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General Syllabus

SOWK 4914 Social Work Practicum I

Credit Hours: 4 Lecture Hours: 0 Laboratory: 14 hours Field Placement

Prerequisite: Senior standing, BSW major, and BSW departmental permission.

Corequisite: SOWK 4903 Field Instruction I (Seminar)

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

An approved, supervised, professional foundation field placement in direct social work practice in a community agency setting. A minimum of 14 hours per week, including the integrative lecture unit SOWK 4903

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate professional demeanor in behavior; appearance; and oral, written, and electronic communication.
2. Apply and communicate understanding of the importance of diversity and difference in shaping life experiences in practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.
3. Analyze quantitative and qualitative research methods and research findings.
4. Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to engage with clients and constituencies.
5. Analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies that advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.
6. Demonstrate an understanding of the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics. <http://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/CODE/Default.asp>.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills**Critical Thinking**

Students will engage, assess, and evaluate populations, applying theoretical learning, identifying and implementing research evidence-based best practices in a practical field settings. Students will collect and analyze data relevant to their performances in field practicum sites for improved skill development.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will prepare papers, oral presentations, and engage with clients applicable to their assigned internship agency setting.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will identify ethical dilemmas in their assigned field practicum, discerning and problem solving guided by the NASW Code of Ethics, institutional norms and with input from other professionals within said agency.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will evaluate cultural diversity and differences in their competency based practices and related behaviors specific to their assigned practicum setting.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Case Management
- B. Field Experience in Clinical Social Work
- C. National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics
- D. Diversity in Social Work Practice
- E. Topics relevant to Americans with disabilities