

COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION - FORM AS 4(B)
SIMMONS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK BACCALAUREATE SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM
ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Form AS 4(B): 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 COA 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 updates its findings (minimally every two years).

All programs accredited by the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation (COA) must 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 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). It aggregates the percentages for both/all measures to obtain the percentage of students demonstrating competence, including 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 an achievement of that competency. Suppose the program has more than one program option. In that case, the program must report data for each option and 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 update (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 always be collected within 2 years of today's date.

Summary of the Program's Assessment Plan | Generalist Practice

All students are assessed using a minimum of two measures to assess 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 they may choose to add. Summarize the program's competency-based assessment plan. Programs may add/delete rows to accurately reflect the number of measures included in the data presented.

Assessment Measure #1: Required Course Common Assignment Assessed by Embedded Measure	
Dimension(s) assessed:	Knowledge, Values, Skills, Cognitive & Affective Processes
When/where students are assessed:	As part of the course during the academic semester
Who assessed student competence:	Course Instructor
Outcome Measure Benchmark (minimum score indicative of achievement) for Competencies 1-9:	Minimum 3 out of 4 (scale 1-4)
Competency Benchmark (percent of students the program expects to have achieved the minimum scores, inclusive of all measures) for Competencies 1-9:	80%
Assessment Measure #2: Final Field Evaluation	
Dimension(s) assessed:	Knowledge, Values, Skills, Cognitive & Affective Processes
When/where students are assessed:	Completion of placement
Who assessed student competence:	Practicum Supervisor
Outcome Measure Benchmark (minimum score indicative of achievement) for Competencies 1-9:	Minimum score of 3 (scale 1-5)
Competency Benchmark (percent of students the program expects to have achieved the minimum scores, inclusive of all measures) for Competencies 1-9:	80%

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

COMPETENCY	COMPETENCY BENCHMARK (%)	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ACHIEVING BENCHMARK	
		Online Option <i>n</i> = 23	Campus <i>n</i> = 18 (classroom) <i>n</i> = 17 (practicum)
Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior	80% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 or more measures	89%	71%
Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice	80% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 or more measures	80%	62%
Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice	80% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 or more measures	83%	59%
Competency 4: Engage in Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice	80% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 or more measures	80%	50%
Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice	80% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 or more measures	78%	56%
Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	80% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 or more measures	89%	68%
Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	80% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 or more measures	80%	59%
Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	80% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 or more measures	80%	59%
Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	80% of students will demonstrate competence inclusive of 2 or more measures	83%	56%

**Measure 1, Required Course Common Assignment Assessed by Embedded Measure*

***Measure 2, Field Evaluation*

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