

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY



SWRK 560: Generalist Field Practicum I
(Fall 2021) (3 credit hours)

Faculty Field Liaison:

Email:

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Office:

Office Hours:

Times/Dates: Fall 2021 – 3 Synchronous Sessions via Zoom- Thursdays- 9/16, 10/14, 11/11 (Optional, but Strongly Encouraged)

Location: Field Practicum Agency

Prerequisites

Admission to the MSW program.

Co-requisite

SWRK 520 Generalist Social Work Practice

Course Description

A beginning application of advanced social work principles and practice skills in a human services environment. Field experiences in an appropriate off-campus setting is required. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to designated or assigned sites.

Course Information

This course focuses on application of skills, knowledge, values, cognitive and affective processes of the generalist social work perspective. As such, it encompasses the experiential (field) component of the first semester generalist MSW field curriculum. This course consists of 200 hours of practicum experience and seven required pre-field training assignments. Students are expected to attend all hours of practicum and training, demonstrating appropriate social work skills and use of self.

*Due to COVID-19, the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), has allowed a reduction of field hours for the 2021/2022 academic year. As an MSW student in the generalist year of placement, the student may select to complete a minimum of 170 hours in each semester (fall and spring), averaging about 15 hours per week. Typically students are required to complete a 200 minimum field hour practicum. Please note that if a student takes the reduction in field hours (completing 170 field hours each semester), it can have future licensure implications in

some states. The student is advised to review the licensure requirements regarding field education hours in all states they may work in the future. The WKU Department of Social Work encourages students not to select the reduction in field hours due to potential licensure implications in other states. Students can talk with their Field Liaison or with the Field Director if they have any questions about reduced field hours.

A critical aspect of this first semester of generalist MSW field education is the beginning acquisition of social work practice roles. The course allows students to experience and reflect upon social work roles and skills covered in Generalist Social Work Practice (SWRK 520), which constitute the foundation of the generalist perspective.

Required Text/Reading

Council on Social Work Education. (2015). *Educational policy and accreditation standards*. Alexandria, VA: Author. Retrieved from <http://www.cswe.org/File.aspx?id=81660>

National Association of Social Workers. (2021). *Code of ethics*. Washington, DC: Author. Retrieved from <https://www.socialworkers.org/About/Ethics/Code-of-Ethics>

SWRK 560 specifically links with SWRK 520 – Generalist Social Work Practice. Refer to current SWRK 520 syllabus for text and required readings.

Important Note: SWRK 560 serves as a capstone course for the MSW generalist year. Therefore, students (and field instructors) should continually draw upon relevant content from required texts and readings for all generalist year coursework.

Recommended Text/Reading

Paul, R. & Elder, L. (2014). *The miniature guide to critical thinking concepts and tools* (7th ed.) Dillon Beach, CA: The Foundation for Critical Thinking.

Graybeal, C. (2001). Strengths-based social work: Transforming the dominant paradigm. *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Human Services*, 82(3), 233-242. Retrieved from https://www.researchgate.net/publication/269957402_Strengths-Based_Social_Work_Assessment_Transforming_the_Dominant_Paradigm

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Ginsberg, L. H. (2011). *Social work in rural communities* (5th ed.). Alexandria: VA: Council on Social Work Education.

MSW Mission Statement

The mission of the MSW program at Western Kentucky University is to prepare students for advanced professional Social Work practice to meet the needs of increasingly diverse rural populations in the community, Kentucky and a global society.

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Definition of Generalist Practice

The Council on Social Work Education defines Generalist Practice as the following:

Generalist practice is grounded in the liberal arts and the person-in-environment framework. To promote human and social well-being, generalist practitioners use a range of prevention and intervention methods in their practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities based on scientific inquiry and best practices. The generalist practitioner identifies with the social work profession and applies ethical principles and critical thinking in practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. Generalist practitioners engage diversity in their practice and advocate for human rights and social and economic justice. They recognize, support and build on the strengths and resiliency of all human beings. They engage in research-informed practice and are proactive in responding to the impact of context on professional practice. The baccalaureate program in social work prepares students for generalist practice. The descriptions of the nine Social Work Competencies presented in the EPAS identify the knowledge, values, skills, cognitive and affective processes, and behaviors associated with competence at the generalist level of practice. (EPAS, 2015, p. 11)

CSWE EPAS Core Competencies for MSW Education

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

2015 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS)

[The Council on Social Work Education \(CSWE\)](#) Commission on Accreditation (COA) and Commission on Educational Policy (COEP) developed the [2015 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards for Baccalaureate and Master's Social Work Programs](#). These standards form the basis for the WKU MSW Generalist Year Curriculum. As part of these standards, there are nine (9) competencies that are required to be implemented in all accredited social work programs. Please review the [MSW Generalist Competencies and Behaviors](#) to develop an understanding of what the WKU MSW students must master prior to moving to the advanced year curriculum.

Upon successful completion of SWRK 560/561 and SWRK 660/661 (along with evidence drawn from all social work coursework), students are expected to demonstrate achievement of the nine competency areas from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Student achievement is measured by evaluating performance of the associated behaviors for each competency that integrate relevant knowledge, values, skills, and affective and cognitive processes. The following details the connection between these course requirements and the core competencies and associated behaviors.

2015 Competencies Addressed in Course	Course Assignments Addressing Behaviors	Course Learning Outcomes	Competency Dimension
Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior	Online Pre-Field Assignments	1	Knowledge
	Learning Plan Tasks	2, 3	Values, Skills
	Reflective Field Journal	1, 4	Knowledge, Cognitive & Affective Processes
	Field Practicum	2, 3	Values, Skills
	Field Evaluation	3	Skills
Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice	Learning Plan Tasks	1, 2	Knowledge, Values
	Reflective Field Journal	1, 3, 4	Knowledge, Skills, Cognitive & Affective Processes
	Field Practicum	2, 3	Values, Skills
	Field Evaluation	3	Skills
Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice	Learning Plan Tasks	2, 3	Values, Skills
	Field Practicum	2, 3	Values, Skills
	Field Evaluation	2, 3	Values, Skills
Competency 4: Engage in Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice	Learning Plan Tasks	1	Knowledge
	Reflective Field Journal	1	Knowledge
	Field Practicum	2	Values
	Field Evaluation	2	Values
Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice	Learning Plan Tasks	2	Values
	Field Practicum	2	Values
	Field Evaluation	2	Values
Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	Learning Plan Tasks	1, 2, 3	Knowledge, Values, Skills
	Reflective Field Journal	1, 4	Knowledge, Cognitive & Affective Processes
	Field Practicum	2, 3	Values, Skills
	Field Evaluation	3	Skills
Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	Learning Plan Tasks	2, 3	Values, Skills
	Field Practicum	2, 3	Values, Skills
	Field Evaluation	3	Skills

2015 Competencies Addressed in Course	Course Assignments Addressing Behaviors	Course Learning Outcomes	Competency Dimension
Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	Learning Plan Tasks	2, 3	Values, Skills
	Field Practicum	2, 3	Values, Skills
	Field Evaluation	3	Skills
Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	Learning Plan Tasks	2, 3	Values, Skills
	Midterm Student Self-Assessment	4	Cognitive & Affective Processes
	Field Practicum	2, 3	Values, Skills
	Field Evaluation	3	Skills

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

Knowledge

1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of competencies 1, 2, 4, and 6 connecting field experiences to the competencies.

Values

2. Demonstrate professional and ethical behaviors in the field practicum.

Skills

3. Demonstrate ability to effectively engage professionally with all populations/client groups served, despite personal bias or values.

Cognitive & Affective Processes

4. Evaluate self-as-professional using the feedback obtained from clients, supervisors, peers, field faculty and their own critical thinking skills.

Course Requirements

Enrollment in Generalist Social Work Practice (SWRK 520) is co-requisite with this course

Specific assignments in SWRK 520 draw upon students' field placement experiences. If a student elects—or is asked—to withdraw from either Generalist Social Work Practice (SWRK 520) or Generalist Field Practicum I (SWRK 560), he/she must withdraw from both.

Field Hours for SWRK 560

Students are required to complete pre-field training consisting of reading and submitting seven assignments to their Faculty Field Liaison prior to beginning their field placement. The Faculty Liaison will review the assignments and approve students to start placement or request revisions before students can start their placement. Please email your liaison if you have any questions.

- The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) has allowed a reduction of field hours through May 2022. Due to the allowance by CSWE, SWRK 560 students may choose to complete the reduction of 170 field practicum hours for Fall 2021. Some states require the minimum 900 field practicum hours to obtain MSW licensure post-graduation, which students will obtain without selecting the reduced hours. For this reason, the WKU Field Office recommends SWRK 560/561 students to complete the 200 field practicum hours each semester rather than the reduced hours as it can have licensure implications in states where students may practice in the future.

Attendance and active engagement are required in field.

Important to note: Simply completing field hours is not completing your field practicum! Field hours should be spent meaningfully; with an eye to effectively (and efficiently) completing your field learning tasks and attaining required competencies. Use your learning plan as a daily roadmap for your experience and add to it if needed. At any time, if you feel you are not

spending your time well in field, you should seek assistance from your field instructor and your field liaison. The student must attend all field supervision sessions (rescheduling if needed), be present for all required liaison contacts, and complete all field-related assignments.

Field Timesheets

Timesheets must be completed for each week in field placement and are submitted to the Faculty Field Liaison due by the 7th of each month for the prior month. The purpose of these logs is to document the number of hours of field completed as well as to track the tasks performed and skills used. Hours not documented and approved will not be credited. Students will complete timesheets in Sonia, the field software program.

Falsification of field hours is a violation of ethics and may result in dismissal from the MSW program.

Learning Plans: Students are expected to have a signed learning plan in place and to complete the tasks that have been mutually developed. Individual tasks for each competency of the learning plans are due within four weeks of entering field and must be signed by the student, field instructor, and field liaison. Students and field instructors may make changes to the tasks based on the realities of the field setting and learning needs of the student, but all changes must be approved by the faculty liaison. The learning plan evaluation (including tasks) will be created and submitted electronically via Sonia, the field software program. Students may not continue accruing field hours after the 4th week of field without an approved learning plan in place.

Meeting with field instructor- Student, as part of her/his field responsibility and commitment to learning, is required to meet formally with their field instructor for a minimum of 1 hour/week. Please alert your liaison if you and your field instructor are not meeting this standard.

The use of critical thinking is expected in field. Understanding of course readings, reflections on field and class activities, discussions, and written assignments will all require you to “think like a professional social worker,” i.e., think critically. Grading of all assignments will include assessment of your use of critical thinking. One important point: critical thinking, when we are first practicing it, sometimes feels slow and difficult, since we are deliberately using a process that introduces new elements into our “regular” ways of thinking.

Students are expected to adhere to all policies contained in the MSW Field Manual. Current field manuals can be found [here](#).

Formal Field Evaluation: The field student is formally evaluated on his/her field performance at midterm and end of each semester. NOTE: Planning for the final evaluation should begin at the start of the semester! All parties (student, field instructor, and the faculty liaison) should review and understand the Core Competencies and agree upon methods of assessment/evaluation, via the learning plan. Each field supervisory session and liaison visit

should include a discussion related to your progress on these competencies and behaviors, including, as needed, planning to address any difficulties.

Field Liaison Visits

Field liaisons will make at least three contacts with the agency field instructor during each semester. Visits (in person or via Zoom) to the agencies will occur at least two times during the semester, with additional visits/contacts at the discretion of the liaison, field instructor, or student. The first visit should occur near the beginning of the semester to assist with, approve or revise the learning plan; the second visit should occur within the last three weeks of the semester's end for evaluations. A phone conference with the student, field instructor, and field liaison at midterm may count as the third contact.

Synchronous Class Sessions- This course also includes 3 synchronous 1-hour sessions for the field students, facilitated by the field liaison. Students are strongly encouraged to attend as they can count the time in their field hours and the information in the session will be pertinent to professional practice in the field.

Description of Course Assignments

Letter to Self

Students are to write a letter to themselves as they begin their field placement. Most students feel a lot of emotions at this point. You may feel excited and nervous at the same time! Please do not forget self-care and to always nurture yourself.

In this assignment, please write yourself a letter and answer the questions below as you think about your entry into the social work field.

- What will you be doing in your placement?
- What are you most excited about?
- What concerns you the most?
- What strengths will you use?
- What challenges will you work to improve?
- How will you practice self-care?
- What resources will you access when you feel stressed?
- Write 3 professional development goals for yourself for this year.

Use the SMART acronym. Here is a [website](#) containing more information:

Specific (simple, sensible, significant).

Measurable (meaningful, motivating).

Achievable (agreed, attainable).

Relevant (reasonable, realistic, and resourced, results-based).

Time bound (time-based, time limited, time/cost limited, timely, time-sensitive).

Close with a paragraph encouraging yourself to be open to all learning experiences in field and to challenge yourself to make the most of your field placement! We will review this assignment at the end of the second semester. So, please think about what you want to accomplish and how you want to view field at the end of the academic year. Be your own cheerleader!

Reflective Field Journals

Students must complete, on time, four journals (Journal 1 written, Journals 2-4 students may choose video or written) related to Competencies 1, 2, 4, and 6 of their learning plan. These journals link to their field setting and required competencies.

See appendix B for details on the journals.

Journals serve the purpose of:

- Relating relevant professional practice information as well as course content to the field practicum setting
- Supplementing the learning plan
- Increasing efficacy and focus for supervision
- Providing self-reflection and insight regarding role as learner and social worker
- Assessing your own progress

Journal postings should be submitted on Blackboard to the field liaison by Sunday 11pm CST of the end of the designated week. The field liaison will provide guidelines to help guide appropriate discussion, emphasizing critical thinking and mutual support for professional learning and growth through respectful questioning and consultation.

Field liaisons may require additional journaling assignments or online discussions. Field instructors may also make such assignments they deem appropriate.

NOTE: Students are expected to submit journals by the due date; however, makeup journals and rewrites will be accepted within 14 days, and/or at the discretion of the liaison. **If journals are not submitted within the 14 days of the due date, students must stop accruing field hours immediately.** It is the student's responsibility to work with his/her liaison on late journals or needed rewrites.

Student Self-assessment

Students are to complete a self-assessment at midterm, review it with their field instructor for discussing during supervision. Students are to document feedback received from their field instructor and submit the assessment and feedback to their field liaison. See the weekly schedule (Appendix A) for the due date.

Evaluation and Grading

Field courses are “Pass/Fail”; however, students are evaluated based on their performance of the competencies, (at least on the beginning level of a MSW practitioner) and the completion of learning plan tasks.

Each competency has behaviors to consider in determining the overall scoring of each competency. The behaviors will have a “minus” if the student has not demonstrated the behavior (only allowed during the first semester), and a “check” if the student has demonstrated the behavior. This evaluation process will be done at the end of semester one and two of the field year. “NA” is allowed in semester one only and means the student has not had a chance to demonstrate the behavior/competency yet. You will notice that the highest score possible for semester one is “3”, which indicates students are not expected work at a high level of mastery at this point in their education.

Students must pass with a “2” grade or higher in each competency on their learning plan in SWRK 560 to advance to semester two. Students must pass with a “3” grade or higher in each competency on their learning plan in SWRK 561 to progress to SWRK 660/661.

Journals/assignments will be graded using the rubric attached. Students must pass all journal assignments with minimum of 3/5 on each rubric section to pass SWRK 560 and proceed to 561.

Public Health

All students are strongly encouraged to [get the COVID-19 vaccine](#). Out of respect for the health and safety of the WKU community and in adherence with CDC guidelines and practices of all public universities and colleges in [Kentucky](#), the University requires that a cloth face covering (reusable or disposable) that covers both the nose and mouth must be worn at all times when in public areas within all buildings. Students must properly wear face coverings while in class regardless of the room size or the nature of the classroom activities. Students who fail to wear a face covering as required will be in violation of the WKU Student Code of Conduct and will be asked to comply or will face disciplinary action, including possible dismissal from the University. Accommodations can be requested in special cases through the Student Accessibility and Resource Center ([SARC](#)): [270-745-5004](#) (voice), [270-745-3030](#) (TTY), or [270-288-0597](#) (video).

All students must immediately report a positive Covid-19 test result or close contact with a person who has tested positive to the Covid-19 Assistance Line at 270-745-2019. The assistance line is available to answer questions regarding any Covid-19 related issue. This guidance is subject to change based on requirements set forth by public health agencies or the office of the governor. Please refer to the Healthy on the Hill website for the most current information. www.wku.edu/healthyonthehill

Academic Support

Most students find that they need some academic support and direction during their time in the university. WKU offers many resources that can help students be successful in this course. These are listed below.

Student Accessibility Resource Center

In compliance with university policy, students with disabilities who require academic and/or auxiliary accommodations for this course must contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center (SARC) located in the Student Success Center in Downing Student Union, Room 1074. The contact telephone number is 270-745-5004 or via email at sarc.connect@wku.edu. Please do not request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a letter of accommodation from SARC.

Writing Center Assistance

The Writing Center is located in 123 Cherry Hall on the Bowling Green campus and also offers online consultations for students who live at a distance or who cannot visit during our operating hours. Our writing tutors have been trained to provide helpful feedback to students at all phases of a writing project: they can help you brainstorm ideas, structure your essay, clarify your purpose, strengthen your support, and edit for clarity and correctness. They will not revise or edit the paper for you. Visit the WKU Writing Center website found [here](#) for making online or face-to-face appointments. You may also call (270) 745-5719 during operating hours (also listed on the website) for help scheduling an appointment.

Off Campus Library Support

The Extended Campus Library Services Office will copy citations and pull library books for students at extended campuses and send them through the mail. There is no cost to students (although you do have to pay to return the library books). WKU also has a courier service to extended campuses. For further information, go to [WKU Libraries](#) and look for Distance Education Library Services. Turn-around time can be anywhere from a few days to two weeks, so plan ahead!

Policy

Students are expected to adhere to all policies contained with the [MSW Student Handbook](#) and the [Code of Student Conduct](#) at Western Kentucky University.

Professionalism

The [NASW Code of Ethics](#) is a guiding framework and source for identifying professional performance. Students are expected to practice in an ethical manner while in the classroom, field placement, or completing assignments pertaining to this course in accordance with the MSW Student Handbook, WKU Student Code of Conduct and the NASW Code of Ethics Behaviors especially under consideration are those related to professional practice, mental illness and/or substance use, illegal activity and classroom behavior. Concerns in any of these four circumstances will be documented and referred for a Student Professional Concerns

Review. Students are expected to understand the policy, in its entirety, found in the MSW Student Handbook.

Social Media

Privacy, confidentiality and professional boundaries must be examined as professional social workers especially in the age of technology. Professional standards found in the NASW Code of Ethics must be strictly followed concerning social media. Students using social media sites are expected to use the highest privacy settings on their social media profiles, so field agency personnel and/or clients cannot access photographs and private information. Students are not permitted to link to or view the social media profiles of clients or employees of the field placement agency. In the event that a student's social media profile or linkage is considered a poor professional practice or an ethical violation, the student issue will be documented in a Professional Concerns Form and referred for a Student Professional Concerns Review.

Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty

Plagiarism and cheating are prohibited. Academic dishonesty is prohibited by the MSW Handbook, the University Code of Student Conduct and is also counter to social work values and ethics included in the NASW Code of Ethics. Students are expected to be familiar with these policies and ethical guidelines and to follow them at all times. Any instances of academic dishonesty will mean a grade of zero "0" for the assignment and/or course failure. Students should review the "Academic Offenses" section of the [WKU Student Handbook](#) and the "Ethical Principles" and "Acknowledging Credit" sections of the [NASW Code of Ethics](#).

Other

The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus as needed with reasonable notice and accommodations for the students.

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Additional texts and readings may be assigned by field instructors.

APPENDIX A

SWRK 560 Weekly Schedule

Week	Competency Focus	Field Assignments
1 8/23- 8/29		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Interview • Pre-field Assignments- WKU Field website, Set up and Review Sonia software • Review Syllabi-Field expectations, requirements, assignments, timesheets
2 8/30- 9/5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All online pre-field orientation assignments must be submitted to liaison before first day of field placement.
3 9/6- 9/12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All online pre-field assignments must be submitted to liaison before first day of field placement.
4 9/13- 9/19		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synchronous Zoom Session- 9/16/21, 5:30-6:30PM CST • Complete the Initial Field Information Form • Review and Develop Learning Plan with FI • Practicum hours • Letter to Yourself Due
5 9/20- 9/26		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule Initial Visit with Field Liaison • Practicum hours
6 9/27- 10/3	Core Competency 1: Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal 1 Due • Practicum hours
7 10/4- 10/10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Plan due to Field Liaison • Practicum hours
8 10/11- 10/17	Core Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synchronous Zoom Session- 10/14/21, 5:30-6:30PM CST • Journal 2 Due • Practicum hours
9 10/18- 10/24	Midterm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student self-assessment due to Field Liaison • Learning Plan midterm comments due to Field Liaison • Practicum hours
10 10/25- 10/31		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practicum hours
11 11/1- 11/7	Core Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal 3 Due • Practicum hours
12 11/8- 11/14		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synchronous Zoom Session- 11/11/21, 5:30-6:30PM CST • Schedule Final Visit • Practicum hours

13 11/15- 11/21	Core Competency 4: Engage in Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal 4 Due • Schedule Final Visit • Practicum hours
14 11/22- 11/28		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practicum hours
15 11/29- 12/5	Evaluation of student field performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Evaluation of Field Placement- Student keeps original; Liaison keeps a copy • Practicum hours (cannot finish hours before this week)
Week 16- 12/6- 12/12 Finals Week		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be used to finish practicum hours, if needed, but hours MUST be completed by Friday of this week

Appendix B

SUPERVISION/FIELD JOURNAL FORMAT

SWRK 560 requires reflective journals of the Competencies 1, 2, 4, and 6. Students are expected to review the [MSW Generalist Competencies and Behaviors](#) for the detailed explanation of the competencies and associated behaviors.

Write a 750-1200 word or record a 5–10-minute video (recorded utilizing Zoom or YouTube) reflective journal relating your field practicum experience and the assigned competency (see the list below for the competency to be covered in each journal). Journals should also include a reflection on your developed self-care plan. The grading rubric for journals can be found at the end of the syllabus. Journals will be submitted on Blackboard.

Be sure to include all the following in each journal:

- Relate the competency for this journal to what you are currently doing in field placement.
 - Discuss your understanding of this competency and the related behaviors. See [MSW Generalist Competencies and Behaviors](#).
 - How have you engaged in the behaviors for this competency at your agency?
- Discussion of what you are doing in your practicum.
 - Briefly describe what you have been doing in field. What are you learning?
 - Describe your strengths in your experiences at your agency.
 - How have your experiences challenged you/helped you grow as a professional Masters level social worker in training?
 - Discuss the feedback you've received during supervision and how you are using that feedback.
 - What are your thoughts/feelings related to your progress as a professional masters level social worker in training?
- Review of your current self-care plan
 - What have you done for self-care?
 - What worked ? What was a barrier/obstacle for self-care during this time?
 - Do you anticipate any upcoming barriers to self-care? How will you overcome these obstacles? What is your plan for self-care emergencies?
 - How/Will your plan change?
 - How will you track the progress of your self-care plan?

Journal	Competency
1 Written	Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior
2 Written or Video	Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice
3 Written or Video	Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
4 Written or Video	Competency 4: Engage in Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice

Appendix C

WKU SW 560/561 Advanced Field Practicum Journal Grading Rubric

Level of Performance						
Content	Failing (0-1)	Failing (2)	Passing with Minimal Expectations (3)	Passing with Proficiency (4)	Passing with Distinction (5)	Score
<i>Attention to details</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Did not submit OR submitted but incomplete •did not follow instructions; •needs to submit or revise; requires consultation with field liaison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Submitted •did not follow instructions; •revision needed; requires consultation with field liaison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Submitted; •followed instructions; •no revision needed but may need consultation with field liaison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Submitted; •followed instructions; •no revision needed; consultation with field liaison not required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Submitted; •followed instructions consistently in all content areas; •no revision needed; consultation with field liaison not required 	
<i>Application to competency and expected behaviors</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Major problems or inconsistencies in requested content areas •identified no learning goals; •<u>written/oral response reflects little or no understanding as evidence of mastery</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Major problems with some requested content areas; •identified vague or very broad learning goals that can apply to any situation; •<u>written/oral response reflects low level of understanding as evidence of mastery</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Some minor problems with requested content areas; •some inconsistencies but clear identifiable learning goals; •<u>written/oral response reflects beginning/average level of understanding as evidence of mastery</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Minimal or no problems with requested content areas; •minimal or no inconsistencies in clearly identifying learning goals; •<u>written/oral response reflects above average level of understanding as evidence of mastery</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •No problems with requested content areas; •consistently and clearly identifies learning goals; •<u>written /oral response reflects advanced level of understanding as evidence of mastery</u> 	
<i>Demonstrates effective written/oral communication</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •No written/oral response OR <u>written/oral response is not clear</u> in all or most areas; •very noticeable errors in mechanics of writing, usage of language, and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •<u>Written /oral response is not clear</u> in multiple areas; •noticeable errors in mechanics of writing, usage of language, and sentence structure on each page; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •<u>Written/oral response is clear</u>; •some noticeable errors in mechanics of writing, usage of language, and sentence structure on some pages; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •<u>Written/oral response is very clear</u>; •minimal or no noticeable errors in mechanics of writing, usage of language, and sentence structure on each page; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •<u>Written/oral response is very clear</u>, •no noticeable errors in mechanics of writing, usage of language, and sentence structure on each page; 	

	<p>sentence structure on each page;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •difficult to understand; •<u>fails to clearly cite</u> sources and references in APA style when appropriate •revision needed & refer to WKU Writing Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •difficult to understand; •major inconsistencies with clearly <u>and</u> accurately citing sources and references in APA style when appropriate •revision needed & refer to WKU Writing Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •generally not affect understanding; •some inconsistencies with clearly <u>and</u> accurately citing sources and references in APA style when appropriate •no revision needed but might benefit from referral to WKU Writing Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •easy to understand; •minimal or no inconsistencies in clearly <u>and</u> accurately citing sources and references in APA style when appropriate •no revision needed; no referral to WKU Writing Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •easy to understand; •consistently inserts <u>and</u> accurately cites sources and references in APA style when appropriate •no revision needed; no referral to WKU Writing Center 	
<i>Attention to self-assessment and self-reflection</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •<u>Fails to provide clear comments and examples</u> in describing personal strengths, challenges, and managing personal values encountered in supervision, interactions with clients and staff, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provides <u>very vague, general comments and examples with major inconsistencies</u> in describing personal strengths, challenges, and managing personal values encountered in supervision, interactions with clients and staff, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provides <u>some clear comments and examples but with some inconsistencies</u> in describing personal strengths, challenges, and managing personal values encountered in supervision, interactions with clients and staff, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provides <u>clear comments and examples with minimal or no inconsistencies</u> in describing personal strengths, challenges, and managing personal values encountered in supervision, interactions with clients and staff, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provides <u>very clear comments and examples with no inconsistencies</u> in describing personal strengths, challenges, and managing personal values encountered in supervision, interactions with clients and staff, etc. 	
						Total _____

Field Liaison Comments: