

**LEARNING GOALS AND OUTCOMES FOR
SOWK 3372 - Practice with Individuals and Families**

Assessment: “the systematic collection and analysis of information to improve student learning.”

Goals/Objectives: “broad learning goals and concepts (what you want students to learn) which are expressed in general terms (e.g., clear communication, problem-solving skills, etc.).”

Outcomes: “specific learning behaviors that students should exhibit in the context of the course.” Outcomes must be specific (e.g., “define” or “argue” or “create”) and measurable (e.g., a paper, an essay, a test in order to measure behaviors, skills, or abilities).

Sample worksheet for a course:

Goal/Objective #1: Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly

Outcomes reflecting this goal/objective:

1. Understand what being a social worker means from an ethical and application perspective.

Assignments that demonstrate accomplishment of this outcome:

- a. Professional Expectations for ISU Social Work Students Checklist, Jr. practicum
- b. Exam 1, ethics.

Goal/Objective #2: Apply social work ethical principles to guide professional practice

Outcomes reflecting this goal/objective:

1. Student will show competency in professionalism
2. Student answers to ethical scenarios will indicate professional conduct understanding.

Assignments that demonstrate accomplishment of this outcome:

- a. Exam 1 Ethics
- b. jr. practicum

Goal/Objective #3: Apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments

Outcomes reflecting this goal/objective:

1. Students will be able to assess needs from client interview
2. Student will show ability to understand broad contexts impacting client concerns.

Assignments that demonstrate accomplishment of this outcome:

- a. Professional Expectations for ISU Social Work Students Checklist, Jr. practicum
- b. Exam 1, ethics.
- c. Completion of the biopsychosocial assessment

Goal/Objective #4: Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly

Outcomes reflecting this goal/objective:

1. Student behaviors during practicum will show professionalism
2. Conduct and attitude will be in accordance with ethical standards

Assignments that demonstrate accomplishment of this outcome:

- a. Professional Expectations for ISU Social Work Students Checklist, Jr. practicum
- b. Exam, ethics.

Goal/Objective #5: Engage in research informed practice and practice informed research

Outcomes reflecting this goal/objective:

1. Students will have a broad understanding of theory impacting practice
2. Students will understand how current research continues to enhance the theories.

Assignments that demonstrate accomplishment of this outcome:

- a. Completion of the biopsychosocial assessment

- b. Theoretical frameworks papers

Goal/Objective #6: Respond to contexts that shape practice.

Outcomes reflecting this goal/objective:

1. Show understanding of social pressures on clients life experience
2. Students will have a deeper understanding of their own social contexts of the client.

Assignments that demonstrate accomplishment of this outcome:

- a. Project implicit tests
- b. Exam, what is culture and bias

Goal/Objective #7: Engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate with individuals (and families)

Outcomes reflecting this goal/objective:

1. Practice the problem solving process with client
2. See the client interaction process as a product of problem solving method.

Assignments that demonstrate accomplishment of this outcome:

- a. Completion of biopsychosocial assessment
- b. Completion of Jr. Practicum