

SWK201 Introduction to Social Work Signature Assignment - Field of Practice Paper

Select one field of social work practice that interests you. Fields of social work practice include:

- mental health
- aging/gerontology
- child welfare
- criminal justice
- family violence
- juvenile justice
- health care
- substance abuse
- school social work
- crisis intervention

PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

Proposal needs to include: (1) field of practice area selected; (2) why this area of practice interested you.

PAPER INSTRUCTIONS

Once you select your social work field of practice you will then learn more about this field of practice using sources that can include you text book but also needs to include at least two peer reviewed article from professional social work journals. Speak with your instructor about it if you need help locating peer reviewed articles.

Your paper needs to include answers to the following questions:

1. Why this area is of interest to you (limit this to 1 paragraph).
2. Describe some details about the target population.
3. What methods and interventions do social workers use when working in this area?
4. What are some specific skills needed for this social work practice area?
5. What are some of the issues and/or conflicts social workers are currently encountering when working in this field?
6. What other professions do social workers interact with when working in this field?
7. What ethical conflicts do social workers in this field frequently face?
8. What level of educational preparation is needed for practice in this field?
9. What types of organization(s)/agency does a social worker in this field work in?

Length: This paper should be 5 - 7 pages in length, double spaced and typed.

Formatting: I expect the basic formatting to be APA (title page (does not count toward page count), page numbers, quotes noted, etc.). This paper does require references formatted in APA style and appropriately cited in the body of the paper. Proof read for spelling and typing errors.

Field of Practice Paper Rubric

Criteria	Novice	Competent	Proficient
Introduction to the field of practice selected	0 Non-performance	10 Introduction is incomplete or lacking detail.	20 Clear introduction about your topic with sufficient details.
Sharing information learned during research process and answering the questions	0 Non-performance	20 Some of the questions and answers are present but lack detail or multiple parts missing.	40 Multiple questions and answers are presented with sufficient detail and information learned.
Reflection on Learning - Insights about what you learned about the field of practice	0 Non-performance	10 Present but lacking specific details or depth about personal learning or career goals.	20 Present and includes insights about what you learned about yourself and your career goals.
APA style	0 Non-performance	5 Some APA components present.	10 Document and reference list formatted in APA style.
Grammar/Spelling	0 Non-performance	5 Presence of some grammar and spelling issues.	10 Document contains proper grammar and no spelling mistakes.

Total points that can be earned = 100