SOCIAL WORK FIELD JOURNAL

As part of the field requirement, a journal is required for every week you attend your field placement\(^1\). It is strongly recommended that the student discuss the journal with his/her Field Instructor. The primary objective of the field journal assignment is for students to demonstrate an understanding of academic knowledge in the practice setting. The framework for the journal may include the student’s experience related to any of the following areas: professional ethics/values, diversity, agency policy, multi-level assessments, human behavior, research, resiliency in your client system, etc. Journals also provide an opportunity for Liaisons to monitor the student’s educational learning experience. Field Instructors have been informed about this assignment and it is expected that each student will complete his/her journal writing during assigned field time. If a student is absent from field, the student must submit a journal indicating the date(s) missed and the arrangements made to make up the time.

Format: Each journal must include student’s name, the name of the agency, the date the journal is submitted, and the week the journal is covering. The journal must be double-spaced and typewritten in 12 inch Times New Roman Font with one-inch margins. A sample format is attached.

Length: The journal must be a minimum of one page and no longer than two pages.

Content: Please respond to the following questions in your journal each week and provide a narrative for personal reflection about the practicum experience.

1. Did you meet with your field instructor for your required one-hour supervision this week? If not, why? Did you discuss your field journal with your field instructor?

2. Are you working with a client(s)? If not, why?

Self-Awareness and Exploration: In narrative form, write about yourself in relation to your field experience this week. Explore your strengths and vulnerabilities with clients and co-workers. Write about counter transference issues or about your personal fears/biases (as they relate working with others). Address any personal concerns you have about your ability to work with certain issues or populations.

\(^1\)Student agrees to maintain satisfactory performance in and will satisfactorily complete the courses, training, seminars, and field placements designated by the University to satisfy the requirements of the Program. Title IV-E Social Work Student Contract, Page 3, Paragraph 3.
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