to appeal. The ARC does not change grades (see Grade Appeal Process).

Student Appeals Process

Students have the right to appeal the ARC’s decision. Written requests must be submitted to the Chairperson of SASW within ten working days after written notification of the ARC’s recommendation. The first appeal is to the Chairperson of SASW; if that appeal is denied, the student may appeal to the Dean within ten working days after written notification of the Chairperson’s denial.

The grounds for appeal are: new information has become available that was not available during the first appeal and/or the Program violated the appeals procedure

Appeals Process

1. The student must send a letter stating a desire to appeal the decision of the ARC to the Chairperson of SASW that gives the date of decision and the grounds for the appeal as above. This letter must be received within ten working days after the ARC’s written notification of its decision.

2. This request is read by the Chairperson. If the Chairperson decides to go forward with the appeals process, the student must submit all potentially helpful material consistent with the
grounds for appeal should be included, as well as relevant written material. The Chairperson does not review process recordings or field practicum evaluations.

3. First, a decision is taken, based on written material submitted, as to whether to consider the appeal further, or reject consideration of the appeal.

   A. If the decision is to reject consideration of the appeal, the Chairperson notifies the student in writing.

   B. If the decision is to hear the appeal, the Chairperson decides whether to meet with the student, the faculty advisor or the field instructor as part of the review of the decision of the Academic Review Committee.

4. If the appeal has been considered, the Chairperson notifies the student of the outcome in writing within ten working days after submission of the request for an appeal.

Students with Disabilities

Every aspect of the BSSW program is conducted without discrimination. This policy is reflected throughout the academic portion of the program, and applies to the fieldwork component as well.

Discrimination on the basis of disability is prohibited. The College of Staten Island seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services and activities for people with disabilities. If you require accommodations or would like further information about the services offered please contact the Office of Disability Services, located in Building 1P, Room 101, at (718) 982.2510 or via the web at www.csi.cuny.edu/disabilityservices

Statement of Non-discrimination

Diversity among the students, faculty and staff strengthens the College of Staten Island by promoting the exchange of ideas and enriching campus life. In order to fully benefit from this diversity, the College must foster tolerance, sensitivity, and mutual respect among all members of the college community.

Accordingly, the College does not condone and will not tolerate discrimination or harassment in employment or in its educational programs and activities. Furthermore, the College recognizes the importance of maintaining equal access and opportunity for students, faculty and staff from all racial groups and both sexes.

Founded on these principles, it is the policy of the College to recruit, employ, retain, promote and provide benefits to employees and to admit and provide services for students without regards to race, creed, national origin, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, legally registered domestic partnership status, disability, predisposing
genetic characteristics, alienage, citizenship, military or veteran status, or status as a victim of domestic violence. Sexual harassment, a form of sex discrimination, is also prohibited.

The College’s non discrimination policies may be accessed through the College’s website at www.csi.cuny.edu/diversity_and_compliance/ or in the Appendices of the Undergraduate Catalogue

If you have any questions regarding the College’s non-discrimination policies, students are encouraged to call the Office of Diversity and Compliance at (718) 982.2250.

The City University of New York and the College of Staten Island have developed an extensive list of Student Rights and Responsibilities. BSSW students are responsible for knowing and adhering to these policies. The Undergraduate Catalog contains policies on the following topics: Campus Behavior Code, Computer User Responsibilities, CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity, Immunization Requirement, Policy Against Sexual Harassment, New York State Education Law Section 224-a, Access to Student Records, Section 504 Statement of Nondiscrimination, Federal Rehabilitation Act, Campus Safety and Security, Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act, No Smoking Policy, The City University of New York Workplace Violence Policy and Procedures.

The catalog is available on the CSI website. Failure to familiarize oneself with these policies does not absolve one from responsibility for adhering to the policies.

Field Education Roles and Responsibilities

Director of Field Education

The Director of Field Education is a member of the CSI Social Work Program Faculty with primary responsibility for assigning students and evaluating placements. The Director of Field Education:

- Develops and maintains agency field placements;
- Designs, reviews, and revises supplemental materials related to field education including the Field Education Manual and Field Forms;
- Processes, reviews and assesses applications of new agencies for possible affiliation with the College of Staten Island;
- Processes, reviews and assesses applications for field placement each semester;
- Interviews incoming students to determine most appropriate field placement;
• Consults with field liaisons regarding individual student problems and/or requests for change in placement.

Faculty Field Liaison

Field Liaisons are social work program faculty members. In some cases the faculty who teach SWK 455 Social Work Field Seminar I and SWK 465 Social Work Field Seminar II will also be the field liaison for the students in the class. The field liaison works in conjunction with the field placement agency to help the student reach maximum potential as a beginning social worker. The field liaison will make an on-site visit to the agency at least once per semester. These visits will include discussion about the learning contract, the student’s responsibilities in the agency and assessment and evaluation of the student’s progress and skills to date in the placement. The field liaison is also available to assist if any problems should arise in the field placement.

The field liaison has the responsibility of assigning the student grade in the course based on the meetings with the field instructor and the student, review of the student’s assignments, and the field evaluations.

Agency Field Instructor

The Field Instructor is an employee of an agency or organization. The field instructor has been appointed by the agency and by The College of Staten Island as the person to direct the student intern. Field Instructors provide educational direction to the student in the field placement. The field instructor must possess an MSW from a CSWE accredited social work program, be licensed in the State of New York, and have, or be in the process of obtaining, their Supervision in Field Instruction certificate (SIFI) from an approved educational institution.

The College of Staten Island has partnered with New York University Silver School of Social Work to provide field instructors with the ability to participate in the SIFI course offered at NYU.

Field instructors must agree to provide a minimum of 90 minutes of individual supervision per week. They must also demonstrate an interest in professional social work education and a willingness to work cooperatively with CSI faculty and staff to accomplish the educational objectives of the social work program.

The role of the Field Instructor is to:

• Orient the student to purpose, policies, and procedures of the agency and expectations for student performance;
Assign educationally appropriate tasks to meet the student’s needs while considering the student’s skills and preparedness to carry out the agency function;

Become familiar with the basic curriculum content of the social work program;

Help the student integrate what is learned in the classroom into the field placement;

Provide weekly supervision to the intern. Individualized supervision of interns should involve no less than 90 minutes per week;

Establish a regular, "standing appointment" time to meet with the intern each week;

Review student's documentation, process recordings of work and provide written and verbal feedback to the student concerning the content of the student’s work, including patterns in communication, use of knowledge and skills, values, application of relevant theory, and professional and personal presentation;

Complete and discuss with the student the evaluation forms provided by the school at mid-term and at the completion of the field internship.

Task Supervisor

In some cases a field instructor will oversee the field placement but does not direct the day-to-day activities of the student. This position is left to the task supervisor. This person is usually a supervisor or another member of the administrative team at an agency, but one who may or may not have the credentials needed to be a Field Instructor. This could be a social worker who has not completed a SIFI course, an MSW with less than 2 years of post-graduate social work practice experience, or a staff member without an advanced degree.

The Task Supervisor will assign clients, workload, and other tasks to the students and will provide formal and informal feedback to the field instructor concerning the student’s performance and progress.

The Student Intern

Responsibilities of the Student include, but are not limited to:

- The student assumes many of the responsibilities that might be associated with working as a professional;

- The student must maintain a schedule of days and hours required to be at the agency and is responsible for arriving on time and prepared to work;
o The student is responsible for transportation to and from the field placement. The College of Staten Island does not reimburse students for the use of their automobiles or for other expenses incurred in the conduct of agency business;

o The student shall complete a total of 480 clock hours at the field placement over the course of two semesters;

o The student is responsible for keeping track of all time at the field placement and submitting monthly time sheets to the Field Education Department;

o The student will adhere to all the tenets of the NASW Code of Ethics, including maintaining confidentiality in all aspects of client and agency contacts and records.
Appendix A:  
Field Placement Application & Student Data Form

Answer the following questions accurately and to the best of your ability.  
Please attach a current resume before submitting.

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________

Is English your primary language? _________
List Language(s) other than English that you speak fluently___________________________

Do you have any special needs or disabilities to be considered in selecting a field placement?

Yes: ________________________________________________________________

If yes, please indicate special needs:

______________________________________________________________________________
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Please be aware that while every effort is made to consider your geographical preference for a placement site, 
it is not guaranteed. Each student is matched with the appropriate field placement based on learning 
opportunities and student’s field of interest.

Geographic Preference (check one)

  o Staten Island
  o Brooklyn
  o Manhattan
  o Queens
  o Bronx
  o Other: please specify_______________________

Transportation Availability

__ YES __ NO I have a current driver’s license.

__ YES __ NO I have transportation available to travel to and from the field.

Populations/Settings I prefer to work with: (check all that apply)

__ Children  __ Teens  __ Veterans  __ Criminal Justice

__ Adolescents  __ LGBT  __ Multi-Cultural

__ Elderly  __ Families  __ School
At this point in your education, what are your career goals?
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Are you interested in completing your field placement at any particular agency? ______
If yes, please identify agency________________________________________________________

Is there a specific setting/group in which you have an interest? Why?
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Are there any groups/settings with whom you do NOT wish to work?
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Do you have any specialized training or credentials? ________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

Times Available for Field Placement
MONDAY ___________________________
TUESDAY ___________________________
WEDNESDAY ___________________________
THURSDAY ___________________________
FRIDAY ___________________________
SATURDAY ___________________________

Is there any additional information that may be helpful in identifying a field placement?
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Student’s signature: ____________________________________________
Appendix B: Field Agency Application

College of Staten Island  
City University of New York  
BSSW Degree Program  
Field Agency Application

Agency Name: ____________________________________________
Agency Address: __________________________________________
Agency Phone:    ____________________________
Contact Person:   __________________________________________
Contact Email:    __________________________________________

Field Instructor(s)                      Date/Place CSWE Accredited  
                                         MSW Awarded

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Do you have your SIFI certificate? ________
If so, from what institution and when did you receive it?

__________________________________________________________________

If not, are you willing to obtain your SIFI though the CSI – NYU program?  

_______

Has your agency supervised BSW students previously? ________
If so, with what educational institutions are you affiliated? ________

__________________________________________________________________

Has your agency supervised MSW students previously?__________
If so, with what educational institution are you affiliated? __________

What are the agency days and hours of operation? ________________

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Are weekend/evening hours available? __________________________

Does the agency serve person’s whose primary language is other than
English? _____  If so what language(s) _________________________

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What population(s) does your agency serve?

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What type of learning experiences/projects do you have available for
interns?

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Are you available for weekly supervision with your intern?

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Does your agency have in-house or off-site trainings available?
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What types of trainings have been offered in the past? _______________
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Please check all that apply:
Are their opportunities at this agency for students to:

a- work with family’s  _____
b. work with individuals  _____
c. work with groups  _____
d. community organization  _____
e. program development  _____
f. policy formation  _____
g. research  _____

Please attach a current resume for each field instructor.
Appendix C:

BSSW Learning Contract
The City University of New York
The College of Staten Island
BSSW – Learning Contract

Student’s Name:___________________________    Faculty Liaison’s Name:___________________
Agency Name:______________________________________________________________________
Address:___________________________________________________________________________
Field Instructor:_______________________ Telephone number(s)__________________________
Email______________________________________
Secondary Field Inst. & Degree: (if applicable) _________________________
Telephone number(s)_______________________________________________
Email____________________________________________________________

Days and Hours of Field: (16 hours/week)
Specify the dates and hours each week student will be in field placement.
(Field education must total 480 hours for the academic year)

Agency Expectations: Discuss the expectations regarding illness, holidays, personal time,
make-up for lost time, notification and coverage during the internship.

Discussion Completed ____________(please check)

Supervision: Students are expected to receive at least 1 hour per week of supervision,
individual conference with the primary supervisor.

Day/Time    Field Instructor Name Individual/Group
________________________ ______________________ ____________________

SIGNATURES

Student:____________________________________________   Date:
Primary Field Instructor: ____________________________   Date:
Secondary Field Instructor (if applicable)____________________   Date:
Faculty Liaison/Advisor:   ________________________________   Date:

**Core Competency #1**  
*Student identifies as a professional social worker and conducts himself/herself accordingly*

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<td>advocate for client access to the services of social work</td>
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<td>practice personal reflection and self-correction to assure continual professional development</td>
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<td>attend to professional roles and boundaries</td>
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<td>demonstrate professional demeanor in behavior, appearance, and communication</td>
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<td>utilize supervision and consultation</td>
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**Core Competency #2**  
*Student applies social work ethical principles to guide professional practice*

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<td>manage and recognize personal values in a way that allows professional values to guide practice</td>
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<td>make ethical decisions by applying standards of the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics</td>
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<td>tolerate ambiguity in resolving ethical conflicts</td>
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<td>apply strategies of ethical reasoning to arrive at principled decisions.</td>
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### Core Competency #3
**Student applies critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments**

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<td>distinguish, appraise, and integrate multiple sources of knowledge, including research-based knowledge, and practice wisdom</td>
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<td>analyze models of assessment, prevention, intervention, and evaluation</td>
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<td>demonstrate effective oral and written communication in working with individuals, families, groups, organizations, communities, and colleagues.</td>
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### Core Competency #4
**Student will incorporate diversity and difference into practice**

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<td>recognize the extent to which a culture’s structures and values may oppress, marginalize, alienate, or create or enhance privilege and power</td>
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<td>gain sufficient self-awareness to eliminate the influence of personal biases and values in working with diverse groups</td>
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<td>recognize and communicate their understanding of the importance of difference in shaping life experiences</td>
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<td>view themselves as learners and engage those with whom they work as informants</td>
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### Core Competency #5
**The student will work to incorporate social justice practices in organizations, institutions, and society to ensure that these basic human rights are distributed equitably and without prejudice**

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<td>understand the forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination</td>
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<td>advocate for human rights and social and economic justice</td>
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<td>engage in practices that advance social and economic justice.</td>
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### Core Competency #6
The student will engage in research-informed practice and practice-informed research

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<td>use evidence based research to inform practice</td>
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<td>evaluate their practice</td>
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### Core Competency #7
The student will apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment

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<td>utilize conceptual framework to guide the process of assessment, intervention and evaluation</td>
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<td>Critically evaluate and apply knowledge to understand person and environment</td>
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### Core Competency #8
Student will engage in policy practice to advance social and economic well-being and to deliver effective social work practice

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<td>analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies that advance social well-being</td>
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<td>collaborate with colleagues and clients for effective policy action</td>
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### Core Competency #9
Student will respond to contexts that shape practice

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<td>continuously discover, appraise, and attend to changing locales, populations, scientific and technological developments, and emerging societal trends to provide relevant services</td>
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<td>provide leadership in promoting sustainable changes in service delivery and practice to improve the quality of social services</td>
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**Core Competency #10**  
**Student will engage, assess, intervene and evaluate with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities**

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<td><strong>Engagement:</strong> substantively and affectively prepare for action with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities; use empathy and other interpersonal skills; and develop a mutually agreed-on focus of work and desired outcomes</td>
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<td><strong>Assessment:</strong> collect, organize, and interpret client data; assess client strengths and limitations; develop mutually agreed-on intervention goals and objectives; and select appropriate interventions</td>
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<td><strong>Intervention</strong> initiate actions to achieve organizational goals; implement prevention interventions that enhance client capacities: help clients resolve problems; negotiate, mediate, and advocate for clients; and facilitate transitions and endings</td>
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<td><strong>Evaluation</strong> Social workers critically analyze, monitor, and evaluate interventions</td>
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Appendix D: Process Recording

PROCESS RECORDING

Student Name: __________________________
Field Placement Agency:___________________
Date: ___________________________________

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<th>CONTENT/DIALOGUE</th>
<th>SOCIAL WORKER'S FEELING(S)</th>
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<th>FIELD INSTRUCTOR'S COMMENTS</th>
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Appendix E: Social Work Field Evaluation

College of Staten Island
City University of New York
BSSW Degree Program

Social Work Field Evaluation
The evaluation form is designed to assess the development of generalist social work skills. The field instructor and student should address all questions. The faculty liaison should be consulted if there is need for clarification regarding any question.

Fall _____ Spring _____

Student Name: ___________________________________________________________

Field Instructor: ___________________________________________________________

Agency: __________________________________________________________________

Please provide a brief narrative describing the student’s learning assignments over this semester. In addition to outlining direct service assignments, please note the student’s plan for a macro project, participation in educational seminars, in-service training sessions, consultation with other professionals, orientation sessions, field trips and other external activities.

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Number of hours completed: ___________
If the student has not completed the required number of hours, please describe in detail the plan for these hours to be completed:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
**Instructions:**
Evaluation is a critical part of a student's professional education, and we are asking you to evaluate behaviors and activities of this student in order to provide feedback, growth, discussion, and educational planning. The evaluation is comprised of 10 sections that correspond to the learning objectives for practicum. The aspect of performance addressed by each item is applicable to individuals, families, groups and community assignments. When rating the student, use other social work students you have known with similar education and experience as a comparison. Circle the rating that best describes the student's performance on each item.

Explanation of Ratings used in Evaluating Student’s Level of Performance in Field Placement Scale

1= **UNACCEPTABLE.** Far below adequate level of performance. Work is deficient or uneven. Dramatic and rapid improvement is needed.
2= **CONSIDERABLY BELOW AVERAGE.** Considerably below adequate level of performance. Significant improvement is needed.
3= **BELOW AVERAGE.** Fairly good work in some areas. Performance is a little below adequate. Student is functioning at a beginning level.
4= **AVERAGE.** Adequate work in most areas. Student is functioning at a level to be expected at the end of the first semester of field placement.
5= **GOOD.** Student is doing well in several areas. Performance is above expectations in some areas. Skills and knowledge developing well.
6= **EXCELLENT.** Far above average in most areas. Performance is far above expectations
7= **OUTSTANDING.** Student demonstrates an unusually high level of performance. Work is superior in nearly all areas.
N/A= **No basis for judgment/opportunity.**

**Competence #1: Intern identifies as a professional social worker and conducts himself/herself accordingly**

Learning opportunities and student activities to achieve competency #1

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<td>a) Student makes effective use of supervision</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a</td>
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<td>b) Her/his practice reflects an awareness of self and the ability to use self</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a</td>
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<td>c) S/he practices personal reflection and self-correction to assure continual professional development</td>
<td>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a</td>
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d) Student demonstrates professional demeanor in appearance
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a

e) Demonstrates appropriate and professional time management in completing and submitting process recordings, keeping appointments and using time responsibly
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a

Additional Comments: (Please note that additional comments are required for a score of 3 or less on any of the above skill areas).
______________________________________________________________________________
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Competency #2. Student applies social work ethical principles to guide his/her professional practice

Learning Opportunities and Student Activities to Achieve Competency #2
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a) Student is able to manage his/her own personal feelings when working with clients/groups/families/communities
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a

b) Complies appropriately with agency policies, including – record keeping, preparation of reports, attendance and participation in meetings
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a

c) Shows ability to differentiate one's own feelings, values, attitudes and behavior from those of the client
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a

d) Demonstrates respect for confidentiality
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a

e) Is able to apply the NASW Code of Ethics in identifying ethical dilemmas and bring them to supervision for discussion
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a

f) Demonstrates an understanding of the mission of the agency
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a

g) Shares knowledge and information appropriately with other professions or as a member of a multidisciplinary team
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a
Additional comments: (please note that additional comments are required for a score of 3 or less on any of the above skill areas)

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Competency #3. Student applies critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments.

Learning Opportunities and Student Activities to Achieve Competency #3

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a) The student has problem solving skills
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a
b) The student demonstrates effective oral communication in working with individuals, families, groups, organizations, communities, and colleagues
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a
c) The student demonstrates effective written communication in working with individuals, families, groups, organizations, communities, and colleagues
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

Additional Comments: (please note that additional comments are required for a score of 3 or less on any of the above skills areas)

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Competency #4. Student engages diversity and difference in practice

Learning Opportunities and Student Activities to Achieve Competency #4

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a) Evidences appropriate sensitivity, care and warmth with people
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a
b) Demonstrates a capacity to respect and value differences
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a
c) Demonstrates an understanding of the populations served by the agency
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a
d) Articulates his/her understanding of the importance of difference in shaping life experiences

1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

e) Demonstrates respect for clients who differ by such factors as age, class, color, culture, disability, ethnicity, gender identity and expression, immigration status, political ideology, race, religion, sex, and sexual orientation

1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

f) Treats clients with respect and dignity

1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

Additional Comments: (Please note that additional comments are required for a score of 3 or less on any of the above skills areas)

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Competency #5. Student understands the importance of social and economic justice and how to engage in practice that advances social justice for historically underrepresented groups in society

Learning Opportunities and Student Activities to Achieve Competency #5

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a) Student recognizes that each person, regardless of position in society, has basic human rights, such as freedom, safety, privacy, an adequate standard of living, health care and education

1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

b) Advocates for human rights and social and economic justice

1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

Additional Comments: (Please note that additional comments are required for a score of 3 or less on any of the above skills areas)

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Competency #6: Intern engages in research-informed practice and practice-informed research

Learning Opportunities and Student Activities to Achieve Competency #6

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a) Demonstrates the ability to gather and analyze data to evaluate need for and create change
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

b) Student uses practice experience to raise questions for research/data gathering
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

Additional Comments: (Please note that additional comments are required for a score of 3 or less on any of the above skills areas)

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Competency #7: Intern applies knowledge of human behavior and the social environment.

Learning Opportunities and Student Activities to Achieve Competency #7

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a) Student is knowledgeable about human behavior across the life course
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

b) Student is skilled at applying theories and knowledge about biological variables, social variables, cultural variables, psychological variables, and spiritual development
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

c) Shows maturity in dealing with conflict and stress and the availability to use these emotions in a constructive manner
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

d) Student is skilled at utilizing conceptual frameworks to guide the processes of assessment, intervention, and evaluation
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

Additional Comments: (Please note that additional comments are required for a score of 3 or less on any of the above skills areas)

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Competency #8: Intern engages in policy practice to advance social and economic well being and to deliver effective social work services

Learning Opportunities and Student Activities to Achieve Competency #8

a). Is able to define the services and resources provided by the agency to its clients
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

b). Demonstrates the ability to network appropriately with other provider agencies in the community to mobilize resources for clients
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

c) Student is knowledgeable about current social policies and services, particularly those that affect the agency they are assigned too.
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

d) Student is skilled at analyzing, formulating, and advocating for policies that advance social well being.
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

Additional Comments: (Please note that additional comments are required for a score of 3 or less on any of the above skills areas)

Competency #9: Intern responds to contexts that shape practice

Learning Opportunities and Student Activities to Achieve Competency #9

a) Student is informed, resourceful, and proactive in responding to evolving organizational, community, and societal contexts at all levels of practice
   1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a
b) Student is skilled at providing leadership in promoting sustainable changes in service delivery and practice to improve the quality of social services

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a

c) Student understands how communities impact practice

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a

**Competency #10: Intern engages, assesses, intervenes and evaluates with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities**

Learning Opportunities and Student Activities to Achieve Competency #10

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a) Demonstrates appropriate empathy with individuals, families and/or small groups

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b) Demonstrates appropriate empathy with communities and/or organizations

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a

c) Student is skilled at engaging (developing a positive relationship) with individuals, families and/or small groups

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a

d) Student is skilled at engaging organizations and/or communities

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a

e) Student is skilled at assessing individuals, families, small groups or organizations and communities

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a

f) Student provides effective services to individuals, families and/or small groups

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a

g) Student empowers individuals, families and/or small groups to advocate/problem solve on their own behalf

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a

h) Student empowers communities and/or organizations to advocate/problem-solve on their own behalf

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a

i) Student terminates effectively with the clients, agency and colleagues

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 n/a
j) Student can gather, use and analyze evidence to evaluate her/his practice
1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

k) Student can identify outcomes for programs in which they work
1  2  3  4  5  6  7  n/a

Student Strengths:
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Appendix F: BSSW Program – TIME SHEET
College of Staten Island
The City University of New York
BSSW Program – TIME SHEET

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Appendix G: National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics

Approved by the 1996 NASW Delegate Assembly and revised by the 2008 NASW Delegate Assembly

Preamble
The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty. A historic and defining feature of social work is the profession's focus on individual wellbeing in a social context and the wellbeing of society. Fundamental to social work is attention to the environmental forces that create, contribute to, and address problems in living.

Social workers promote social justice and social change with and on behalf of clients. "Clients" is used inclusively to refer to individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers are sensitive to cultural and ethnic diversity and strive to end discrimination, oppression, poverty, and other forms of social injustice. The activities may be in the form of direct practice, community organizing, supervision, consultation administration, advocacy, social and political action, policy development and implementation, education, and research and evaluation. Social workers seek to enhance the capacity of people to address their own needs. Social workers also seek to promote the responsiveness of organizations, communities, and other social institutions to individuals' needs and social problems.

The mission of the social work profession is rooted in a set of core values. These core values, embraced by social workers throughout the profession's history, are the foundation of social work's unique purpose and perspective:

- service
- social justice
- dignity and worth of the person
- importance of human relationships
- integrity
- competence

This constellation of core values reflects what is unique to the social work profession. Core values, and the principles that flow from them, must be balanced within the context and complexity of the human experience.

Purpose of the NASW Code of Ethics

Professional ethics are at the core of social work. The profession has an obligation to articulate its basic values, ethical principle, and ethical standards. The NASW Code of Ethics sets forth
these values, principles, and standards to guide social workers' conduct. The Code is relevant to all social workers and social work students, regardless of their professional functions, the settings in which they work, or the populations they serve.

The NASW Code of Ethics serves six purposes:

1. The Code identifies core values on which social work's mission is based.

2. The Code summarizes broad ethical principles that reflect the profession's core values and establishes a set of specific ethical standards that should be used to guide social work practice.

3. The Code is designed to help social workers identify relevant considerations when professional obligations conflict or ethical uncertainties arise.

4. The Code provides ethical standards to which the general public can hold the social work profession accountable.

5. The Code socializes practitioners new to the field to social work's mission, values, ethical principles, and ethical standards.

6. The Code articulates standards that the social work profession itself can use to assess whether social workers have engaged in unethical conduct. NASW has formal procedures to adjudicate ethics complaints filed against its members. In subscribing to this Code, social workers are required to cooperate in its implementation, participate in NASW adjudication proceedings, and abide by any NASW disciplinary rulings or sanctions based on it.

The Code offers a set of values, principles, and standards to guide decision-making and conduct when ethical issues arise. It does not provide a set of rules that prescribe how social workers should act in all situations. Specific applications of the Code must take into account the context in which it is being considered and the possibility of conflicts among the Code's values, principles, and standards. Ethical responsibilities flow from all human relationships, from the personal and familial to the social and professional.

Further, the NASW Code of Ethics does not specify which values, principles, and standards are most important and ought to outweigh others in instances when they conflict. Reasonable differences of opinion can and do exist among social workers with respect to the ways in which values, ethical principles, and ethical standards should be rank ordered when they conflict. Ethical decision-making in a given situation must apply the informed judgment of the individual social worker and should also consider how the issues would be judged in a peer review process where the ethical standards of the profession would be applied.

Ethical decision-making is a process. There are many instances in social work where simple answers are not available to resolve complex ethical issues. Social workers should take into consideration all the values, principles, and standards in this Code that are relevant to any
situation in which ethical judgment is warranted. Social workers' decisions and actions should be consistent with the spirit as well as the letter of this Code.

In addition to this Code, there are many other sources of information about ethical thinking that may be useful. Social workers should consider ethical theory and principles generally, social work theory and research, laws, regulations, agency policies, and other relevant codes of ethics, recognizing that among codes of ethics social workers should consider the NASW Code of Ethics as their primary source. Social workers also should be aware of the impact on ethical decision making of their clients' and their own personal values and cultural and religious beliefs and practices. They should be aware of any conflicts between personal and professional values and deal with them responsibly. For additional guidance social workers should consult the relevant literature on professional ethics and ethical decision-making and seek appropriate consultation when faced with ethical dilemmas. This may involve consultation with an agency-based or social work organization's ethics committee, a regulatory body, knowledgeable colleagues, supervisors, or legal counsel.

Instances may arise when social workers' ethical obligations conflict with agency policies or relevant laws or regulations. When such conflicts occur, social workers must make a responsible effort to resolve the conflict in a manner that is consistent with the values, principles and standards expressed in this Code. If a reasonable resolution of the conflict does not appear possible, social workers should seek proper consultation before making a decision.

The NASW Code of Ethics is to be used by NASW and by individuals, agencies, organizations, and bodies (such as licensing and regulatory boards, professional liability insurance providers, courts of law, agency boards of directors, government agencies, and other professional groups) that choose to adopt it or use it as a frame of reference. Violation of standards in this Code does not automatically imply legal liability or violation of the law. Such determination can only be made in the context of legal and judicial proceedings. Alleged violations of the Code would be subject to a peer review process. Such processes are generally separate from legal or administrative procedures and insulated from legal review or proceedings to allow the profession to counsel and discipline its own members.

A code of ethics cannot guarantee ethical behavior. Moreover, a code of ethics cannot resolve all ethical issues or disputes or capture the richness and complexity involved in striving to make responsible choices within a moral community. Rather, a code of ethics sets forth values, ethical principles, and ethical standards to which professionals aspire and by which their actions can be judged. Social workers' ethical behavior should result from their personal commitment to engage in ethical practice. The NASW Code of Ethics reflects the commitment of all social workers to uphold the profession's values and to act ethically. Principles and standards must be applied by individuals of good character who discern moral questions and, in good faith, seek to make reliable ethical judgments.

**Ethical Principles**

The following broad ethical principles are based on social work's core values of service, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence. These principles set forth ideals to which all social workers should aspire.
Value: Service

**Ethical Principle:** Social Worker's primary goal is to help people in need and to address social problems

Social workers elevate service to others above self-interest. Social workers draw on their knowledge, values, and skills to help people in need and to address social problems. Social workers are encouraged to volunteer some portion of their professional skills with no expectation of significant financial return (pro bono service).

Value: Social Justice

**Ethical Principle:** Social workers challenge social injustice.

Social workers pursue social change, particularly with and on behalf of vulnerable and oppressed individuals and groups of people. Social workers' social change efforts are focused primarily on issues of poverty, unemployment, discrimination, and other forms of social injustice. These activities seek to promote sensitivity to and knowledge about oppression and cultural and ethnic diversity. Social workers strive to ensure access to needed information, services, and resources; equality of opportunity; and meaningful participation in decision making for all people.

Value: Dignity and Worth of the Person

**Ethical Principle:** Social workers respect the inherent dignity and worth of the person.

Social workers treat each other in a caring and respectful fashion, mindful of individual differences and cultural and ethnic diversity. Social workers promote clients' socially responsible self-determination. Social workers seek to enhance clients' capacity and opportunity to change and to address their own needs. Social workers are cognizant of their dual responsibility to clients and to the broader society. They seek to resolve conflicts between clients' interests and the broader society's interests in a socially responsible manner consistent with the values, ethical principles, and ethical standards of the profession.

Value: Importance of Human Relationships

**Ethical Principle:** Social workers recognize the central importance of human relationships.

Social workers understand that relationships between and among people are an important vehicle for change. Social workers engage people as partners in the helping process. Social workers seek to strengthen relationships among people in a purposeful effort to promote, restore, maintain, and enhance the well being of individuals, families, social group, organization, and communities.

Value: Integrity

**Ethical Principle:** Social workers behave in a trustworthy manner.
Social workers are continually aware of the profession's mission, values, ethical principles, and ethical standards and practice in a manner consistent with them. Social workers act honestly and responsibly and promote ethical practices on the part of the organization with which they are affiliated.

**Value: Competence**

**Ethical Principle:** Social workers practice within their areas of competence and develop and enhance their professional expertise.

Social workers continually strive to increase their professional knowledge and skills and to apply them in practice. Social workers should aspire to contribute to the knowledge base of the profession.

**Ethical Standards**

The following ethical standards are relevant to the professional activities of all social workers. These standards concern (1) social workers' ethical responsibilities to clients, (2) social workers' ethical responsibilities to colleagues, (3) social workers' ethical responsibilities in practice settings, (4) social workers' ethical responsibilities as professionals, (5) social workers' ethical responsibilities to the social work profession, and (6) social workers' ethical responsibilities to the broader society.

Some of the standards that follow are enforceable guidelines for professional conduct, and some are aspirational. The extent to which each standard is enforceable is a matter of professional judgment to be exercised by those responsible for reviewing alleged violations of ethical standards.

1. SOCIAL WORKERS' ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO CLIENTS

1.01 Commitment to Clients
   Social workers' primary responsibility is to promote the well being of clients. In general, clients' interests are primary. However, social workers’ responsibility to the larger society or specific legal obligations may on limited occasions supersede the loyalty owed clients, and clients should be so advised. (Examples include when a social worker is required by law to report that a client has abused a child or has threatened to harm self or others).

1.02 Self-Determination
   Social workers respect and promote the right of clients to self-determination and assist clients in their efforts to identify and clarify their goals. Social workers may limit clients' right to self-determination when, in the social workers' professional judgment, clients' actions or potential actions pose a serious, foreseeable, and imminent risk to themselves or others.

1.03 Informed Consent
   (a) Social workers should provide services to clients only in the context of a professional relationship based, when appropriate, on valid informed consent. Social workers should use clear and understandable language to inform clients of the purpose of the services, risks related to the
services, limits to services because of the requirements of a third-party payer, relevant costs, reasonable alternatives, clients' right to refuse or withdraw consent, and the time frame covered by the consent. Social workers should provide clients with an opportunity to ask questions.

(b) In instances when clients are not literate or have difficulty understanding the primary language used in the practice setting, social workers should take steps to ensure clients' comprehension. This may include providing clients with a detailed verbal explanation or arranging for a qualified interpreter or translator whenever possible.

(c) In instances when clients lack the capacity to provide informed consent, social workers should protect clients' interests by seeking permission from an appropriate third party, informing clients consistent with the clients’ level of understanding. In such instances social workers should seek to ensure that the third party acts in a manner consistent with clients' wishes and interests. Social workers should take reasonable steps to enhance such clients’ ability to give informed consent.

(d) In instances when clients are receiving services involuntarily, social workers should provide information about the nature and extent of services and about the extent of clients' right to refuse service.

(e) Social workers who provide services via electronic media (such as computer, telephone, radio, and television) should inform recipients of the limitations and risks associated with such services.

(f) Social workers should obtain clients' informed consent before audio taping or videotaping clients or permitting observation of services to clients by a third party.

1.04 Competence
(a) Social workers should provide services and represent themselves as competent only within the boundaries of their education, training, license, certification, consultation received, supervised experience, or other relevant professional experience.

(b) Social workers should provide services in substantive areas or use intervention techniques or approaches that are new to them only after engaging in appropriate study, training, consultation, and supervision from people who are competent in those interventions or techniques.

(c) When generally recognized standards do not exist with respect to an emerging area of practice, social workers should exercise careful judgment and take responsible steps (including appropriate education, research, training, consultation, and supervision) to ensure the competence of their work and to protect clients from harm.

1.05 Cultural Competence and Social Diversity
(a) Social workers should understand culture and its functions in human behavior and society, recognizing the strengths that exist in all cultures.
(b) Social workers should have a knowledge base of their clients' cultures and be able to
demonstrate competence in the provision of services that are sensitive to clients' cultures and to
differences among people and cultural groups.

(c) Social workers should obtain education about and seek to understand the nature of social
diversity and oppression and respect to race, ethnicity, national origin, color, sex, sexual
orientation, gender identity or expression, age, marital status, political belief, religion,
immigration status, and mental or physical disability.

1.06 Conflicts of Interest
(a) Social workers should be alert to and avoid conflicts of interest that interfere with the
exercise of professional discretion and impartial judgment. Social workers should inform clients
when a real or potential conflict of interest arises and take reasonable steps to resolve the issue in
a manner that makes the clients' interests primary and protects clients' interests to the greatest
extent possible. In some cases, protecting clients' interests may require termination of the
professional relationship with proper referral of the client.

(b) Social workers should not take unfair advantage of any professional relationship or exploit
others to further their personal, religious, political, or business interests.

(c) Social workers should not engage in dual or multiple relationships with clients or former
clients in which there is a risk of exploitation or potential harm to the client. In instances when
dual or multiple relationships are unavoidable, social workers should take steps to protect clients
and are responsible for setting clear, appropriate, and culturally sensitive boundaries. (Dual or
multiple relationships occur when social workers relate to clients in more than one relationship,
whether professional, social or business. Dual or multiple relationships can occur simultaneously
or consecutively).

(d) When social workers provide services to two or more people who have a relationship with
each other (for example, couples, family members), social workers should clarify with all parties
which individuals will be considered clients and the nature of social workers' professional
obligations to the various individuals who are receiving services. Social workers who anticipate a
conflict of interest among individuals receiving services or who anticipate having to perform in
potentially conflicting roles (for example, when a social worker is asked to testify in a child
custody dispute or divorce proceedings involving clients) should clarify their role with the
parties involved and take appropriate action to minimize any conflict of interest.

1.07 Privacy and Confidentiality
(a) Social workers should respect clients' right to privacy. Social workers should not solicit
private information from clients unless it is essential to providing services or conducting social
work evaluation or research. Once private information is shared, standards of confidentiality
apply.

(b) Social workers may disclose confidential information when appropriate with valid consent
from a client or a person legally authorized to consent on behalf of a client.
(c) Social workers should protect the confidentiality of all information obtained in the course of professional service, except for compelling professional reasons. The general expectation that social workers will keep information confidential does not apply when disclosure is necessary to prevent serious, foreseeable, and imminent harm to a client or other identifiable person. In all instances, social workers should disclose the least amount of confidential information necessary to achieve the desired purpose; only information that is directly relevant to the purpose for which the disclosure is made should be revealed.

(d) Social workers should inform clients, to the extent possible, about the disclosure of confidential information and the potential consequences, when feasible before the disclosure is made. This applies whether social workers disclose confidential information on the basis of a legal requirement or client consent.

(e) Social workers should discuss with clients and other interested parties the nature of confidentiality and limitations of clients' right to confidentiality. Social workers should review with client’s circumstances where confidential information may be requested and where disclosure of confidential information may be legally required. This discussion should occur as soon as possible in the social worker-client relationship and as needed throughout the course of the relationship.

(f) When social workers provide counseling services to families, couples, or groups, social workers should seek agreement among the parties involved concerning each individual's right to confidentiality and obligation to preserve the confidentiality of information shared by others. Social workers should inform participants in family, couples, or group counseling, that social workers cannot guarantee that all participants will honor such agreements.

(g) Social workers should inform clients involved in family, couples, marital, or group counseling of the social worker's, employers, and agency's policy concerning the social worker's disclosure of confidential information among the parties involved in the counseling.

(h) Social workers should not disclose confidential information to third-party payers unless clients have authorized such disclosure.

(i) Social workers should not discuss confidential information in any setting unless privacy can be ensured. Social workers should not discuss confidential information in public or semipublic areas such as hallways, waiting rooms, elevators, and restaurants.

(j) Social workers should protect the confidentiality of clients during legal proceedings to the extent permitted by law. When a court of law or other legally authorized body orders social workers to disclose confidential or privileged information without a client's consent and such disclosure could cause harm to the client, social workers should request that the court withdraw the order or limit the order as narrowly as possible or maintain the records under seal, unavailable for public inspection.

(k) Social workers should protect the confidentiality of clients when responding to requests from members of the media.
(l) Social workers should protect the confidentiality of clients' written and electronic records and other sensitive information. Social workers should take reasonable steps to ensure that clients' records are stored in a secure location and that clients' records are not available to others who are not authorized to have access.

(m) Social workers should take precautions to ensure and maintain the confidentiality of information transmitted to other parties through the use of computers, electronic mail, facsimile machines, telephones and telephone answering machines, and other electronic or computer technology. Disclosure of identifying information should be avoided whenever possible.

(n) Social workers should transfer or dispose of clients' records in a manner that protects clients' confidentiality and is consistent with state statutes governing records and social work licensure.

(o) Social workers should take reasonable precautions to protect client confidentiality in the event of the social worker's termination of practice, incapacitation, or death.

(p) Social workers should not disclose identifying information when discussing clients for teaching or training purposes unless the client has consented to disclosure of confidential information.

(q) Social workers should not disclose identifying information when discussing clients with consultants unless the client has consented disclosure of confidential information or there is a compelling need for such disclosure.

(r) Social workers should protect the confidentiality of deceased clients consistent with the preceding standards.

1.08 Access to Records
(a) Social workers should provide clients with reasonable access to records concerning the clients. Social workers who are concerned that clients' access to their records could cause serious misunderstanding or harm to the client should provide assistance in interpreting the records and consultation with the client regarding the records. Social workers should limit clients' access to their records, or portions of their records, only in exceptional circumstances when there is compelling evidence that such access would cause serious harm to the client. Both clients' requests and the rationale for withholding some or all of the record should be documented in clients' files.

(b) When providing clients with access to their records, social workers should take steps to protect the confidentiality of other individuals identified or discussed in such records.

1.09 Sexual Relationships
(a) Social workers should under no circumstances engage in sexual activities or sexual contact with current clients, whether such contact is consensual or forced.
(b) Social workers should not engage in sexual activities or sexual contact with clients' relatives or other individuals with whom clients maintain a close personal relationship when there is a risk of exploitation or potential harm to the client. Sexual activity or sexual contact with clients' relatives or other individuals with whom clients maintain a personal relationship has the potential to be harmful to the client and may make it difficult for the social worker and client to maintain appropriate professional boundaries. Social workers—not their clients, their clients' relatives, or other individuals with whom the client maintains a personal relationship—assume the full burden for setting clear, appropriate, and culturally sensitive boundaries.

(c) Social workers should not engage in sexual activities or sexual contact with former clients because of the potential for harm to the client. If social workers engage in conduct contrary to this prohibition or claim that an exception to this prohibition is warranted because of extraordinary circumstances, it is social workers—not their clients—who assume the full burden of demonstrating that the former client has not been exploited, coerced, or manipulated, intentionally or unintentionally.

(d) Social workers should not provide clinical services to individuals with whom they have had a prior sexual relationship. Providing clinical services to a former sexual partner has the potential to be harmful to the individual and is likely to make it difficult for the social worker and individual to maintain appropriate professional boundaries.

1.10 Physical Contact
Social workers should not engage in physical contact with clients when there is a possibility of psychological harm to the client as a result of the contact (such as cradling or caressing clients). Social workers who engage in appropriate physical contact with clients are responsible for setting clear, appropriate, and culturally sensitive boundaries that govern such physical contact.

1.11 Sexual Harassment
Social workers should not sexually harass clients. Sexual harassment includes sexual advances, sexual solicitation, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

1.12 Derogatory Language
Social workers should not use derogatory language in their written or verbal communications to or about clients. Social workers should use accurate and respectful language in all communications to and about their clients.

1.13 Payment for Services
(a) When setting fees, social workers should ensure that the fees are fair, reasonable, and commensurate with the services performed. Consideration should be given to clients' ability to pay.

(b) Social workers should avoid accepting goods or services from clients as payment for professional services. Bartering arrangements, particularly involving services, create the potential for conflicts of interest, exploitation, and inappropriate boundaries in social workers' relationships with clients. Social workers should explore and may participate in bartering only in
very limited circumstances when it can be demonstrated that such arrangements are an accepted practice among professionals in the local community, considered to be essential for the provision of services, negotiated without coercion, and entered into at the client's initiative and with the client's informed consent. Social workers who accept goods or services from clients as payment for professional services assume the full burden of demonstrating that this arrangement will not be detrimental to the client or the professional relationship.

(c) Social workers should not solicit a private fee or other remuneration for providing services to clients who are entitled to such available services through the social workers' employer or agency.

1.14 Clients Who Lack Decision-Making Capacity
When social workers act on behalf of clients who lack the capacity to make informed decision, social workers should take reasonable steps to safeguard the interests and rights of those clients.

1.15 Interruption of Services
Social workers should make reasonable efforts to ensure continuity of services in the event that services are interrupted by factors such as unavailability, relocation, illness, disability, or death.

1.16 Termination of Services
(a) Social workers should terminate services to clients and professional relationships with them when such services and relationships are no longer required or no longer serve the client's needs or interests.

(b) Social workers should take reasonable steps to avoid abandoning clients who are still in need of services. Social workers should withdraw services precipitously only under unusual circumstances, giving careful considering to all factors in the situation and taking care to minimize possible adverse effects. Social workers should assist in making appropriate arrangements for continuation of services when necessary.

(c) Social workers in fee-for-service settings may terminate services to clients who are not paying an overdue balance if the financial contractual arrangements have been made clear to the client, if the client does not pose an imminent danger to self or others, and if the clinical and other consequences of the current nonpayment have been addressed and discussed with the client.

(d) Social workers should not terminate services to pursue a social, financial, or sexual relationship with a client.

(e) Social workers who anticipate the termination or interruption of services to clients should notify clients promptly and seek the transfer, referral, or continuation of services in relation to the clients' needs and preferences.

(f) Social workers who are leaving an employment setting should inform clients of appropriate options for the continuation of services and of the benefits and risks of the options.
2. SOCIAL WORKERS' ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO COLLEAGUES

2.01 Respect
(a) Social workers should treat colleagues with respect and should represent accurately and fairly the qualifications, views, and obligations of colleagues.

(b) Social workers should avoid unwarranted negative criticism of colleagues in communications with clients or with other professionals. Unwarranted negative criticism may include demeaning comments that refer to colleagues' level of competence or to individuals' attributes such as race, ethnicity, national origin, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender, identity, or expression, age, marital status, political belief, religion, immigration status, and mental or physical disability.

(c) Social workers should cooperate with social work colleagues and with colleagues of other professions when such cooperation serves the well-being of clients.

2.02 Confidentiality
Social workers should respect confidential information shared by colleagues in the course of their professional relationships and transactions. Social workers should ensure that such colleagues understand social workers' obligation to respect confidentiality and any exceptions related to it.

2.03 Interdisciplinary Collaboration
(a) Social workers who are members of an interdisciplinary team should participate in and contribute to decisions that affect the well-being of clients by drawing on the perspectives, values, and experiences of the social work profession. Professional and ethical obligations of the interdisciplinary team as a whole and of its individual members should be clearly established.

(b) Social workers for whom a team decision raises ethical concerns should attempt to resolve the disagreement through appropriate channels. If the disagreement cannot be resolved, social workers should pursue other avenues to address their concerns consistent with client well-being.

2.04 Disputes Involving Colleagues
(a) Social workers should not take advantage of a dispute between a colleague and an employer to obtain a position or otherwise advance the social workers' own interests

(b) Social workers should not exploit clients in disputes with colleagues or engage clients in any inappropriate discussion of conflicts between social workers and their colleagues.

2.05 Consultation
(a) Social workers should seek the advice and counsel of colleagues whenever such consultation is in the best interests of clients.

(b) Social workers should keep themselves informed about colleagues' area of expertise and competencies. Social workers should seek consultation only from colleagues who have demonstrated knowledge, expertise, and competence related to the subject of the consultation.
(c) When consulting with colleagues about clients, social workers should disclose the least amount of information necessary to achieve the purposes of the consultation.

2.06 Referral for Services
(a) Social workers should refer clients to other professionals when the other professionals' specialized knowledge or expertise is needed to serve clients fully or when social workers believe that they are not being effective or making reasonable progress with clients and that additional serve is required.

(b) Social workers who refer clients to other professionals should take appropriate steps to facilitate an orderly transfer of responsibility. Social workers who refer clients to other professionals should disclose, with clients’ consent, all pertinent information to the new service providers.

(c) Social workers are prohibited from giving or receiving payment for a referral when no professional service is provided by the referring social worker.

2.07 Sexual Relationships
(a) Social workers who function as supervisors or educators should not engage in sexual activities or contact with supervisees, students, trainees, or other colleagues over whom they exercise professional authority.

(b) Social workers should avoid engaging in sexual relationships with colleagues when there is potential for a conflict of interest. Social workers who become involved in, or anticipate becoming involved in, a sexual relationship with a colleague have a duty to transfer professional responsibilities, when necessary, to avoid a conflict of interest.

2.08 Sexual Harassment
Social workers should not sexually harass supervisees, students, trainees, or colleagues. Sexual harassment includes sexual advances, sexual solicitation, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

2.09 Impairment of Colleagues
(a) Social workers who have direct knowledge of a social work colleague's impairment that is due to personal problems, psychosocial distress, substance abuse, or mental health difficulties and that interferes with practice effectiveness should consult with that colleague when feasible and assist the colleague in taking remedial action.

(b) Social workers who believe that a social work colleague's impairment interferes with practice effectiveness and that the colleague has not taken adequate steps to address the impairment should take action through appropriate channels established by employers, agencies, NASW, licensing and regulatory bodies, and other professional organization.

2.10 Incompetence of Colleagues
(a) Social workers who have direct knowledge of a social work colleague's incompetence should consult with that colleague when feasible and assist the colleague in taking remedial action.

(b) Social workers who believe that a social work colleague is incompetent and has not taken adequate steps to address the incompetency should take action through appropriate channels established by employers, agencies, NASW, licensing and regulatory bodies, and other professional organizations.

2.11 Unethical Conduct of Colleagues
(a) Social workers should take adequate measures to discourage, prevent, expose, and correct the unethical conduct of colleagues.

(b) Social workers should be knowledgeable about established policies and procedures for handling concerns about colleagues' unethical behavior. Social workers should be familiar with national, state, and local procedures for handling ethics complaints. These include policies and procedures created by NASW, licensing and regulatory bodies, employers, agencies, and other professional organizations.

(c) Social workers who believe that a colleague has acted unethically should seek resolution by discussing their concerns with the colleague when feasible and when such discussion is likely to be productive.

(d) When necessary, social workers who believe that a colleague has acted unethically should take action through appropriate formal channels (such as contacting a state licensing board or regulatory body, an NASW committee on inquiry, or other professional ethics committees).

(e) Social workers should defend and assist colleagues who are unjustly charged with unethical conduct.

3. SOCIAL WORKERS' ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN PRACTICE SETTINGS

3.01 Supervision and Consultation
(a) Social workers who provide supervision or consultation should have the necessary knowledge and skill to supervise or consult appropriately and should do so only within their areas of knowledge and competence.

(b) Social workers who provide supervision or consultation are responsible for setting clear, appropriate, and culturally sensitive boundaries.

(c) Social workers should not engage in any dual or multiple relationships with supervisees in which there is a risk of exploitation of or potential harm to the supervisor.

(d) Social workers who provide supervision should evaluate supervisee's performance in a manner that is fair and respectful.

3.02 Education and Training
(a) Social workers who function as educators, field instructors for students, or trainers should provide instruction only within their areas of knowledge and competence and should provide instruction based on the most current information and knowledge available in the profession.

(b) Social workers who function as educators or field instructors for students should evaluate students' performance in a manner that is fair and respectful.

(c) Social workers who function as educators or field instructors for students should take reasonable steps to ensure that clients are routinely informed when services are being provided by students.

(d) Social workers who function as educators or field instructors for students should not engage in any dual or multiple relationships with students in which there is a risk of exploitation or potential harm to the student. Social work educators and field instructors are responsible for setting clear, appropriate, and culturally sensitive boundaries.

3.03 Performance Evaluation
Social workers who have responsibility for evaluating the performance of others should fulfill such responsibility in a fair and considerate manner and on the basis of clearly stated criteria.

3.04 Client Records
(a) Social workers should take reasonable steps to ensure that documentation in records is accurate and reflects the services provided.

(b) Social workers should include sufficient and timely documentation in records to facilitate the delivery of services and to ensure continuity of services provided to clients in the future.

(c) Social workers' documentation should protect clients' privacy to the extent that is possible and appropriate and should include only information that is directly relevant to the delivery of services.

(d) Social workers should store records following the termination of services to ensure reasonable future access. Records should be maintained for the number of years required by state statutes or relevant contracts.

3.05 Billing
Social workers should establish and maintain billing practices that accurately reflect the nature and extent of services provided and that identify who provided the service in the practice setting.

3.06 Client Transfer
(a) When an individual who is receiving services from another agency or colleague contacts a social worker for services, the social worker should carefully consider the client's needs before agreeing to provide services. To minimize possible confusion and conflict, social workers should discuss with potential clients the nature of the clients' current relationship with other service providers and the implications, including possible benefits or risks, of entering into a relationship with a new service provider.
(b) If a new client has been served by another agency or colleague, social workers should discuss with the client whether consultation with the previous service provider is in the client's best interest.

3.07 Administration
(a) Social work administrators should advocate within and outside their agencies for adequate resources to meet clients' needs.

(b) Social workers should advocate for resource allocation procedures that are open and fair. When not all clients' needs can be met, an allocation procedure should be developed that is nondiscriminatory and based on appropriate and consistently applied principles.

(c) Social workers who are administrators should take reasonable steps to ensure that adequate agency or organizational resources are available to provide appropriate staff support.

(d) Social work administrators should take reasonable steps to ensure that the working environment for which they are responsible is consistent with and encourages compliance with the *NASW Code of Ethics*. Social work administrators should take reasonable steps to eliminate any conditions in their organizations that violate, interfere with, or discourage compliance with the *Code*.

3.08 Continuing Education and Staff Development
Social work administrators and supervisors should take reasonable steps to provide or arrange for continuing education and staff development for all staff for whom they are responsible. Continuing education and staff development should address current knowledge and emerging developments related to social work practice.

3.09 Commitments to Employers
(a) Social workers generally should adhere to commitments made to employers and employing organizations.

(b) Social workers should work to improve employing agencies' policies and procedures and the efficiency and effectiveness of their services.

(c) Social workers should take reasonable steps to ensure that employers are aware of social workers' ethical obligations as set forth in the *NASW Code of Ethics* and of the implications of those obligations for social work practice.

(d) Social workers should not allow an employing organization's policies, procedures, regulations, or administrative orders to interfere with their ethical practice of social work. Social workers should take reasonable steps to ensure that their employing organizations' practices are consistent with the *NASW Code of Ethics*.

(e) Social workers should act to prevent and eliminate discrimination in the employing organization's work assignments and in its employment policies and practices.
(f) Social workers should accept employment or arrange student field placements only in organizations that exercise fair personnel practices.

(g) Social workers should be diligent stewards of the resources of their employing organizations, wisely conserving funds where appropriate and never misappropriating funds or using them for unintended purposes.

3.10 Labor-Management Disputes
(a) Social workers may engage in organized action, including the formation of and participation in labor unions, to improve services to clients and working conditions.

(b) The actions of social workers who are involved in labor-management disputes, job actions, or labor strikes should be guided by the profession's values, ethical principles, and ethical standards. Reasonable differences of opinion exist among social workers concerning their primary obligation as professionals during an actual or threatened labor strike or job action. Social workers should carefully examine relevant issues and their possible impact on clients before deciding on a course of action.

4. SOCIAL WORKERS' ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES AS PROFESSIONALS

4.01 Competence
(a) Social workers should accept responsibility or employment only on the basis of existing competence or the intention to acquire the necessary competence.

(b) Social workers should strive to become and remain proficient in professional practice and the performance of professional functions. Social workers should critically examine and keep current with emerging knowledge relevant to social work. Social workers should routinely review the professional literature and participate in continuing education relevant to social work practice and social work ethics.

(c) Social workers should base practice on recognized knowledge, including empirically based knowledge, relevant to social work and social work ethics.

4.02 Discrimination
Social workers should not practice, condone, facilitate, or collaborate with any form of discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, marital status, political belief, religion, immigration status, or mental or physical disability.

4.03 Private Conduct
Social workers should not permit their private conduct to interfere with their ability to fulfill their professional responsibilities.

4.04 Dishonesty, Fraud, and Deception
Social workers should not participate in, condone, or be associated with dishonesty, fraud, or deception.

4.05 Impairment
(a) Social workers should not allow their own personal problems, psychosocial distress, legal problems, substance abuse, or mental health difficulties to interfere with their professional judgment and performance or to jeopardize the best interests of people for whom they have a professional responsibility.

(b) Social workers whose personal problems, psychosocial distress, legal problems, substance abuse, or mental health difficulties interfere with their professional judgment and performance should immediately seek consultation and take appropriate remedial action by seeking professional help, making adjustments in workload, terminating practice, or taking any other steps necessary to protect clients and others.

4.06 Misrepresentation
(a) Social workers should make clear distinctions between statements made and actions engaged in as a private individual and as a representative of the social work profession, a professional social work organization or the social worker's employing agency.

(b) Social workers who speak on behalf of professional social work organizations should accurately represent the official and authorized positions of the organization.

(c) Social workers should ensure that their representations to clients, agencies, and the public of professional qualifications, credentials, education, competence, affiliations, services provided or results to be achieved are accurate. Social workers should claim only those relevant professional credentials they actually possess and take steps to correct any inaccuracies or misrepresentations of their credentials by others.

4.07 Solicitations
(a) Social workers should not engage in uninvited solicitations of potential clients who, because of their circumstances, are vulnerable to undue influence, manipulation, or coercion.

(b) Social workers should not engage in solicitation of testimonial endorsements (including solicitation of consent to use a client’s prior statement as a testimonial endorsement) from current clients or from other people who, because of their particular circumstances, are vulnerable to undue influence.

4.08 Acknowledging Credit
(a) Social workers should take responsibility and credit, including authorship credit, only for work they have actually performed and to which they have contributed.

(b) Social workers should honestly acknowledge the work of and the contributions made by others.

5. SOCIAL WORKERS' ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE SOCIAL
WORK PROFESSION

5.01 Integrity of the Profession
(a) Social workers should work toward the maintenance and promotion of high standards of practice.

(b) Social workers should uphold and advance the values, ethics, knowledge, and mission of the profession. Social workers should protect, enhance, and improve the integrity of the profession through appropriate study and research, active discussion, and responsible criticism of the profession.

(c) Social workers should contribute time and professional expertise to activities that promote respect for the value, integrity and competence of the social work profession. These activities may include teaching, research, consultation, service, legislative testimony, presentations in the community, and participation in their professional organizations.

(d) Social workers should contribute to the knowledge base of social work and share with colleagues their knowledge related to practice, research, and ethics. Social workers should seek to contribute to the profession's literature and to share their knowledge at professional meetings and conferences.

(e) Social workers should act to prevent the unauthorized and unqualified practice of social work.

5.02 Evaluation and Research
(a) Social workers should monitor and evaluate policies, the implementation of programs, and practice interventions.

(b) Social Workers should promote and facilitate evaluation and research to contribute to the development of knowledge.

(c) Social workers should critically examine and keep current with emerging knowledge relevant to social work and fully use evaluation and research of evidence in their professional practice.

(d) Social workers engaged in evaluation or research should carefully consider possible consequences and should follow guidelines developed for the protection of evaluation and research participants. Appropriate institutional review boards should be consulted.

(e) Social workers engaged in evaluation or research should obtain voluntary and written informed consent from participants, when appropriate, without any implied or actual deprivation or penalty for refusal to participate; without undue inducement to participate; and with due regard for participants' well-being privacy, and dignity. Informed consent should include information about the nature, extent, and duration of the participation requested and disclosure of the risks and benefits of participation in the research.
(f) When evaluation or research participants are incapable of giving informed consent, social workers should provide an appropriate explanation to the participants, obtain the participants' assent to the extent they are able, and obtain written consent from an appropriate proxy.

(g) Social workers should never design or conduct evaluation or research that does not use consent procedures, such as certain forms of naturalistic observation and archival research, unless rigorous and responsible review of the research has found it to be justified because of its prospective scientific, educational, or applied value and unless equally effective alternative procedures that do not involve waiver of consent are not feasible.

(h) Social workers should inform participants of their right to withdraw

(i) Social workers should take appropriate steps to ensure that participants in evaluation and research have access to appropriate supportive services.

(j) Social workers engaged in evaluation or research should protect participants from unwarranted physical or mental distress, harm, danger, or deprivation.

(k) Social workers engaged in the evaluation of services should discuss collected information only for professional purposes and only with people professionally concerned with this information.

(l) Social workers engaged in evaluation or research should ensure the anonymity or confidentiality of participants and of the data obtained from them. Social workers should inform participants of any limits of confidentiality, the measures that will be taken to ensure confidentiality, and when any records containing research data will be destroyed.

(m) Social workers who report evaluation and research results should protect participants' confidentiality by omitting identifying information unless proper consent has been obtained authorizing disclosure.

(n) Social workers should report evaluation and research findings accurately. They should not fabricate or falsify results and should take steps to correct any errors later found in published data using standard publication methods.

(o) Social workers engaged in evaluation or research should be alert to and avoid conflicts of interest and dual relationships with participants, should inform participants when a real or potential conflict of interest arises, and should take steps to resolve the issue in a manner that makes participants' interests primary.

(p) Social workers should educate themselves, their students, and their colleagues about responsible research practices.

6. SOCIAL WORKERS' ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE BROADER SOCIETY

6.01 Social Welfare
Social workers should promote the general welfare of society, from local to global levels, and the development of people, their communities, and their environments. Social Workers should advocate for living conditions conductive to the fulfillment of basic human needs and should promote social, economic, political, and cultural values and institutions that are compatible with the realization of social justice.

6.02 Public Participation
Social workers should facilitate informed participation by the public in shaping social policies and institutions.

6.03 Public Emergencies
Social workers should provide appropriate professional services in public emergencies to the greatest extent possible.

6.04 Social and Political Action
(a) Social workers should engage in social and political action that seeks to ensure that all people have equal access to the resources, employment, services, and opportunities they require to meet their basic human needs and to develop fully. Social workers should be aware of the impact of the political arena on practice and should advocate for changes in policy and legislation to improve social conditions in order to meet basic human needs and promote social justice.

(b) Social workers should act to expand choice and opportunity for all people, with special regard for vulnerable, disadvantaged, oppressed, and exploited people and groups.

(c) Social workers should promote conditions that encourage respect for cultural and social diversity within the United States and globally. Social workers should promote policies and practices that demonstrate respect for difference, support the expansion of cultural knowledge and resources, advocate for programs and institutions that demonstrate cultural competence, and promote policies that safeguard the rights of and confirm equity and social justice for all people.

(d) Social workers should act to prevent and eliminate domination of, exploitation of, and discrimination against any person, group, or class on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, marital status, political belief, religion, immigration status, or mental or physical disability.
Appendix H:
SWK 455 Social Work Field Seminar I Syllabus

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SWK 455
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Course Description
The Integrative Field Seminar is a two-semester course for the BSSW Program taken in conjunction with two semesters of field placement. The purpose of the seminar is to facilitate senior students’ integration of the BSSW educational experience in class and practicum. Field Instruction I is the first part of a two-part sequence of field instruction and integrated seminar. The course facilitates the students’ incorporation of the components of the professional foundation: values and ethics, diversity, populations at risk and social and economic justice, human behavior and the social environment, social welfare policies and services, social work practice, research, and field education.

During the Field Seminars, students will be supported in their learning in various ways. Students will discuss issues related to field placement with their peers and problem solve with each other. Students will be introduced to a variety of topics including – NASW Code of Ethics, professional roles, cultural competency, effective interventions and documentation.

Direct interaction with individuals and groups from diverse backgrounds, reflective supervision, process recordings, and regular field seminars will aid the student in developing greater cultural awareness and sensitivity. Students will gain their skills while working under the instruction of professional social work practitioners who are "teachers" in the field, and with the guidance of the faculty of the Social Work Program.

Each student enrolled in field seminar is placed at a community agency. Students are expected to spend a minimum of 240 hours during the semester (16 hours per week) in their agency and attend and participate in all scheduled class seminars.

Pre-Requisites
A grade of "B" or above is required in SWK 350; Grade of "C" or above is required in all other major courses.
Co Requisites
SWK 454 – Social Work Field Practicum I

Learning Objectives
Placements are made in a variety of agencies and organizations. Students are expected to actively participate in the delivery of social work services. Each student's field placement is expected to include practice opportunities that will assist in the development of the basic competencies.

At the end of this course, students will:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the values and ethics of the social work profession and begin to apply this understanding to his/her practice;
2. Demonstrate a familiarity with professional roles and functions within the agency setting;
3. Demonstrate effective communication in working with client system, colleagues, and/or representatives from other organizations and communities;
4. Utilize supervision for professional development and practice evaluation;
5. Recognize the impact of social policies and agency structure on clients, workers, and the delivery of social work services;
6. Demonstrate a knowledge of social welfare policies and services at the local, state and national level and begin to relate this to practice;
7. Utilize community resources relevant to field placement;
8. Demonstrate self awareness and professional use of self in their practice;
9. Utilize bio-psycho-social, strengths perspective to guide their assessment and intervention efforts;
10. Identify learning needs and participate in activities that enhance social work skills; and
11. Utilize information technology and research to enhance their effectiveness as social work professionals.

Required Text:


Optional Text


Course/General Policies

Students with Disabilities
The College of Staten Island is committed to making reasonable efforts to assist individuals with documented disabilities. Students with special learning needs should notify the instructor in
order to discuss appropriate accommodations. If you are seeking classroom accommodations
under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), you are required to make an initial request for
accommodation to the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities, and provide appropriate
supporting documentation.

Students may consult with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities or the 504/ADA
Compliance Coordinator at any time to discuss and understand their rights under the
Rehabilitation Act, the ADA, and state and local legislation, and they are encouraged to do so.
Location: Center for the Arts (1P), Room 101
Phone: (718) 982.2510
Fax: (718) 982.2117
Email: ODS@csi.cuny.edu

Weather
It is the general policy of the College not to cancel regularly scheduled classes because of
weather conditions. However, there are instances where especially adverse and hazardous
weather conditions make it impossible to travel and to conduct academic activities at the campus.
Students can find out about decisions to close the College because of extreme weather by dialing 718.982.3333 or 4444 any weekday, 24 hours a day. If there is any trouble reaching this number, call Public Safety at 718.982.2116.

Student Expectations
a. Attendance at all class sessions
b. Complete readings and assignments prior to each class session and participate actively and
   thoughtfully in the discussion of the designated content.
   Respectful communication that expresses beliefs and ideas without personal attack.
d. Complete readings and assignments prior to each class session and participate actively and
   thoughtfully in the discussion of the designated content.
e. The use of critical thinking to evaluate and respond to course material.
f. Complete all course work by assigned dates. Exceptions will only be made for emergencies in
   which case the instructor must be notified prior to the due date. Late assignments will be
   graded down by at least one grade point.
g. Students are urged to prepare each written assignment with great care. It is expected that
   in writing papers, the student will demonstrate excellent communication skills and language
   facility. Please take the time to proofread your work and assure that your style,
   spelling and grammar reflect a high level of quality. In addition, you should be familiar
   with the APA style manual (5th Edition) and use it in your assignments where applicable.
   Finally, please be aware of the significance of non-sexist, non-racist language for both
   written and oral presentations.
h. "I" (incomplete) course grades will be considered only in relation to emergency and
   hardship situations and a request for such a grade option must be discussed with the
   instructor prior to the final week of class. A time for completion of the incomplete
   work is established by College policy (See section on Grading Policy below).
I. Students should allow sufficient travel time to arrive to class on time. Late arrival is
   disruptive to the class. Students who frequently arrive late will lose participation points
   at the discretion of the instructor.
J. Please be sure to turn off cell phones and pagers before class.

Course Assignments
Assigned Exercises
Students will be assigned both exercises from the book as well as from the instructor. Each assignment is given a specific due date. No late assignments will be accepted.

Learning Contract
In the beginning of the fall semester, students and field instructors are to create a Learning Contract according to the form provided by the Field Education Department. The learning contract should be considered an overall "roadmap" for the students learning experience throughout the year. The Learning Contract can and should be modified when changes occur. At the beginning of the second semester of placement, the student and the field instructor should discuss changes that have been made or will be made to the Learning Contract for the spring semester.

Process Recordings
Process recording templates are available in the Field Manual. Students and field instructors are encouraged to use process recordings by the BASW program. Process recordings are used to assist students in practicing skills of retention of the content of client interviews and to engage in self-reflection and self-evaluation.

The exact form of the process recording is to be determined by the field instructor and the extent to their use in supervision

Logs/Journals
The purpose of this assignment is for students to demonstrate the ability to engage in self-reflection and integration of classroom knowledge with the field placement experience. Journals are to be submitted weekly to the field seminar instructor.

Paper Assignment
The purpose of this assignment is to help you understand your field agency in respect to the kind of problems it deals with, its functions, its structure and processes, and its service provider role within the community. It is suggested that you discuss the assignment with your field instructor before attempting to answer the questions.

1. Describe a brief history of your agency.
2. What is the mission of the agency?
3. Describe the primary sources of funding for your agency.
4. What are the major social problems your agency addresses?
5. Within what general field of social work practice or social welfare is the agency identified?
6. Is the agency public or private? What do you base this on?
7. What service does the agency offer?
8. What service does your particular unit within the agency offer?
9. What population does your agency serve?
10. What are the primary referral sources to your agency?
11. What is the educational background of staff at the agency, i.e. what professions and disciplines are represented?
12. What is the role of social workers in the agency?
13. What other services exist within the community to solve the same social problems as your agency? How do these agencies/services work together? What problems arise between them?
14. What is the organizational structure of your agency? (Ask for a copy of the organizational chart. Make one if one is not available. Identify where you fit in).
15. How does the agency evaluate the effectiveness of its outcomes?
16. Identify the sources of data (e.g. consumer surveys, numbers of services provided, types of services provided, number of consumers who recidivate, financial reports) the agency uses in their annual report, presentations, or reports to funders.
17. How diverse is the staff, board of directors, and volunteers?
18. What qualifications would you need to be considered for employment at your agency?

Papers should be typewritten, double-spaced, 12-point font with proper references in APA format.

Class Presentation
Students will make a 20-minute presentation to the field seminar class on the above-mentioned paper. Students should be prepared to bring in pamphlets, multi-media (if relevant), and any other documents to present to the class to better illustrate their field agency as well as present the findings of their research.

Field Evaluation
The field instructor completes an evaluation at the end of each semester. The field evaluation form is the same for each semester so that the student and field instructor can take notice of areas of improvement in the students work. The program retains responsibility for assignment of field education grades.

The recommended process is for the student and field instructor to complete the evaluation form individually, and then meet together to discuss the results. If the student disagrees with what the field instructor has stated on the form they have the right to comment on the evaluation.

Attendance
Regular attendance in seminar is required. If the student knows he/she is going to be absent on a particular day it must be discussed and approved by the course instructor prior to the absence in all cases except emergencies. If a student is absent from the seminar he/she will be required to prepare a three-page paper on the topic discussed the day of their absence.

Evaluation and Grading
The grade in these courses are based on the student's overall professional development and practice as exhibited by performance in the field agency, contribution to field seminar, and the depth of analysis and skill reflected in the logs and written assignments. The student agency field instructor and the faculty liaison evaluate performance in the field cooperatively.
Field Seminar grading will be weighed approximately as follows:

40% Agency project paper,
30% logs and other assignments
20% Seminar participation
10% Attendance
(final grade will be lowered after more than one unexcused absence from seminar class)

Field Practicum grading is Pass/Fail. Grades are based on:
Student's evaluation by field instructor
Hours completed in field

Students must turn in their evaluation with original signatures by the end of the semester in order to receive credit for the class. Students are encouraged to make copies of their field evaluations for their own records.

Students are also required to submit monthly time sheets to the Field Education office in order to ensure that they are credited with completing the correct number of hours each semester.

Occasionally, a grade of “Incomplete” may be given for field Practicum. This occurs when a student has not developed the minimum competency expected of a student at the end of that semester, and/or the student has missed several days of field for legitimate reasons and needs to make up time. In these cases, a plan for completing the required hours and/or improving in specified learning objectives would be developed, with a timeline for completion. The student has approximately one semester to make up the missing work. If the student fails to make up the missing hours or advance in their skill as per their supervisor and seminar instructor, they risk being removed from the program and receiving a failing grade for the course.

Seminar Schedule
Class 1: Introduction to course
Discussion of Syllabus, course requirements and assignments, expectations, and establishing personal learning goals.

Class 2: Preparation for field placement
Safety and Security Issues
Personal Learning Goals
Review BSSW Program Field Manual

Required Readings

Recommended Reading
Assignment 1
Complete Handout
What are your Personal Learning Goals?

Class 3: Social Work Values – review of NASW professional values and ethics

Required Reading
• Individualized Contract Section – BASW Field Manual.
• NASW Code of Ethics – BASW Field Manual (Appendix)

Class 4: What is Generalist Social Work Practice?
Professional growth and development, generalist practice role, promotion of social and economic justice.
Orientation to agency/Initial Observations
Supervisory relationship/Effective use of supervision
Discussion of assignment.

Required Reading

Assignment 2
Taking on the Role of the Client
Spend an hour in the waiting room of the agency. Imagine you are a client waiting to seek help from this agency. Write about this experience and include, but do not feel limited to:
1. How does the agency waiting area sound, look, smell, and feel to you?
2. What “messages” are given off by the environment (interior and/or exterior), the staff, and the professionals?
3. How do you feel about being there?
4. How might you feel if you were coming to this agency for the first time seeking services as a client?

If there is not a waiting room or equivalent at your agency, spend an hour in the waiting room of the Department of Human Services, a hospital emergency room, or a health clinic. Discuss your options with your faculty liaison.

Type a 1-3 page paper about this experience and be prepared to discuss your findings with the class

Class 5: Basic interviewing skills and principles for relationship building with clients Confidentiality
Required Reading
- Review Learning Contract – BASW Field Manual (Appendix)

Assignment 3
Discuss with your field supervisor and other agency staff the guidelines for confidentiality (release of information, case records, clients' access to records, forms clients must sign, etc). Include in your log a discussion of confidentiality practices within your agency.

Class 6: Intervention Strategies and techniques

Required Reading

Assignment 4
Submit Learning Contract

Class 7: Dealing with Diversity-race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, age, disabilities and gender.
Relevance of these factors in services delivery

Required Reading

Recommended Readings

Assignment 5
Agency Scavenger Hunt
Your task is to find as many of the items identified below as you can. The purpose of this assignment is to become familiar with your field placement agency, to examine agency documents and to advocate on your own behalf with agency staff to access the needed resources. This information will also serve to assist the student with the paper/presentation assignment
Good luck and have fun!

- Agency Organizational Chart
- Agency Brochure/Agency services listing
- Client intake form or application for services
- Client rights information (confidentiality or affirmative action statement)
- Agency budget or financial statement
- Spanish/Chinese/French – newsletter, brochure in another language
- Job descriptions
- Business card or letterhead of a social worker in the agency that is not your direct supervisor.

These items must be placed in a folder in the order listed. Each student must write a 1 page discussion of their findings or lack thereof to be submitted in class.

You will be asked to discuss and analyze these materials in class. Be prepared!

Class 8: Problem assessment and professional recording
Interview assessment skills. Selecting and defining goals with a client.
Writing and negotiating for measurable goals

Required Readings

Class 9: Student Self assessment
Self-reflection in one's practice.
Methods and strategies of evaluation.
Developing a career plan.

Required Reading

Class 10: Student Presentations
Class 11: Student Presentations
Class 12: Student Presentations
Papers due in class

Class 13: Self-evaluation and discussion of internship experience to date
References


Appendix I: SWK 465 Social Work Field Seminar II Syllabus

The College of Staten Island
Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work

SWK 465
Social Work Field Seminar II - Capstone

Spring 2012

Instructor
Office Hours
Email
Phone #

Course Description
The second half of the integrative field seminar is the culminating course in social work that synthesizes theory, research, policy, and social work practice. Students are to produce documents that combine research and analysis applied to practice in the field. Understanding of social work concepts and readiness/competency to begin the professional social work practice is the goal of the capstone course. Students will explore significant social work issues, bringing their experience and knowledge to bear on the interaction of their values and skills within the major

Field Seminar II is the continuation of the integrative field seminar for the Social Work program. The purpose of the seminar is to facilitate senior students’ integration of the BASW educational experience in class and practicum. The course facilitates the students’ incorporation of the components of the professional foundation: values and ethics, diversity, populations at risk and social and economic justice, human behavior and the social environment, social welfare policies and services, social work practice, research, and field education.

Direct interaction with individuals and groups from diverse backgrounds, reflective supervision, process recordings, and regular field seminars will aid the student in developing greater cultural awareness and sensitivity. Students will gain their skills while working under the instruction of professional social work practitioners who are "teachers" in the field, and with the guidance of the faculty of the Social Work Program.

Each student enrolled in field seminar is placed at a community agency. Students are expected to spend a minimum of 240 hours during the semester (16 hours per week) in their agency and attend and participate in all scheduled class seminars

Pre-requisites
SWK 454 & 455

CO-REQUISITES:
SWK 464 – Social Work Field Practicum II

Learning Objectives
Placements are made in a variety of agencies and organizations throughout the five boroughs of New York City. Students are expected to actively participate in the delivery of social work
services. Each student's field placement is expected to include practice opportunities that will assist in the development of the basic competencies.

Building on competencies attained last semester, by the end of the field placement experience the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the values and ethics of the social work profession and begin to apply this understanding to his/her practice;
2. Demonstrate a familiarity with professional roles and functions within the agency setting;
3. Demonstrate effective communication in working with client system, colleagues, and/or representatives from other organizations and communities;
4. Utilize supervision for professional development and practice evaluation;
5. Recognize the impact of social policies and agency structure on clients, workers, and the delivery of social work services;
6. Demonstrate a knowledge of social welfare policies and services at the local, state and national level and begin to relate this to practice;
7. Utilize community resources relevant to field placement;
8. Demonstrate self awareness and professional use of self in their practice;
9. Utilize bio-psycho-social, strengths perspective to guide their assessment and intervention efforts;
10. Identify learning needs and participate in activities that enhance social work skills; and
11. Utilize information technology and research to enhance their effectiveness as social work professionals.

Required Text:


Optional Text

Course/General Policies

Students with Disabilities

The College of Staten Island is committed to making reasonable efforts to assist individuals with documented disabilities. Students with special learning needs should notify the instructor in order to discuss appropriate accommodations. If you are seeking classroom accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), you are required to make an initial request for accommodation to the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities, and provide appropriate supporting documentation.
Students may consult with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities or the 504/ADA Compliance Coordinator at any time to discuss and understand their rights under the Rehabilitation Act, the ADA, and state and local legislation, and they are encouraged to do so. Location: Center for the Arts (1P), Room 101 Phone: (718) 982.2510 Fax: (718) 982.2117 Email: ODS@csi.cuny.edu

Weather
It is the general policy of the College not to cancel regularly scheduled classes because of weather conditions. However, there are instances where especially adverse and hazardous weather conditions make it impossible to travel and to conduct academic activities at the campus. Students can find out about decisions to close the College because of extreme weather by dialing 718.982.3333 or 4444 any weekday, 24 hours a day. If there is any trouble reaching this number, call Public Safety at 718.982.2116.

Student Expectations
a. Attendance at all class sessions
b. Completion of required hours in the field agency, which is to be recorded on time sheets and submitted to the Field Education Office monthly
c. Complete readings and assignments prior to each class session and participate actively and thoughtfully in the discussion of the designated content.
d. Respectful communication that expresses beliefs and ideas without personal attack.
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f. The use of critical thinking to evaluate and respond to course material.
g. Complete all course work by assigned dates. Exceptions will only be made for emergencies in which case the instructor must be notified prior to the due date. Late assignments will be graded down by at least one grade point.
h. Students are urged to prepare each written assignment with great care. It is expected that when writing papers, students will demonstrate excellent communication skills and language facility. Please take the time to proofread your work and assure that your style, spelling and grammar reflect a high level of quality. In addition, you should be familiar with the APA style manual (5th Edition) and use it in your assignments where applicable. Finally, please be aware of the significance of non-sexist, non-racist language for both written and oral presentations.
i. "I" (incomplete) course grades will be considered only in relation to emergency and hardship situations and a request for such a grade option must be discussed with the instructor prior to the final week of class. A time for completion of the incomplete work is established by College policy (See section on Grading Policy below).
j. Students should allow sufficient travel time to arrive to class on time. Late arrival is disruptive to the class. Students who frequently arrive late will lose participation points at the discretion of the instructor.
k. Please be sure to turn off cell phones and pagers before class.
Course Assignments
Assigned Exercises
Students will be assigned both exercises from the book as well as from the instructor. Each assignment is given a specific due date. No late assignments will be accepted.

Process Recordings
Process recording templates are available in the Field Manual. Students and field instructors are encouraged to use process recordings by the BASW program. Process recordings are used to assist students in practicing skills of retention of the content of client interviews and to engage in self-reflection and self-evaluation.

The exact form of the process recording is to be determined by the field instructor and the extent to their use in supervision.

Logs/Journals
The purpose of this assignment is for students to demonstrate the ability to engage in self-reflection and integration of classroom knowledge with the field placement experience. Journals are to be submitted weekly to the field seminar instructor.

Paper Assignment
What do you do to manage any stress related issues in your personal and/or professional life? What skills have been applied or could be applied in situations such as these? What do social workers at your field placement do to practice self-care in the profession? Students will interview their supervisor and one other staff member at their field placement and write a 3-5-page paper discussing the importance of self-care in the social work profession and how current social workers manage their stress. Students will also discuss ways in which they can and will practice self-care when they are in the field.

Capstone Integrative Project
In consultation with instructor, each student will choose a major area of practice as a focus for his or her integrative project. Students will integrate their experience with this area with relevant theory, knowledge and skills, research and evaluation. Students can choose from developing a professional poster to present this knowledge or a video/online presentation. Specific details will be discussed in class.

Evaluation and Grading
Field Capstone grading will be weighed approximately as follows:

- 50% Capstone Project
- 30% logs and other assignments
- 20% Seminar participation & attendance
  (final grade will be lowered after more than one unexcused absence from seminar class)

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Student's evaluation by field instructor

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Hours completed in field

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Seminar Schedule
Class 1: Review of self directed learning and professional development
Discussion of Capstone project.

Class 2: Personal and Professional Boundaries

Assignment 1
Write 3-4 paragraphs summarizing the first week back in your internship placement. Cover the high points and low points of being gone and reconnecting with clients and staff.

*If you “banked” hours over winter break, submit your time sheet with documented hours and a summary of the work you did at your placement

Class 3: Handling aggression, violent, and/or resistant clients

Assignment 2
Revised Learning Contract

Class 4: Overview of Macro Social Work Practice
Working with communities and organizations

Required Reading
Class 5: Understanding the Legal System and its impact on the client
What is a mandated reporter?

Required Reading

Class 6: Ethical Dilemmas in social work

Recommended Reading

Assignment 3
Discuss with your supervisor an ethical dilemma you have encountered in your field placement/one they have experienced in their career. Be prepared to discuss this dilemma and different techniques that were used/could have been used to handle the situation

Class 7: Role of Social Workers in various settings – healthcare (psychiatric/substance abuse/mental health), legal system, children and families

Guest Speaker

Class 8: Personal/Professional Self Care
Paper due

Class 9: The termination process

Required Reading

Assignment 4
Process recording of the beginning of the termination process with a client at your agency

Class 10: Capstone Presentations

Class 11: Capstone Presentations

Class 12: Job Search/Interview Skills
Memorable Field Placement Experiences
Assignment 5
Updated resume with a sample cover letter and relevant material such as certificates, awards, specialized training.

Write 3-5 paragraphs regarding where you see yourself in 5 years – describe your plans as you head out into the “real world”

Class 13:  Student Evaluations/Supervisor Evaluations due in class
Final Class
References


