Quick Guide to Undergraduate Practicum
Creighton University Department of Social Work

“Philosophy:
To prepare students for social work practice by guiding their development from student to professional through the collective efforts of the Student, the Agency and the Department of Social Work.”

Hours: 240 are required for both semesters of the senior year.

Learning: the first semester is characterized by breadth and the second by depth of experience.

Role of Supervisor: To integrate social work theory, course work with practice experience.

Qualifications of supervisor: a BSW with two years experience or a MSW.

Level of supervision: one hour weekly supervision, separate from other activities, specifically designated for academic supervision is required.

Field Practicum Supervision: Students are required to take a 3-hour practicum seminar that meets weekly for both semesters.

Generalist Practitioner Experiences: include but are not limited to developing competencies in:

**Individuals**
- Interviewing
- Engagement
- Intake
- Assessment
- Confidentiality
- Establishing case plans
- Identifying a problem
- Selecting an intervention
- Evaluating practice
- Making referrals
- Terminating with a client

**Groups**
- Family process
- Involvement in family process
- Case management
- Facilitate group process

**Organizations**
- Agency mission statement and goals
- Agency structure
- Analyze agency policy
- Agency decision-making
- Inter-agency networking

**Communities**
- Agency networking meetings
- Staff meetings
- Interorganizational meetings

Major Assignments:
First Semester – directed journal that integrates coursework, theory and practice; agency presentation; social history. Second Semester – senior capstone projects that requires students to complete a micro intervention and evaluation with a client and to design a macro intervention on behalf of a client.

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