

## Weekly Field Placement Journal

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Week of: 1/7/2013-1/13/2013

Hours worked this week: 23

Total hours this semester: 460.5

### **Describe meaningful *learning activities/experiences* for this past week.**

This week I spent time conducting biopsychosocial and AOD assessment with clients. I also organized a list of all clients that will be attending the upcoming relapse prevention class. I also met with local political candidates for the upcoming election and discussed issues dealing with individuals with disabilities. I also met with Chattanooga city officials concerning and discussed policies that impact city employees with disabilities and the use of the Employee Assistance Plan and conforming to the ADA law. City officials advised a new position has been created to ensure that the city adheres to the ADA and other federal laws that impact individuals with disabilities.

### **1. Analyze experiences you engaged in this week that challenged you to use what you've learned in a social work course including:**

#### **a. Describe how learning experiences fulfilled *practice behaviors*.**

Completing the biopsychosocial and AOD assessments help me work towards competency 7: Apply knowledge of human behavior and social environment- Synthesize and differentially employ theories of human behavior and the social environment to guide advanced practice. Organizing a list of clients that will be attending the upcoming relapse prevention class helped me work towards competency 3: Apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments-Demonstrate advanced oral and written communication skills in critical decision making contexts. Meeting with local political candidates and city officials helped me work towards Competency5: Advance human rights and social and economic justice – Design and implement social action strategies. It also helped me work towards competency 8: Engage in policy practice to advance social and economic well-being and to deliver effective social work- Advocate with and inform key stakeholders to optimize the impact of policy.

#### **b. Discuss how you implemented learning from class work.**

When dealing with the local political candidates and the officials from the city I noticed I have more confidence than before. Many times as I was sitting there I thought back to when we went to Nashville for class and how we had to interact with the politicians there. I think that experience was one of the best I have had while being at Southern. Even

though it was only for a day it gave me much more insight into how the system works than I had previously known. I also think my CBT and Solution Focused videos helped out a lot. Prior to conducting those videos I would have never spoken in front of group but having the class watch and review the videos was much like speaking in a group for me. I think I gained a lot of knowledge about how to dress and carry myself when conducting these videos.

**2. Describe areas of growth or concern to address during supervision.**

I believe I made a lot of progress this week in dealing with local political candidates as well as city officials. I felt much more comfortable than I had previously due to being more knowledgeable about the aspects of social work. Also when I first started my Practicum here at the Tennessee Department of Corrections I felt somewhat overwhelmed, but this week another Intern returned from break and I actually saw how much progress I had made working here.

**3. Supervisor comments:**

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Student Signature

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Field Instructor

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