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Student information	Placement information
<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <i>Student Name</i> <i>University ID #</i> </div>	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <i>Agency</i>
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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide a blueprint of the student’s educational experience with assigned tasks to develop skills and demonstrate competency in each of the Social Work Practicum competencies set forth by CSWE and the HPU Social Work Department. It should be a dynamic learning tool that allows for flexibility based on the experiences and abilities the student brings to the placement and the opportunities offered in a particular agency setting.

Instructions for Developing Learning Agreement

When meeting with the field instructor to develop the agreement, students should come prepared to discuss the strengths they bring to the field, the areas in which they would like to experience continued growth and the types of learning opportunities in which they would like to be involved.



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The learning agreement includes a list of the HPU School of Social Work nine core competencies. Each of the competencies includes practice behaviors the students should have an opportunity to perform during the practicum. Field instructors/supervisors and students will develop a list of activities and tasks the student should complete during the semester. The learning agreements includes some suggestions for activities that students can complete during their practicum experience. Students and field instructors/supervisors are also encouraged to create their own unique activities that best reflect the services provided at the field agency. **Please use the “Date” field to identify the estimated date by which the student will complete the activity/tasks.**

Return this document to the Field Education Director by the due date listed in the current Social Work Practicum Calendar for his/her review, revisions (if necessary), and approval.

Theoretical Framework

The HPU Social Work Department has identified six core theories that underlie curriculum content in the MSW program and that should guide student in their field placement experiences. For further reading on these theories please see the current MSW student handbook. The theories are as follows:

Generalist Year (6900/6901) – Empowerment, Strengths Based, and Ecosystems

Specialist Year (7900/7901) – Critical Theory, Decolonization, and Intersectionality

Instructions for Evaluating Student Progress and Performance

The evaluation is designed to assist the student, and the field supervisor in the assessment of the student’s progress in tasks set forth by this document. Comparing the student you are evaluating to others at the same level of professional development, please rate the student’s performance on each of their learning agreement activities according to the following scale:

- **[3] Fully Competent:** Student performed above the minimum level of competency
- **[2] Satisfactory/Sufficient Progress:** Student performed at the minimum competency expectations
- **[1] Unsatisfactory/Insufficient Progress:** Student shows little or no awareness or movement toward achieving minimum competency expectations
- **[0] Did Not Complete:** The student was unable to complete this objective
- **[N/A] Not Observed:** No opportunity to evaluate this learning objective because the student did not complete it



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Competency One: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior		
<p>Social workers understand the value base of the profession and its ethical standards, as well as relevant laws and regulations that may impact practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. Social workers understand frameworks of ethical decision-making and how to apply principles of critical thinking to those frameworks in practice, research, and policy arenas. Social workers recognize personal values and the distinction between personal and professional values. They also understand how their personal experiences and affective reactions influence their professional judgment and behavior. Social workers understand the profession's history, its mission, and the roles and responsibilities of the profession. Social Workers also understand the role of other professions when engaged in inter-professional teams. Social workers recognize the importance of life-long learning and are committed to continually updating their skills to ensure they are relevant and effective. Social workers also understand emerging forms of technology and the ethical use of technology in social work practice. Social workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make ethical decisions by applying the standards of 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; • use reflection and self-regulation to manage personal values and maintain professionalism in practice situations; • demonstrate professional demeanor in behavior; appearance; and oral, written, and electronic communication; • use technology ethically and appropriately to facilitate practice outcomes; and • use supervision and consultation to guide professional judgment and behavior. 		
Suggested Activities: Students MUST chose at least one activity from this list	Date	Evaluation Score
Read agency policies and handbook, complete all required employee code of conduct trainings/on boarding, adhere to agency expectations regarding dress, hours, punctuality, and client confidentiality		
Review NASW Code of Ethics and any Hawaii state laws or ethical codes that pertain the work with this agency or agency clients. Know when you are required to be a mandated reporter and how to complete such reports.		



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Maintain appropriate documentation and technology use within the agency, such as case notes, billing documentation, email correspondence, and observe agency’s social media policies.		
Identify areas of tension between personal and professional values, actively seek to understand the impact of personal experience on professional judgement and behavior and discuss this in supervision.		
Identify a situation in which you and/or the client are experiencing transference/countertransference and address this in supervision.		
Discuss personal and professional boundaries and the importance of maintaining these boundaries with your supervisor. Identify any areas of conflict around boundaries and develop a plan to address it.		
Take initiative towards increasing your level of knowledge, skill, and professional behavior (e.g., participation in seminars, additional readings, or CEUs).		
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Competency Two: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice		
<p>Social workers understand how diversity and difference characterize and shape the human experience and are critical to the formation of identity. The dimensions of diversity are understood as the intersectionality of multiple factors including but not limited to age, class, color, culture, disability and ability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and expression, immigration status, marital status, political ideology, race, religion/spirituality, sex, sexual orientation, and tribal sovereign status. Social workers understand that, as a consequence of difference, a person’s life experiences may include oppression, poverty, marginalization, and alienation as well as privilege, power, and acclaim. Social workers also understand the forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination and recognize the extent to which a culture’s structures and values, including social, economic, political, and cultural exclusions, may oppress, marginalize, alienate, or create privilege and power. Social workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply and communicate understanding of the importance of diversity and difference in shaping life experiences in practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels; • present themselves as learners and engage clients and constituencies as experts of their own experiences; and • apply self-awareness and self-regulation to manage the influence of personal biases and values in working with diverse clients and constituencies. 		
Suggested Activities: Students MUST chose at least one activity from this list	Date	Evaluation Score
Discuss in supervision issues of self-awareness and difference among client population and agency staff, addressing personal biases.		
Review case file(s)/engage in a client interaction(s), identifying aspects of human diversity (e.g., gender, race, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, level of ablement, age) and discuss/write a summary about how they are specifically impacting the client’s situation. In other words, complete a psycho-		



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social assessment for a client using the ecosystems model and identify systemic injustices that might impact the client.		
Use the ADDRESSING framework to create a case conceptualization of a client and to understand how your differences from the client may impact the helping relationship. Discuss your conclusions in supervision.		
Research via books, videos, empirical journal articles and/or other materials the population(s) served by the placement setting and develop a resource file or an annotated bibliography for agency use.		
Create a training or presentation for agency staff about microaggressions and discuss any observed microaggressions are handled by the agency.		
Go through the intake process as a client		
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Competency Three: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice		
<p>Social workers understand that every person regardless of position in society has fundamental human rights such as freedom, safety, privacy, an adequate standard of living, health care, and education. Social workers understand the global interconnections of oppression and human rights violations, and are knowledgeable about theories of human need and social justice and strategies to promote social and economic justice and human rights. Social workers understand strategies designed to eliminate oppressive structural barriers to ensure that social goods, rights, and responsibilities are distributed equitably and that civil, political, environmental, economic, social, and cultural human rights are protected. Social workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> apply their understanding of social, economic, and environmental justice to advocate for human rights at the individual and system levels; and engage in practices that advance social, economic, and environmental justice. 		
Suggested Activities: Students MUST chose at least one activity from this list	Date	Evaluation Score
Attend an advocacy event (e.g., NASW Advocacy day, UN related advocacy day, walk/run in 5K on an advocacy issues, dinners) and process event with supervisor.		
Organize or help organize and advocacy event or an event to raise awareness about agency services		
Read proposed state legislation (https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/) and provide testimony		
Use empowerment perspective to organize agency clients and/or agency staff to do self-advocacy (e.g. letter writing, protesting, providing testimony, social media campaigns, etc.)		
Identify social and economic barriers to optimal wellbeing of agency client population and discuss possible strategies toward advocating for justice during supervision.		



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Interview someone who works in the field of advocacy (e.g., NAMI, NAACP, domestic violence shelter) and Identify program goals and barriers in service provision.		
Research current events via social media, newspapers or news stories highlighting issues of human rights and justice and discuss in supervision.		
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Competency Four: Engage in Practice-Informed Research and Research-Informed Practice		
<p>Social workers understand quantitative and qualitative research methods and their respective roles in advancing a science of social work and in evaluating their practice. Social workers know the principles of logic, scientific inquiry, and culturally informed and ethical approaches to building knowledge. Social workers understand that evidence that informs practice derives from multi-disciplinary sources and multiple ways of knowing. They also understand the processes for translating research findings into effective practice. Social workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use practice experience and theory to inform scientific inquiry and research; • apply critical thinking to engage in analysis of quantitative and qualitative research methods and research findings; and • use and translate research evidence to inform and improve practice, policy, and service delivery. 		
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Identify a client presenting problem/issue and use research to select the best evidence based intervention for the client's specific presenting problem		
Participate in forming questions and data collection strategies for a program evaluation		
Analyze data obtained through intervention/program evaluation methods and use findings to suggest ways to improve practice, policy and/or service delivery.		
Create an AB, ABA, or ABC single-subject intervention design for a client and measure clients progress/outcomes		
Select a validated measure from research literature (e.g. BAI, BDI, PSS, OQ, etc.) and implement it to track clients treatment progress		
Attend a CEU workshop or certified training program (e.g. Matrix, SBIRT, CPR, CITI, etc.)		



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Competency Five: Engage in Policy Practice		
<p>Social workers understand that human rights and social justice, as well as social welfare and services, are mediated by policy and its implementation at the federal, state, and local levels. Social workers understand the history and current structures of social policies and services, the role of policy in service delivery, and the role of practice in policy development. Social workers understand their role in policy development and implementation within their practice settings at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels and they actively engage in policy practice to effect change within those settings. Social workers recognize and understand the historical, social, cultural, economic, organizational, environmental, and global influences that affect social policy. They are also knowledgeable about policy formulation, analysis, implementation, and evaluation. Social workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify social policy at the local, state, and federal level that impacts well-being, service delivery, and access to social services; • assess how social welfare and economic policies impact the delivery of and access to social services; • apply critical thinking to analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies that advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice. 		
Suggested Activities: Students MUST chose at least one activity from this list	Date	Evaluation Score
Analyze an agency policy using a policy analysis, and make a proposal for a planned change, advocacy, or policy effort in the agency or community.		
Participate as a member at large or student representative on the NASW Political Action for Candidate Endorsement Committee (PACE).		



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Participate in a budget planning meeting and/or participate in writing a grant		
Attend the NASW day of advocacy and speak to elected state officials about the policy initiatives that the state NASW chapter is supporting		
Read proposed state legislation (https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/) and provide testimony		
Use empowerment perspective to organize agency clients and/or agency staff to do self-advocacy (e.g. letter writing, protesting, providing testimony, social media campaigns, etc.)		
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Competency Six: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities		
<p>Social workers understand that engagement is an ongoing component of the dynamic and interactive process of social work practice with, and on behalf of, diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers value the importance of human relationships. Social workers understand theories of human behavior and the social environment, and critically evaluate and apply this knowledge to facilitate engagement with clients and constituencies, including individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers understand strategies to engage diverse clients and constituencies to advance practice effectiveness. Social workers understand how their personal experiences and affective reactions may impact their ability to effectively engage with diverse clients and constituencies. Social workers value principles of relationship-building and inter-professional collaboration to facilitate engagement with clients, constituencies, and other professionals as appropriate. Social workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to engage with clients and constituencies; and • use empathy, reflection, and interpersonal skills to effectively engage diverse clients and constituencies. 		
Suggested Activities: Students MUST chose at least one activity from this list	Date	Evaluation Score
Complete an intake for _____(insert number) of clients, demonstrating engagement skills of empathy, reflection of content and meaning, and establish rapport		
Maintain a caseload of _____(insert number) of clients, demonstrating engagement skills of empathy, reflection of content and meaning, and establish rapport		
Discuss in supervision cultural characteristics of a client or client group and how those characteristics impact engagement.		



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Engage in a community outreach event		
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Competency Seven: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
<p>Social workers understand that assessment is an ongoing component of the dynamic and interactive process of social work practice with, and on behalf of, diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers understand theories of human behavior and the social environment, and critically evaluate and apply this knowledge in the assessment of diverse clients and constituencies, including individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers understand methods of assessment with diverse clients and constituencies to advance practice effectiveness. Social workers recognize the implications of the larger practice context in the assessment process and value the importance of inter-professional collaboration in this process. Social workers understand how their personal experiences and affective reactions may affect their assessment and decision-making. Social workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collect and organize data, and apply critical thinking to interpret information from clients and constituencies; • apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in the analysis of assessment data from clients and constituencies; • develop mutually agreed-on intervention goals and objectives based on the critical assessment of strengths, needs, and challenges within clients and constituencies; and • select appropriate intervention strategies based on the assessment, research knowledge, and values and preferences of clients and constituencies.



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Suggested Activities: Students MUST chose at least one activity from this list	Date	Evaluation Score
Conduct client biopsychosocial assessments on (insert #) _____ clients to facilitate holistic assessments.		
Create theory based tools such as an eco-map / genogram / social identity wheel from case file or client interview and use to facilitate an analysis of assessment information obtained from clients.		
Develop individualized treatment plans based on the assessment, research knowledge and values and preferences of clients and constituencies.		
Implement evidence based assessment tools (e.g. BAI, BDI, OQ, etc.) to capture a client’s baseline symptoms		
Research assessment tools that would be beneficial for agency use and create a resource catalog.		
Assess client’s case management needs and compile a resource/referral list for the client based on these needs		
Conduct a community needs assessment		
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Competency Eight: Intervene Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities		
<p>Social workers understand that intervention is an ongoing component of the dynamic and interactive process of social work practice with, and on behalf of, diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers are knowledgeable about evidence-informed interventions to achieve the goals of clients and constituencies, including individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers understand theories of human behavior and the social environment, and critically evaluate and apply this knowledge to effectively intervene with clients and constituencies. Social workers understand methods of identifying, analyzing and implementing evidence-informed interventions to achieve client and constituency goals. Social workers value the importance of inter-professional teamwork and communication in interventions, recognizing that beneficial outcomes may require interdisciplinary, inter-professional, and inter-organizational collaboration. Social workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • critically choose and implement interventions to achieve practice goals and enhance capacities of clients and constituencies; • apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in interventions with clients and constituencies; • use inter-professional collaboration as appropriate to achieve beneficial practice outcomes; • negotiate, mediate, and advocate with and on behalf of diverse clients and constituencies; and • facilitate effective transitions and endings that advance mutually agreed-on goals. 		
Suggested Activities: Students MUST chose at least one activity from this list	Date	Evaluation Score



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Facilitate or Co-facilitate individual, group, or family interventions, seek feedback from co-facilitator and/or supervisor.		
Identify a client presenting problem/issue and use research to select the best evidence based intervention for the client's specific presenting problem then implement the intervention.		
Research referral sources within the community, discuss their role in meeting community needs and develop resource cards/referral handout.		
Identify potential grants to fund service or programs and participate in the development of the grant.		
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Competency Nine: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities		
<p>Social workers understand that evaluation is an ongoing component of the dynamic and interactive process of social work practice with, and on behalf of, diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. Social workers recognize the importance of evaluating processes and outcomes to advance practice, policy, and service delivery effectiveness. Social workers understand theories of human behavior and the social environment, and critically evaluate and apply this knowledge in evaluating outcomes. Social workers understand qualitative and quantitative methods for evaluating outcomes and practice effectiveness. Social workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> select and use appropriate methods for evaluation of outcomes; apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in the evaluation of outcomes; critically analyze, monitor, and evaluate intervention and program processes and outcomes; and apply evaluation findings to improve practice effectiveness at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. 		
Suggested Activities: Students MUST chose at least one activity from this list	Date	Evaluation Score
Review and utilize the existing evaluation tools and data collection strategies used in the field agency and apply to client interventions.		
Collect data for special agency projects/program evaluation, participate in data analysis and make suggestions.		



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Engage in ongoing assessment and evaluation of client progress towards identified goals and adjust practice when appropriate.		
Interview either a practitioner, clinical supervisor, or program manager/administrator regarding how the practitioner evaluates her/his practice OR how the organization evaluates its program(s).		
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Field Instructor/Supervisor Date

Student Date

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