

8. Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations and Communities

9. Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations and Communities

Did Not Accrue Practicum Hours

5.1

I identified social policy as it relates specifically to school social workers as I read through and discussed the NSW Standards for School Social Work Services. Reading through these standards helped me gain knowledge about the policies which are specific to social workers practicing in a school setting. This was incredibly useful since I want to go into school social work, and it was a great opportunity for me to gain competencies as a school social work intern.

7.1

This week I collected information and applied critical thinking as I assessed the situation of a student who has missed several days of class and is displaying poor grades at the moment. When I met with him, he gave vague information about having potential medical problems. As I reflected and wrote notes after meeting with him, I realized that there were pieces of information about the situation that might be signs that something more serious is happening in this student's life. I have discussed information with my supervisor, and we agree that there is probably more to the story and the situation, and we will continue to try and understand what is happening for this student.

8.4

I negotiated and advocated for a student who is currently homeless and is about to graduate from Gordon Lee. I sat down with my supervisor, the homeless liaison, and this student, and together we talked about his needs. He stated that he is currently in a good and stable household, and he cannot identify any major needs. His biggest concern right now is that he wants to go to college, but understands the financial barriers that might come with starting school. We talked a lot about scholarships, FAFSA, and resources that can help to increase his opportunities for continuing education. We talked about where he might like to go and what he might like to do with his life after he graduates.