**WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK**

**FIELD PRACTICUM AGREEMENT**

Statement of understanding involving West Chester University’s Undergraduate Social Work Program, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and

Student Name

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Practicum Site Name Field Instructor

**Expectations of Students**

agree to:

1. Inform myself on and adhere to the policies and procedures of the Undergraduate Department of Social Work and the agencies in which I intern. (See Handbook/Field Manual and Agency Policy and Procedure Manuals)

2. Adhere to the NASW Code of Ethics and implement social work values and professional standards.

3. Adhere to the Undergraduate Social Work Department’s Professional Behavior Standards.

4. Be committed to the welfare of clients, approaching this responsibility in a professional manner, including attending to my client’s needs in the times of crisis.

5. Participate fully and actively in my own learning by expressing my learning needs, evaluating my work, acknowledging my areas of strength and identifying areas where I need to grow and change.

6. I agree to the following specific responsibilities:

a. Keep confidential those interactions, which I conduct or observe, whether written or verbal, between the client, the agency and myself in accord with the spirit of the NASW Code of Ethics.

b. Submit an agenda and other written materials (if requested) to my field instructor in advance of weekly supervision.

c. Inform my field instructor and faculty field liaison of any difficulty, personal or professional, which affects my work performance.

d. Complete assigned tasks on time and in accord with agency and school policy. Notify my field instructor in advance of discussing material from the field in the classroom.

e. Arrange coverage of my clients during vacation periods and at the end of placement.

f. Attend all meetings called by my field liaison, the Director of Field Education, the Chairperson of the Undergraduate Social Work Department.

1. Engage fully in the evaluation process including the final evaluation.

7. Students participating in field experiences pursuant to their course of study may be required to transport clients at the agency for which they are participating in field experience. It is recommended that students transport agency clients in agency vehicles. If an agency vehicle is not available, however, and the student chooses to transport an agency client in their personal vehicle it is mandatory that the student have adequate automobile insurance to cover any incidents that may occur during transportation of the agency client. Therefore, students are encouraged to contact their insurers prior to the commencement of their field practicum to discuss their coverage and any questions that they have about using their personal vehicles to transport clients.

We,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Agree to:

Practicum Field Instructor

1. Share in the mission of West Chester University’s Undergraduate Social Work Program (i.e. to prepare students with a basic competence for an entry level professional generalist social work practice by helping students become reflective, self-evaluating, knowledgeable, developing social workers).

2. Provide direct service responsibility by the second week of placement. Assignments should be made with educational value as the primary consideration.

3. Help the student engage in learning by helping them express and specify their own learning needs and encourage the student to evaluate their own work continuously.

4. Hold the student to accepted standards of professional behavior and notify the program immediately of any failure of the student to live up to the terms of this agreement.

5. We agree to the following specific responsibilities:

a. Prepare for student's arrival by designating workspace and equipment, preparing case assignments, and orientation to the agency and the community.

b. Provide a minimum of one hour of uninterrupted supervision each week at a regularly scheduled, mutually agreed upon time.

c. Hold students to submit an agenda for supervision in advance of the supervision time.

d. Vary assignments to include clients from different cultural, social and religious backgrounds and call for different helping roles, i.e. counseling, mediation, advocacy, and networking. Where possible, have assignments include work with individuals, groups, families, and communities.

e. Provide on-going feedback to the student on their progress in specific areas of practice.

f. Complete a detailed written evaluation at the middle and end of each semester (See the Undergraduate Social Work Program’s Handbook/field manual).

g. Include students in staff meetings, and other professional meetings whenever possible.

h. Attend the orientation and field instructor's meetings at the University.

i. Participate in the on-going evaluation of the content and design of the Undergraduate Social Work Program.

j. Maintain contact with faculty field liaison and Director of Field Education.

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Student's Signature Date

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Field Instructor Date

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Representative of West Chester University’s Undergraduate Social Work Program

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