

# VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY BACCALAUREATE SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

## ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Data reflects outcomes from 2016-2017 Academic Year

### Preamble

Thank you for your interest in the Valparaiso University Department of Social Work Annual Program Review. The Council on Social Work Education requires such reviews for all BSW and MSW Accredited Social Work Programs. The purpose of this review is formative. That means we gather the data in such a way as to help us make improvements. To do this we choose to be demanding of ourselves. Because of that you will notice that we meet most, but not all, of the goals we set for ourselves. For each area where we fall short of our own standards and expectations, we identify a method for making improvements the next year. We will never be perfect and so our evaluation will always find areas for improvement. That's the point.

If you are a parent or a high school student considering social work as a major and considering Valparaiso as a possible place of study, please keep the above statement in mind. Some schools unfortunately choose to make the outcomes of their evaluation communicate that everything is perfect there. Aside from being untrue (no program is perfect), it also gives them no information on how best to improve. We have chosen a different approach, being honest with ourselves and with our constituents. No hiding what we are doing and how we are always striving to improve. Come, take a look. If you choose to join us, we'll ask you to do the same.

This form is used by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Committee on Assessment (COA) to evaluate a program's compliance with the accreditation standards below. CSWE COA states: *The program provides summary data and outcomes for the assessment of each of its competencies, identifying the percentage of students achieving the benchmark. The program uses this Form AS 4 (B) to report assessment outcomes to its constituents and the public on its website and routinely up-dates (minimally every 2 years) these postings.*

All Council on Social Work Education programs measure and report student learning outcomes. Students are assessed on their mastery of the competencies that comprise the accreditation standards of the Council on Social Work Education. These competencies are dimensions of social work practice that all social workers are expected to master during their professional training. A measurement benchmark is set by the social work programs for each competency. An assessment score at or above that benchmark is considered by the program to represent mastery of that particular competency.

	COMPETENCY	COMPETENCY BENCHMARK	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ACHIEVING BENCHMARK
1.	Identify as a Professional Social Worker	80% of students will score at least a 5 on each OPB (1a – 1g)	1a =97%, 1b =100%, 1c =100%, 1d =100%, 1e =97%, 1f =100%, 1g =97%
2.	Apply Ethical Principles	80% of students will score at least a 5 on each OPB (2a – 2f)	2a =96%, 2b =93%, 2c =92%, 2d =83%, 2e =100%, 2f =83%
3.	Apply Critical Thinking	80% of students will score at least a 5 on each OPB (3a – 3d)	3a =83%, 3b =96%, 3c =96%, 3d =100%
4.	Engage Diversity in Practice	80% of students will score at least a 5 on each OPB (4a – 4e)	4a =93%, 4b =90%, 4c =99%, 4d =100%, 4e =97%
5.	Advance Human Rights/ Social and Economic Justice	80% of students will score at least a 5 on each OPB (5a – 5c)	5a =88%, 5b =97%, 5c =97%
6.	Engage Research Informed Practice/Practice Informed Research	80% of students will score at least a 5 on each OPB (6a – 6d)	6a =70%, 6b =100%, 6c =100%, 6d =70%
7.	Apply Human Behavior Knowledge	80% of students will score at least a 5 on each OPB (7a – 7e)	7a = 93%, 7b = 93%, 7c = 93%, 7d = 94%, 7e = 93%

8.	Engage Policy Practice to Advance Well-Being and Deliver Services	80% of students will score at least a 5 on each OPB (8a – 8d)	8a = 81%, 8b = 83%, 8c = 97%, 8d = 97%
9.	Respond to Practice Contexts	80% of students will score at least a 5 on each OPB (9a – 9c)	9a = 97%, 9b = 97%, 9c = 86%
10.	Practice Engagement	80% of students will score at least a 5 on each OPB (10a – 10c)	10a = 99%, 10b = 100%, 10c = 100%
10.	Practice Assessment	80% of students will score at least a 5 on each OPB (10d – 10e)	10d = 96%, 10e = 99%
10.	Practice Intervention	80% of students will score at least a 5 on each OPB (10f – 10l)	10f =99%, 10g =99%, 10h =100%, 10i =100%,10j =100%, 10k =100%,10l =100%
10.	Practice Evaluation	80% of students will score at least a 5 on each OPB (10m)	10m =96%