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Classroom: Virtual
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Course Information

Course Description
A supervised field education experience of at least 250 hours in an approved agency appropriate to social work; fosters the integration of classroom knowledge, values, and ethics with practice based knowledge that seeks to increase practice skills and promotes professional competence.

The social work field education experience, sometimes called “field education,” “practicum,” “internship,” and so forth is paramount to the development of social work students. The field education experience is a central form of instruction and learning in which professional socialization occurs, and the field experience builds upon the core social work curriculum (junior year). This course has two parts that occur concurrently. Part I of the course is what is called a field education seminar. During this part of this course students will meet with the instructor for one hour a week during the semester. In the field education seminar students receive their agency and class assignments, review the field education experience requirements, make contact with their agency supervisor, develop a learning plan, and review the NASW Code of Ethics.

Part II of the course is the actual field education experience. Students are required to complete 250 hours; 6 hours of classroom education and 244 hours of supervised

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experience at their assigned agency site. It is during the supervised field education experience where students learn to integrate theoretical and conceptual knowledge learned in the classroom with practical experience of doing generalist social work. This is a time when social work students are allowed to put to use the knowledge learned, practice the skills, and exercise the values/attitudes that they have discussed and learned in the classroom. During the second portion of the course, students are required to meet with their agency supervisor for at least one (1) hour each week; additional meetings may be necessary depending on the agreements between the student and the student’s agency supervisor.

Course Credits
3 credit hours

Prerequisite and Co-requisite Courses
SWK 6373

Prerequisite Skills
An understanding of human behavior theories, social work competencies, values, ethics, and skills needed for work at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels of advanced generalist practice. Accessing Internet websites, using ASU Library resources, and proficiency with Microsoft Word and/or PowerPoint are expectations of the Department of Social Work

Program Outcomes
Upon completion of the program of study for the MSW program, the graduate will be prepared to:

Student Learning Outcomes

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<td>Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior</td>
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<td>A1.3 Demonstrate the ability to critically analyze cases and articulate how to manage ethical issues in practice scenarios.</td>
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| Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice | Final Evaluation | A2.1 Demonstrate culturally centered practice that recognizes the diversity that exists between, among, and within different groups. |
| Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice | Final Evaluation | A3.3 Compare how social, economic, cultural, and political frameworks can oppress and violate human rights. |
| Competency 4: Engage In Practice-informed Research and Research informed Practice | Final Evaluation | A4.1 Appraise, evaluate, and propose various methods of program evaluation. |
| Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice | Final Evaluation | A5.2 Evaluate the impact (intended and unintended) of global polices and regulations. |
| Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities | Final Evaluation | A6.3 Utilize self-reflective and intrapersonal skills to effectively engage diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, communities, and constituencies. |
| Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities | Final Evaluation | A7.1 Articulates and demonstrates the influence theory has on assessment process. |
| Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities | Final Evaluation | A8.1 Utilize leadership skills to promote sustainable change in the intervention process. |
| Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities | Final Evaluation | A9.1 Discern evaluation methods to measure the extent of change to individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. |

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Course Delivery
This is a Face to Face course offering. The course will be delivered via the Blackboard Learning Management System. The course site can be accessed at ASU's Blackboard Learning Management System and in the classroom. In addition, the course utilizes InPlace Field Management software.

Recommended Texts and Materials


Required Readings:
- Field education manual
- NASW Code of Ethics
- Texas Board of Social Work Examiners webpage
- Texas Board of Social Work Examiners (TBSWE) Code of Conduct
- TBSWE Scope of Practice
- TBSWE Rules
- NASW Guidelines for Social Work Safety in the Workplace
- NASW Standards for Cultural Competence in Social Work Practice
- Indicators for the Achievement of the NASW Standards for Cultural Competence in Social Work Practice
- NASW Standards for Social Work Case Management
- NASW Best Practice Standards in Social Work Supervision
- Managing Clients Who Present with Anger
- NASW Standards and Guidelines for the area(s) related to your field agency setting
- Field Education Agency Policy & Procedures
- Pertinent Federal, State, & Local policies
- Evidenced-based practice/best practice research articles

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NOTE: All assignments submitted in this course are to be written in strict accordance with the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th ed.)2nd Publication.

Technology Requirements

Testing via Respondus™ Monitor
Access to Exams will be through Respondus™ Lockdown Browser and will be video recorded via Respondus™ Monitor [See Other Required Materials for a list of needed equipment]. Use of another electronic device is prohibited.

There is one practice quiz: a short 10 question practice quiz over ASU trivia that is not graded. This tool will be available to the student to assure accessibility. Students are highly encouraged to go through the practice quiz in advance of taking a graded quiz. This process will allow you to become familiar with the technology associated with testing and improve the testing environment. These quizzes, instructional videos, and more information regarding Respondus Monitor can be found under the Respondus Monitor Help tab in your Blackboard course.

To participate in one of ASU’s distance education programs, you need this technology:

• A computer capable of running Windows 7 or later, or Mac OSX 10.8 or later
• The latest version of one of these web browsers: internet Explorer, Firefox, or Safari
• Microsoft Office Suite or a compatible Open Office Suite
• Adobe Acrobat Reader
• High Speed Internet Access
• Ethernet adapter cable required (wireless connections can drop during tests and Collaborate sessions)
• Webcam

Refer to Angelo State University's Distance Education website for further technology requirements: Angelo State University's Distance Education Website

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**Topic Outline**
Varies but relates to the Scope of Practice, NASW Code of Ethics, Field Practicum experiences, and ethical dilemmas, and additional class discussions.

**Communication**

Faculty will respond to email and/or telephone messages within 24 hours during working hours Monday through Friday. Weekend messages may not be returned until Monday.

- *Please note that emails received after 6 p.m. will be answered the following morning.*

**Written communication via email:** All private communication will be done exclusively through your ASU email address. Check frequently for announcements and policy changes. In your emails to faculty, include the course name and section number in your subject line.

**Virtual communication:** Office hours and/or advising may be done with the assistance of the telephone, Collaborate, Skype, etc.

**Grading**

**Evaluation and Grades**
Course grades will be determined as indicated in the table below.

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**Grading System**
Course grades will be dependent upon completing course requirements and meeting the student learning outcomes.

The following grading scale is in use for this course:

- **A** = 90.00-100 points
- **B** = 80.00-89.99 points
- **C** = 70.00-79.99 points
- **D** = 60.00-69.99 points
- **F** = 0-59.99 points (Grades are not rounded up)

**Teaching Strategies**
Students are expected to be “active learners.” It is a basic assumption of the instructor that students will be involved (beyond the materials and lectures presented in the course) discovering, processing, and applying the course information using peer-review journal articles, researching additional information and examples on the Internet, and discussing course material and clinical experiences with their peers.

**Assignment and Activity Descriptions**
*Please note: Rubrics for all assignments and activities are located at the end of this syllabus.*

**Completed Professional Development Plan/Learning Contract and Schedule** 20%

By class time of the third (3rd) week of the course, students will submit a completed Professional Development Plan/Learning Contract as well as a completed Schedule form to the Social Work Field Education Liaison. The professional development plan/learning contract will detail the specific work assignments and activities through which students will achieve each of the practice behaviors. This document will need to be signed by the student, the student’s Field Instructor first, and then by the Social Work Field Education Liaison or Director.

You will utilize your job description to assist you in developing activities to meet your learning objectives. Be as specific as possible. As a graduate generalist social work student, your learning goals should reflect efforts to demonstrate skills in each practice behavior as stated by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

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and the Social Work Program at Angelo State University. These learning goals will become the basis for evaluating your accomplishments and performance during your Field Education experience.

The student is the main author of the learning plan. The field instructor will provide minimal assistance and guidance, and final acceptance of the plan/contract. The Field Instructor is not to complete this document. Students are expected to struggle with this and learn in the process of creating it. This document will need to be signed by the student, the student’s Field Instructor first, and then by the Social Work Field Education Liaison or Director.

Time Sheets/Supervision Log 0%

• You will submit a filled out time sheet form and supervision log each day that records the quantity of hours that you completed in your field education experience each week. **No time-sheets/supervision logs will be accepted more than 2 week after their due date.**
• In order for any time-sheet to be accepted and included for cumulative hours, each time-sheet will have to meet the following criteria:
  • Signed and dated original by both student and field instructor
  • Minimum of 1 hour of supervision documented for that week
  • Form is completed and accurate, with accurate calculations both within the time-sheet and from one week to another (this includes a complete and accurate heading)
• Enter time accurately. Do not round.
• **Review guidelines on originals and copies**

**Please note:** Hours for Field Education II are not a continuation of hours for Field Education I. You must accrue a minimum of 250 hours at your field placement each semester. If you complete more than 250 hours at your field site in the spring semester, these hours will not carry over to summer. Also, you cannot complete your time at field placement prior than dead week.

Written submissions 20%

Students will submit a report about their experience at their field agency during each week in which hours for field education were accrued. The course schedule will determine which type of assignment is due any given week.

• Resume

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Mid-Term Evaluation 20%

By the end of the 5th week of the course, students and Field Instructors will collaboratively complete a mid-term evaluation of the student’s practice knowledge, values, attitudes, and skills. In order to promote self-evaluation, students will first independently complete an evaluation. This evaluation will be submitted to the Field Instructor. Student and Field Instructor will then complete the evaluation collaboratively. The completed evaluation will be submitted to the Social Work Field Education Liaison. This document will need to be signed by the student, the student’s Field Instructor first, and then by the Social Work Field Education Liaison or Director.

Final Evaluation 40%

By the day of the final site visit meeting, students and Field Instructors will collaboratively complete a final evaluation of the student’s practice knowledge, values, attitudes, and skills. In order to promote self-evaluation, students will first independently complete an evaluation. This evaluation will be submitted to the Field Instructor (no later than the end of the 6th week, but depending on the day of the site visit, it may need to be completed earlier). Student and Field Instructor will then complete the evaluation collaboratively. The completed evaluation will be submitted to the Social Work Field Education Liaison. This document will need to be signed by the student, the student’s Field Instructor first, and then by the Social Work Field Education Liaison or Director.

Students are required to address NASW Code of Ethics each week in supervision. If a student has not initiated a discussion of at least one ethical standard from NASW Code of Ethics each week during supervision, the student’s final evaluation grade will be lowered 10 points.

Assignment Submission

All assignments MUST be submitted through the Assignments link in the Blackboard site. This is for grading, documenting, and archiving purposes. Issues with technology use arise from time to time. If a technology issue does occur regarding an assignment submission, email me at sgallander@angelo.edu and attach a copy of what you are trying to submit. Please contact the IT Service Center at (325) 942-2911 or go to your Technology Support tab to report the issue.

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This lets your faculty know you completed the assignment on time and are just having problems with the online submission feature in Blackboard. Once the problem is resolved, submit your assignment through the appropriate link. This process will document the problem and establish a timeline. Be sure to keep a backup of all work.

**Late Work or Missed Assignments Policy**

**POLICY ON LATE OR MISSED ASSIGNMENTS**
The course is set up on weekly modules. The week begins on Monday and ends on Sunday. Assignment due dates are shown on the calendar/schedule of this syllabus or posted within Blackboard. Failure to submit your assignments on the assigned date will result in a zero. No assignments will be accepted past the due date without university approved reasons such as medical issues or active military duties.

**General Policies Related to This Course**
All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:

- Angelo State University Student Handbook\(^1\)
- Angelo State University Catalog\(^2\)

**Student Responsibility and Attendance**
This class is asynchronous, meaning you do not have to be on-line at a certain time. There are readings which you will have to complete to be able to adequately participate in individual and group assignments. In order to complete this course successfully, you do have to participate in all course activities i.e. discussion boards, course projects, reflective logs, etc. Students are expected to engage in course activities and submit work by due dates and times. The hope is that students will make substantive contributions which reflect integration of assigned materials as well as any outside readings as appropriate. Scholarly contribution is an expectation. For planning purposes, this class will probably require a minimum of 6-9 study hours per week on average.

*Note:* This course may utilize Collaborate to engage in role plays, case study, and interaction. A day and 2 session times will be offered for students to have some flexibility. **Attendance is mandatory.** Collaborate times will be posted in Banner and a reminder email will be sent the day of the sessions.

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Academic Integrity
Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

The College of Health and Human Services adheres to the university's Statement of Academic Integrity.³

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.

Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website.⁴ The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is:

Dallas Swafford
Director of Student Disability Services
Office of Student Affairs 325-942-2047
dallas.swafford@angelo.edu
Houston Harte University Center, Room 112

Incomplete Grade Policy
It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 Grading Procedures⁵ for more information.

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Plagiarism
Plagiarism is a serious topic covered in ASU’s Academic Integrity policy in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else’s work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one’s own. Plagiarism is literary theft.

In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word-for-word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list.

Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the ASU Writing Center.

Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Days
A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day for more information.

Copyright Policy
Students officially enrolled in this course should make only one printed copy of the given articles and/or chapters. You are expressly prohibited from distributing or reproducing any portion of course readings in printed or electronic form without written permission from the copyright holders or publishers.

Syllabus Changes
The faculty member reserves the option to make changes as necessary to this syllabus and the course content. If changes become necessary during this course, the faculty will notify students of such changes by email, course announcements and/or via a discussion board announcement. It is the student’s responsibility to look for such communications about the course on a daily basis.

Title IX at Angelo State University
Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual

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intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.

You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Boone, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

Online: [www.angelo.edu/incident-form](http://www.angelo.edu/incident-form)
Face to face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
Phone: 325-942-2022
Email: michelle.boone@angelo.edu

*Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171).*

For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State’s policy please visit: [www.angelo.edu/title-ix](http://www.angelo.edu/title-ix).

Course Schedule

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|           | Lecture Topic: Discussion of Chapter 1;  
|           | Time Sheet, Supervision Log due in InPlace |
| Week 3     | Lecture Topic: Field Agency, policies  
|           | and procedure, ethical dilemmas  
|           | Learning Contract due Sunday eod  
|           | Time Sheet, Supervision Log due in InPlace |
| Week 4     | Reading: Practicum Companion Chapter 2 Lecture  
|           | Topic: ethical dilemmas  
|           | Resume’ due Sunday at eod  
|           | Time Sheet, Supervision Log due in InPlace |
| Week 5     | Lecture Topic: Field Agency, policies  
|           | and procedure, ethical dilemmas  
|           | Midterm Evaluations/Site Visits  
|           | Time Sheet, Supervision Log due in InPlace |
| Week 6     | Reading: Practicum Companion Chapter 3  
|           | Lecture Topic: Code of ethics, safety, etc.  
|           | Time Sheet, Supervision Log due in InPlace |
| Week 7     | Lecture Topic: Field Agency, scope of practice, ethical  
|           | dilemmas  
|           | Time Sheet, Supervision Log due in InPlace |
| Week 8     | Reading: Practicum Companion Chapter 4  
|           | Lecture Topic: Supervision  
|           | Time Sheet, Supervision Log due in InPlace  
|           | Case Presentation due Sunday eod |
| Week 9     | Lecture Topic: Field Agency, policies  
|           | and procedure, ethical dilemmas  
|           | Case Presentations  
|           | Time Sheet, Supervision Log due in InPlace |

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### Student Evaluation of Faculty and Course

Students in all programs are given the opportunity to evaluate their courses and the faculty who teach them. Evaluations are most helpful when they are honest, fair, constructive, and pertinent to the class, clinical experience, or course. Faculty value student evaluations, and use student suggestions in making modifications in courses, labs and clinical experiences. Angelo State University uses the IDEA (Individual Development and Educational Assessment) system administered through Kansas State University for all course evaluations. The Office of Institutional Research and Assessment administers IDEA for the entire university, online and has established a policy whereby students can complete course evaluations free from coercion.

1. Gaining a basic understanding of the subject (e.g., factual knowledge, methods, principles, generalizations, theories)
2. Developing knowledge and understanding of diverse perspectives, global awareness, or other cultures
3. Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions)
4. Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course
5. Acquiring skills in working with others as a member of a team
6. Developing creative capacities (inventing, designing, writing, performing in art, music, drama, etc.)
7. Gaining a broader understanding and appreciation of intellectual/cultural activity (music, science, literature, etc.)
8. Developing skill in expressing oneself orally or in writing
9. Learning how to find, evaluate, and use resources to explore a topic in depth
10. Developing ethical reasoning and/or ethical decision making
11. Learning to analyze and critically evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view
12. Learning to apply knowledge and skills to benefit others or serve the public good
13. Learning appropriate methods for collecting, analyzing, and interpreting numerical information

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End of Syllabus

2. https://www.angelo.edu/catalogs/
4. https://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/
5. https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14197-op-1011-grading-procedures
7. https://www.angelo.edu/dept/writing_center/academic_honesty.php
8. https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14206-op-1019-student-absence-for-observance-of

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