

SWK 450 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM - 9 Semester Hours Credit

PREREQUISITES:

Social Work majors only; completion of social sequence of prerequisites. Taken concurrently with SWK 448. Thirty-two hours per week throughout the semester of field instruction supervised by a professional social worker in a local social service agency. Focus is on implementing from previous courses the practice skills, as well as learning the structure, function and policies of social work agencies.

The objectives of the Field Practicum in preparing students for entry level generalist social work practice may be stated as follows:

1. To cultivate knowledge, values, and skills presented in the course context so that they may be further internalized, and applied in the practice setting.
2. To apply a basic understanding of client behavior(s) interacting with the social environment in making appropriate assessments for intervention planning with clients.
3. To apply knowledge, values, and skills in establishing purposeful helping relationships with clients, emphasizing affirmation of client autonomy and diversity, especially with women and minorities of color.
4. To apply knowledge, values, and skills in the problem solving process as utilized in generalist practice with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations.
5. To become familiar with the service delivery system in the community, and adept at locating appropriate community resources as needed for clients.
6. To utilize a research knowledge base to evaluate practice effectiveness and program effectiveness.
7. To accept and integrate the values and ethics of the social work profession.