

**Major Field Assessment Plan
B.A. in Social Work
Spring 2006**

The mission of Southeastern Louisiana University is to lead the educational, economic, and cultural development of Southeast Louisiana, through the core values of excellence, caring, community, diversity, integrity, learning, scholarship, and service.

The mission of the Social Work Program is to provide quality education and training for generalist social work practitioners who will be employed in entry level social work positions or who will experience success in graduate social work education or related educational programs.

The Social Work Program emphasizes a generalist practice model adaptable to planning and implementing interventions in micro, mezzo, and macro level systems. The program content is designed to enhance human well-being and alleviate poverty, oppression, and other forms of social injustice. The program teaches skills necessary for working with diverse populations and populations at risk. The course work and field instruction components increase awareness of the social functioning of individuals, groups, families, and communities impacted by the effects of rural poverty, especially in Southeast Louisiana. The program trains students in empowerment strategies, advocacy roles, policy practice approaches, and research methodologies. The field experience (e.g., internship) promotes the integration of the ethics, values, skills, and knowledge base of the social work profession.

Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: To provide students with a quality degree program representative of the body of knowledge in the field of Social Work.

Objective: Sixty percent of the students graduating in SW will indicate on the Exit Survey and the Alumni Survey that they are satisfied with the overall quality of the SW program.

Goal 2: To provide students with a quality experience in practicum, internship, clinical, or other hands-on training outside of the classroom.

Objective: Sixty percent of the students graduating in SW will indicate on the Exit Survey and the Alumni Survey that they are satisfied with the overall experience in practicum, internship, clinical, or other hands-on training outside of the classroom.

Goal 3: To provide quality instruction and advising in the field of Social Work.

Objective: Sixty percent of the students graduating in SW will indicate on the Exit Survey and the Alumni Survey that they were satisfied with the effectiveness of faculty as teachers and the academic advising received from their SW advisor.

Goal 4: To provide students with experiences in the use of computer resources, technology in the classroom and facilities and equipment appropriate in the field of Social Work.

Objective: Sixty percent of the students graduating in SW will indicate on the Exit Survey and the Alumni Survey satisfaction with the computer resources, technology in the classroom and facilities and equipment appropriate in the field of SW.

Goal 5: The Social Work Program will prepare competent and effective generalist social work practitioners to work effectively with diverse individuals, groups, families, organizations, and small communities in rural areas and yet assure they will be well versed in global and international ramifications of contemporary social and political realities.

Objective: The mean grade earned by 30 students selected randomly from SW 205, 304, 305, 406, and/or 499 will be greater than or equal to 2.5 quality points.

Goal 6: Social work degree candidates will be able to engage in critical analysis, synthesis of research data, and intervention planning necessary for effective participation as professionals in the local, national, international, and global community within which they will work and serve.

Objective: The mean grade earned by 30 students selected randomly from SW 402, 406, 360, 361, and/or 499 will be greater than or equal to 2.5 quality points.

Goal 7: Students will understand the generalist intervention model and its application to work with individuals, groups, families, organizations, and communities – rurally as well as globally.

Objective: A mean grade of a 3.0 quality points or better for all students enrolled in Social Work Internship (SW499) each academic year is used as a referent of the program's effectiveness in training students in the use of the generalist practice model.

Objective: During regularly scheduled visits to Internship sites, the Director of Field Work, or a designated representative, asks the Field Supervisor to rate their student's ability to apply the generalist model to their assigned cases. . This goal is accomplished if 90% or more of the Field instructors surveyed rate their students as either "meeting" or "exceeding" the agency's expectations for

applying the generalist model to cases involving actual clients.

Goal 8: The Social Work Program will prepare students to understand, apply, and promote the values, ethics, purposes, and goals of the Social Work Profession.

Objective: Sixty percent of the students graduating in SW will indicate on the Exit Survey and the Alumni Survey satisfaction with quality of instruction regarding standards and ethics in the field of SW.

Objective: Graduating students will score within two standard deviations of the national average on the Baccalaureate Education Assessment Project's (BEAP) Social Work Values Inventory (SWVI).

Goal 9: Social work students will be adequately prepared for agency employment in a variety of social service agencies, especially those in rural areas and small communities.

Objective: Fifty percent of students will indicate full-time employment on the Alumni Survey.