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**Standards of Professional and Ethical Behavior in Field Education**

Please carefully read the policies below. The Standards for Professional and Ethical Behavior apply to all students enrolled in field placement



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6. ***Accountability and integrity*** – being accountable to the agency’s practice guidelines and expectations; completing tasks and activities in a professional, high quality and timely manner; speaking and acting on behalf of the agency only as authorized by one’s role and responsibilities; maintaining professional integrity and honesty in all activities/interactions; representing accurately the placement hours worked and tasks completed.
7. ***Ethical Obligations*** – maintaining client/agency confidentiality standards, especially when using cell phones/electronic devices; upholding NASW ethical standards and seeking appropriate consultation when in doubt; maintaining strict personal-professional boundaries in the real and virtual work environment, especially in relation to social media (e.g. Facebook); restricting the use of electronic devices to professional purposes only while in the placement setting; Appreciation of the value of diversity. Effective and nonjudgmental relation to and work with others who are different from oneself. Appropriate service to all persons in need of assistance, regardless of the person’s age, class, race, religious beliefs, gender, disability, sexual orientation, and/or value system. No imposition of personal, religious, sexual, and/or cultural values on clients. Demonstration of clear, appropriate, and culturally sensitive boundaries. Does not sexually harass others; make verbal or physical threats; become involved in sexual relationships with clients, supervisors, or faculty; abuse others in physical, emotional, verbal, or sexual ways; or participate in dual relationships where conflicts of interest may exist.
8. ***Interpersonal Skills*** – demonstrates the interpersonal skills needed to relate effectively to other students, faculty, staff, clients, and professionals and to fulfill the ethical obligations of the profession. These include compassion, empathy, altruism, integrity, and demonstration of



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10. ***Self-Awareness*** – exhibits knowledge of how one’s values, attitudes, beliefs, emotions and past experiences affect thinking, behavior and relationships. Accurately assesses one’s own strengths, limitations, and suitability for professional practice. Shows awareness of self and how one is perceived by others. Reflects on one’s own limitations as they relate to professional capacities. Is willing to examine and change behavior when it interferes in working with clients and other professionals.
11. ***Responsiveness to feedback*** – demonstrating non-defensive receptivity to feedback and