

Prior Learning Assessment (SOCW 304A)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Prior Learning Assessment (SOCW 304A) is an alternate 3rd year practicum course for students with at least 2 years of experience in human services work within the past 5 years.

Much like the folks Registered Social Workers work with, students can arrive at the same place in life through a process that looks nothing like someone else's journey. For this reason, we give very basic information about how to demonstrate evidence of meeting the same competencies of a 3rd year practicum.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE AND ANALYSIS

A minimum of 4000 hours of human services work experience within the past five years, of which a maximum of 1500 hours may include unpaid, volunteer, or a practicum undertaken in a previous education program.

An analysis, prepared by the student, which identifies how the student's specific work experiences have enabled them to acquire and achieve the learning objectives of SOCW 304 (third year practicum), which include demonstrations of critical analysis, commitment to decolonial practices, and use of anti-oppressive principles.

3rd year practicum competencies

- to engage in and integrate critical self-reflection
- to engage in critical inquiry
- to articulate and critique various relations of power
- to demonstrate an understanding of and an ability to engage with Indigenous communities and concerns
- to demonstrate an understanding of, and a commitment to social justice
- to demonstrate the ability to engage in anti-oppressive practice
- to engage with and apply social work values and ethics
- to evaluate one's own values and life experience and identifying how these influence practice
- to understand the relationship between personal issues and social, political and economic processes and structures
- to demonstrate entry-level practice skills, such as engagement, assessment, planning, implementation, termination, and evaluation
- to demonstrate initiative and responsibility for own learning
- to make effective use of supervision and consultation

Once you are admitted to the program, there are 3 STEPS TO APPLY

1. Complete an application form before the deadline (as listed on the Field Education site – viewable by current students only).

2. Submit references to swfield@uvic.ca

A minimum of two completed references forms from direct supervisors that confirm the student has attained 4000 hours of relevant work experience and has demonstrated an understanding of professional practice.

Normally, applicants must also provide evidence that they have received direct social work supervision for at least a portion of their human services work experience (i.e. engagement with a person who has a BSW or MSW degree from an accredited School of Social Work). If you have questions about the suitability of your references, please email swfield@uvic.ca

3. Submit work history form(s) to swfield@uvic.ca

Complete a work history form which identifies how the learning objectives of SOCW 304 (third year practicum) have been met by prior experience, which includes demonstrations of critical analysis, commitment to decolonial practices, and use of anti-oppressive principles.

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