

SWK201 – Introduction to Social Work

Signature Assignment - Interview Paper

- 1) This assignment involves you writing a paper based on an in-person interview with a professionally educated social worker (BSW or MSW) who currently is, or recently has, worked in the field of social work practice you wrote about for your first paper.
- 2) You will need to use the social work practice area identified in your Field of Practice Paper and find a social worker in the community working in that topic area. You will contact one or more agencies to locate a social worker to interview. You will need to follow up if you leave voice mail messages and do not hear back. It is your responsibility to locate a social worker willing to be interviewed.
- 3) In the introductory paragraph, describe the field of practice the social worker currently works in and their current job, including job title and agency.
- 4) The body of the paper will include a summary of the answers to the following questions. Please ask them the following questions:
 1. What led them to pursue a career in social work?
 2. Where have they worked since obtaining their degree?
 3. How long have they worked in their current field of social work practice?
 4. Describe what they do in their current position (the position in the field of practice you are writing about)?
 5. What do they find most rewarding about their job?
 6. What do they find most challenging about their current job?
 7. What has been most stressful in this job?
 8. What do they see as the most pressing social problems confronting their clients?
 9. What ethical challenges have they had to face in their job?
 10. What advice would they have for a new social worker considering going into this field of practice?
- 5) You can also ask them any other questions you would find interesting to add to your knowledge base and, in turn, your paper.

Length: This paper should be 4 - 6 pages in length, double spaced and typed.

Formatting: I expect the basic formatting to be APA (title page (does not count toward page count of 4 – 6), page numbers, quotes noted as such). This paper does not require

references but if you do cite other sources or materials (like the agency's webpage) then you will need to cite appropriately and create a reference page.

Interview Paper Rubric

Criteria	Novice	Competent	Proficient
Introduction to the person you interviewed	0 Non-performance	10 Introduction is incomplete or lacking detail.	20 Clear introduction about who you met with sufficient details.
Sharing information learned in relation to the questions you asked your interviewee	0 Non-performance	20 Some of the questions and answers are present but lack detail or multiple parts missing.	40 The multiple interview questions and answers are presented with sufficient detail and information learned.
Reflection on Learning - Insights about what you learned about the role	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 format is 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