

field instructor training program

ESSENTIAL SOCIAL WORK KNOWLEDGE, VALUES, AND SKILLS

handout 5a

Instructions

This handout provides a list of the essential social work knowledge, values, and skills that students are generally taught in a social work curriculum.

Use this handout as a reference and as a reminder for the theory that should be integrated into each practice experience in which your students participate.

Social work knowledge

- Diversity
- Populations-at-Risk and Social and Economic Justice
- Human Behavior and the Social Environment
- Social Welfare and Policy Services
- Social Work Practice and Interventions
- Research

Social work values

- Service
- Social Justice
- Dignity and Worth of the Person
- Importance of Human Relationships
- Integrity
- Competence

Social work skills

- Attending Skills
- Minimal Encouragers
- Building Rapport
- Clarifying
- Paraphrasing
- Reflecting Feelings
- Summarizing
- Starting Where the Client Is
- Probing
- Partializing
- Seeking Concreteness
- Focusing
- Verbal Following
- Empathic Communication
- Confrontation
- Establishing Goals
- Identifying Tasks
- Contracting
- Educating
- Reframing
- Reviewing and Evaluating
- Terminating Skills