

COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION - FORM AS 4(M)
COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PA MASTER'S SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM
ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Form AS 4(M) A form required for Reaffirmation, Candidacy, and ongoing compliance per AS 4.0.3.

Submitting Form AS 4 for Reaffirmation Self-Study & Candidacy Benchmarks

This form is used to assist the Commission on Accreditation in the evaluation of the program's compliance with the accreditation standard below:

4.0.3: The program uses Form AS 4(B) and/or Form AS 4(M) to report its most recent assessment outcomes for each program option to constituents and the public on its website and routinely up-dates (minimally every 2 years) its findings.

All programs accredited by the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Commission on Accreditation (COA) are required to measure and report student learning outcomes. All students are assessed using a minimum of two measures on their mastery of the nine competencies that comprise the Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) and any additional competencies programs may choose to add. These holistic competencies reflect the dimensions (knowledge, values, skills, and cognitive & affective processes) of social work practice that all social workers are expected to master during their professional training.

Programs determine a percentage-based benchmark for each competency and determine an outcome-measure benchmark (minimum score) for each measure. The competency benchmark (which can differ for each competency) represents the minimum percent of students the program expects to have achieved the outcome measure benchmarks in both/all measures for each of the nine competencies. The program then determines the percentage of students that attained each outcome measure (e.g., minimum score or higher), and aggregates the percentages for both/all measures together to obtain the percentage of students demonstrating competence inclusive of two (2) or more measures. The result of aggregating both/all outcome measure percentages provides the percentage of students achieving the competency benchmark. An aggregated percentage at or above the competency benchmark is considered achievement of that competency. If the program has more than one program option, the program must report data for each program option, and also an aggregate of all program options combined to determine an overall percentage of students across all program options achieving the competency benchmark.

Posting Form AS 4 for Ongoing Compliance with AS 4.0.3

Per the requirement of CSWE COA's recognizing body, the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), and accreditation standard 4.0.3, programs must post this form publicly on its website and routinely up-date (minimally every 2 years) its findings. Upon request, programs must provide CSWE with the weblink to the published form on the program's website where it is accessible to the public. Data presented on the form must be collected within 2 years of today's date at all times.

Summary of the Program's Assessment Plan | Generalist Practice

All students are assessed using a minimum of two measures on their mastery of the nine competencies that comprise the Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards of the Council on Social Work Education and any additional competencies programs may choose to add. Summarize the program's competency-based assessment plan. Programs may add/delete rows to accurately reflect the number measures included in the data presented.

Assessment Measure #1: Final Generalist Year Field Competency Evaluation	
Competencies assessed:	1 - 9
Dimensions assessed:	Knowledge, skills, values, cognitive & affective processes
When/where students are assessed:	end of generalist practicum, at practicum agency
Who assessed student competence:	Agency supervisor
Outcome Measure Benchmark (minimum score indicative of achievement) for Competencies 1-9:	≥ 3 (out of 5) for each competency
Competency Benchmark (percent of students the program expects to have achieved the minimum scores, inclusive of all measures) for Competencies 1-9:	85%
Assessment Measure #2: Required Generalist Year Course Assignments	
Competencies assessed:	1 - 9
Dimensions assessed:	Knowledge, skills, values
When/where students are assessed:	Throughout Generalist Curriculum, In the following Generalist Year courses: SOWK 502, 506, 516, 521, 522, 526
Who assessed student competence:	Course instructors
Outcome Measure Benchmark (minimum score indicative of achievement) for Competencies 1-9:	≥ 3 (out of 4) for each competency
Competency Benchmark (percent of students the program expects to have achieved the minimum scores, inclusive of all measures) for Competencies 1-9:	85%

Summary of the Program's Assessment Plan | Specialized Practice

Students are assessed using a minimum of two measures on their mastery of the nine competencies that comprise the Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards of the Council on Social Work Education and any additional competencies programs may choose to add, that reflect the area of specialized practice. Summarize the program's competency-based assessment plan. Programs may add/delete rows to accurately reflect the number of areas of specialized practice and each measure included in the data presented.

Area of Specialized Practice: Advanced Generalist

Assessment Measure #1: Final Specialization Year Field Competency Evaluation	
Dimension(s) assessed:	Knowledge, skills, values, cognitive & affective processes
When/where students are assessed:	end of specialization year practicum, at practicum agency
Who assessed student competence:	Agency supervisor
Outcome Measure Benchmark (minimum score indicative of achievement) for Competencies 1-9:	≥ 3 (out of 5) for each competency
Competency Benchmark (percent of students the program expects to have achieved the minimum scores, inclusive of all measures) for Competencies 1-9:	85%
Assessment Measure #2: Required Specialization Year Course Assignments	
Dimension(s) assessed:	Knowledge, skills, values
When/where students are assessed:	Throughout Specialization Curriculum, In the following Specialization Year courses: SOWK 500, 551, 552, 556, 560, 566
Who assessed student competence:	Course instructors
Outcome Measure Benchmark (minimum score indicative of achievement) for Competencies 1-9:	≥ 3 (out of 4) for each competency
Competency Benchmark (percent of students the program expects to have achieved the minimum scores, inclusive of all measures) for Competencies 1-9:	85%

Directions for completing Form AS 4

Indicate the benchmark percentage for each competency. The competency benchmark is the percent of students the program expects to have achieved both/all outcome measure benchmarks. Programs calculate the percentage of students achieving each outcome measure benchmark, then calculate the percentage of students achieving each competency inclusive of two or more measures for each program option. Programs with multiple program options must present data for each program option, and in aggregate inclusive of all program options per competency. Programs may add/delete columns and to accurately reflect the number of program options offered. This is a required form. The assessment data table may be altered to accurately reflect the number of program options offered and additional program-developed competencies. However, beyond these formatting alterations, the program may not alter the content of this form.

Assessment Data Collected during the Academic Year (2024-2025) Singular Program Option: Bloomsburg Campus

COMPETENCY	COMPETENCY BENCHMARK (85%) GENERALIST	COMPETENCY BENCHMARK (85%) Advanced Generalist	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ACHIEVING BENCHMARK	
			Generalist Practice n = (number of students)	Area of Specialized Practice: Advanced Generalist n = (number of students)
Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	$(91\% + 100\%) \div 2 =$ 95.5% Measure 1: n = 8 Measure 2: n = 5	$(94\% + 91\%) \div 2 =$ 92.5% Measure 1: n = 19 Measure 2: n = 17
Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	$(87\% + 100\%) \div 2 =$ 93.5% Measure 1: n = 7 Measure 2: n = 5	$(94\% + 86\%) \div 2 =$ 90% Measure 1: n = 18 Measure 2: n = 16
Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	$(96\% + 100\%) \div 2 =$ 98% Measure 1: n = 5 Measure 2: n = 5	$(94\% + 88\%) \div 2 =$ 91% Measure 1: n = 18 Measure 2: n = 17

Competency 4: Engage in Practice-informed Research and Research- informed Practice	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	$(94\% + 100\%) \div 2 =$ 97% Measure 1: n = 8 Measure 2: n = 5	$(94\% + 86\%) \div 2 =$ 90% Measure 1: n = 23 Measure 2: n = 17
Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice	85% of students will demonstrate competence, inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence, inclusive of 2 measures	$(96\% + 100\%) \div 2 =$ 98% Measure 1: n = 5 Measure 2: n = 5	$(94\% + 87\%) \div 2 =$ 90.5% Measure 1: n = 18 Measure 2: n = 17
Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	$(86\% + 100\%) \div 2 =$ 93% Measure 1: n = 6 Measure 2: n = 5	$(94\% + 91\%) \div 2 =$ 92.5% Measure 1: n = 23 Measure 2: n = 17
Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	$(92\% + 100\%) \div 2 =$ 96% Measure 1: n = 5 Measure 2: n = 5	$(94\% + 90\%) \div 2 =$ 92% Measure 1: n = 23 Measure 2: n = 17
Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	$(92\% + 100\%) \div 2 =$ 96% Measure 1: n = 5 Measure 2: n = 5	$(97\% + 89\%) \div 2 =$ 93% Measure 1: n = 20 Measure 2: n = 17
Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	$(94\% + 100\%) \div 2 =$ 97% Measure 1: n = 8 Measure 2: n = 5	$(94\% + 85\%) \div 2 =$ 89.5% Measure 1: n = 18 Measure 2: n = 16

OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
(Aggregate Findings for All Students)

Assessment Data Collected during the Academic Year (2024-2025)

COMPETENCY	COMPETENCY BENCHMARK (GENERALIST)	COMPETENCY BENCHMARK (ADVANCED GENERALIST)	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ACHIEVING BENCHMARK	
			Generalist Practice	Area of Specialized Practice: Advanced Generalist
Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior	85% of students will demonstrate competence, inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence, inclusive of 2 measures	87.5%	100%
Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	83.3%	100%
Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	100%	100%
Competency 4: Engage In Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	100%	100%

Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	100%	100%
Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	72.7%	100%
Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	100%	100%
Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	100%	100%
Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	85% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 measures	100%	100%