

**MSW SPECIALIZATION LEARNING CONTRACT**  
**SOWK 682 Advanced Integrated Practice**

**Please complete all sections of the Learning Contract and obtain all signatures needed prior to submission.**

**You will be evaluated on the competencies and practice behaviors included in your learning contract.** As you develop the learning contract, please consult with your field instructor regarding the activities and time frames for completion. You must identify Placement Specific Learning Activities that reflect how the practice behaviors for each competency are implemented, demonstrated, or articulated within your field placement setting to meet the expected outcomes for an MSW degree. Using this form and format, please type your placement specific activities and assignments to the right of the corresponding practice behavior. Please provide details regarding the activities where appropriate, such as the anticipated number of cases, projects, frequency of activity, specific groups involved, etc.

**Section I. Student and Agency Information**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Mix Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

WVU Field Faculty Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Field Instructor Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special conditions or considerations regarding placement which have been agreed to by the School (if any):

***All parties signing this document agree to abide by the current National Association of Social Worker's Code of Ethics.***

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Task Supervisor (as appropriate): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

WVU Field Faculty Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section II. Field Placement Site Location, Field Instructor, and Student Self-Assessment

1. Provide a short description of your field setting, including the type of organization/agency (e.g. hospital), population served, and basic services provided.
  
2. Provide a short description of your Field Instructor's specific unit/area (e.g. Outpatient)
  
3. Describe your planned supervisory schedule.
  
4. Share more about **your current strengths** relating to the field population, issue, and/or services provided during your upcoming field placement.
  - a. Knowledge:
  
  - b. Skills:
  
  - c. Values:
  
5. Share more about **your limitations and areas for growth** relating to the field population, issue, and/or services provided during your upcoming field placement.
  - a. Knowledge:
  
  - b. Skills:
  
  - c. Values:
  
6. Describe how this field placement will contribute to your **career aspirations and plans** in Social Work.
  
7. Share more about the **desired experiences and new learnings** you are hoping for during your placement in this field setting.

**Section III. Advanced Field Placement Competencies and Practice Behaviors**

Please list placement-specific activities and/or assignments that you will conduct or participate in that relates to the associated Practice Behavior. While there is no minimum or maximum number of items required, each Practice Behavior should have at least one activity/assignment associated with it, even if it is to be conducted outside of the primary placement site. If the primary placement site does not/cannot provide a specific activity, students may go to another site to experience that activity on a limited time frame/basis. Please be concise and use bulleted statement when possible.

**Educational Plan Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior**

Practitioners competent in advanced integrated practice respect and value the role and expertise of clients, constituencies, and interdisciplinary team members and work collaboratively to address social and human problems. Advanced practitioners identify as a professional social worker and conduct themselves accordingly in multilevel, collaborative social work practice. Consistent with the WVU MSW program’s emphasis on rural practice, practitioners competent in advanced integrated practice:

<b>Practice Behaviors (formerly known as Learning Tasks)</b>	<b>Placement Specific Learning Activities and Assignments</b>
1. Collaborate across service sectors and with other professions and/or disciplines to coordinate change efforts.	
2. Represent the values and perspectives of the Social Work profession in interdisciplinary settings.	
3. Advocate at multiple levels for parity and access to services with special attention to rural populations.	
4. Develop and maintain professional roles and boundaries with particular consideration of rural settings.	

5. Identify and appropriately manage ethical dilemmas unique to rural contexts applying the NASW Code of Ethics, relevant laws and regulations, models for ethical decision-making, ethical conduct of research, and additional codes of ethics as appropriate to context.	
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**Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice**

Practitioners competent in advanced integrated practice actively seek out diverse perspectives at all levels of practice. Consistent with the WVU MSW program’s emphasis on rural practice, advanced practitioners challenge organizational, community, and political systems to respond to the diverse needs of vulnerable populations in rural contexts. They develop professional competence in working with persons different from self especially as applies to diverse and marginalized groups. Practitioners competent in advanced integrated practice:

<b>Practice Behaviors</b>	<b>Placement Specific Learning Activities and Assignments</b>
1. Seek out opportunities for inter-professional/interdisciplinary collaboration to enhance services for clients at all levels.	
2. Promote and value diversity as represented in collaborative change efforts across service sectors and levels of practice.	
3. Identify and address disparities in service access and quality for diverse populations.	
4. Practice cultural humility at all levels of practice by respecting clients’, constituencies’, and other professionals’ knowledge and perspectives throughout the change process.	

**Competency 3: Advance Human Rights, and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice**

Practitioners competent in advanced integrated practice advocate for human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice through engaging in multilevel, collaborative practice. Consistent with the WVU MSW program’s emphasis on rural practice, advanced practitioners understand the potentially challenging effects of economic, social, and environmental factors in the lives of rural populations. Practitioners competent in advanced integrated practice:

Practice Behaviors	Placement Specific Learning Activities and Assignments
1. Demonstrate an understanding of how the cultural context shapes the experience of difference especially in rural areas.	
2. Engage in and initiate collaborative advocacy efforts to advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.	
3. Foster the development and implementation of integrated service delivery models where appropriate to promote access to services in rural areas.	

**Competency 4: Engage in Practice-Informed Research and Research-Informed Practice**

Practitioners competent in advanced integrated practice are knowledgeable about evidence-informed change approaches at all levels of practice. They integrate research knowledge from multiple disciplines to inform practice and work collaboratively with others to evaluate and improve practice based on research findings. Practitioners competent in advanced integrated practice:

Practice Behaviors	Placement Specific Learning Activities and Assignments
1. Use evaluation findings to inform and improve practice, policy, and service-delivery and to advance the knowledge base of the profession.	

**Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice**

Practitioners competent in advanced integrated practice understand the direct link between community and organizational policy and direct practice. They engage in multilevel, collaborative practice efforts that include policy practice efforts as appropriate. Consistent with the WVU MSW program's emphasis on rural practice, advanced practitioners seek to understand and influence the impact of policies on rural populations. Practitioners competent in advanced integrated practice:

Practice Behaviors	Placement Specific Learning Activities and Assignments
1. Apply social policy knowledge at the local, state, and federal levels in manner that is relevant to the context of service.	
2. Implement and monitor community and organizational policy as it relates to the effective delivery of services to clients.	
3. Collaborate with clients, constituencies, and interdisciplinary professionals to promote awareness of social problems, the development of solutions, and effective policy action.	
4. Promote policies that foster integrated models of service delivery to best meet the needs of rural populations.	

**Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**

Practitioners competent in advanced integrated practice are able to effectively engage with clients, constituencies, and interdisciplinary professionals at all levels of practice. Practitioners competent in advanced integrated practice:

Practice Behaviors	Placement Specific Learning Activities and Assignments
1. Use rapport building techniques to develop and maintain effective working relationships with diverse clients, constituencies, and professionals.	
2. Practice techniques/strategies that promote and sustain collaborative relationships.	
3. Utilize social work engagement skills to facilitate effective collaboration among diverse clients, constituencies, and professionals.	

**Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**

Practitioners competent in advanced integrated practice are able to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of multiple theoretical perspectives and differentially apply those in assessment with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Practitioners competent in advanced integrated practice:

Practice Behaviors	Placement Specific Learning Activities and Assignments
1. Develop and implement brief and/or on-going assessment strategies consistent with the level and context of practice.	
2. Identify and incorporate the perspectives of diverse clients, constituencies, and professionals in the assessment process as appropriate to the service context.	

**Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**

Practitioners competent in advanced integrated practice recognize that effective change often requires multilevel, interdisciplinary collaboration. In addition to focused or discrete intervention efforts, advanced practitioners are able to leverage inter-professional, interdisciplinary, and/or inter-organizational collaboration to achieve client and constituency goals. Advanced practitioners recognize that prevention is a critical component of effective, multilevel social work practice. Advanced practitioners:

<b>Practice Behaviors</b>	<b>Placement Specific Learning Activities and Assignments</b>
1. Demonstrate an evidence-informed theoretical framework as appropriate to the level and context of practice situations.	
2. Advocate for and utilize prevention strategies as appropriate to the practice context.	
3. Evaluate, select, and apply evidence-informed interventions relevant to the practice context.	
4. Initiate collaboration with other professions to coordinate intervention efforts as appropriate to the practice situation.	
5. Deliver integrated services to effectively meet the needs of rural populations.	



**Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**

Practitioners competent in advanced integrated practice can collaborate with diverse clients, constituencies, and professionals to effectively evaluate practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. Advanced practitioners are able to utilize evaluation findings to inform and improve practice, policy, and service delivery effectiveness. Advanced practitioners:

<b>Practice Behaviors</b>	<b>Placement Specific Learning Activities and Assignments</b>
1. Design and conduct collaborative, practice-based evaluation methods and apply findings to improve practice, policy, and/or service delivery effectiveness.	
2. Effectively communicate evaluation findings in a manner that contributes to the knowledge base of the social work profession.	