

ASSESSMENT PLAN

Social Work Undergraduate

BSW

Program Mission:

Consistent with the Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) set forth by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the Mission of the School of Social Work is to educate students to practice social work competently with the diverse, multicultural populations of New Mexico and the Southwest. The School has a primary commitment to Hispanic and Native American people. The Social Work curriculum at NMHU strives to ground students in core professional social work values, skills and ethical principles, with a focus on promoting awareness and respect for cultural and gender differences and how poverty affects the well-being of people in the region.

Student Learning Outcome 1:

Identify and conduct oneself as a professional social worker guided by ethical practice principles.

NMHU Traits Specifically Linked to Student Learning Outcome 1

- Mastery of content knowledge and skills
- Effective communication skills

Means of Assessment for Outcome 1:

This outcome will be demonstrated by successful completion of the community intervention assignment required of BSW students in conjunction with SW331 (Law, Ethics & Social Work Practice). This assignment is worth twenty percent of the final grade and is evaluated in terms of writing style, organization, scholarly sources, community problem analysis, and conclusion.

Student Learning Outcome 2:

Apply theoretically grounded critical thinking skills to contextual knowledge of person-in-environment transactions in social work practice engagement, assessment, intervention and evaluation.

NMHU Traits Specifically Linked to Student Learning Outcome 2

- Mastery of content and knowledge
- Critical and reflective thinking skills

Means of Assessment for Outcome 2:

This outcome will be demonstrated by successful completion of the SW468 (Theories of Social Work Practice) Signature Assignment. This assignment is comprised of two parts—an “Ecological Assessment” and a “Theory to Case Application” requirement. The grade earned on this assignment constitutes 20% of the final grade for the course.

Student Learning Outcome 3:

Engage diversity in practice in the service of human rights and social and economic justice.

NMHU Traits Specifically Linked to Student Learning Outcome 3

- Mastery of content knowledge and skills
- Critical and reflective thinking

Means of Assessment for Outcome 3:

This outcome will be demonstrated by successful completion of the SW383 (Human Diversity and Multicultural Theory) Signature Assignment with a “B” or higher. This assignment consists of several parts: “critical self-examination,” “application of theory & literature,” and “in-depth analysis.” Additionally, use of APA format, written clarity, and grammar are also assessed. It is worth 20% of the final course grade.

Student Learning Outcome 4:

Engage in research-informed practice, practice-informed research, and policy practice to advance well-being.

NMHU Traits Specifically Linked to Student Learning Outcome 4

- Mastery of content and knowledge
- Critical and reflective thinking skills
- Effective use of technology

First Means of Assessment for Outcome 4:

This outcome will be demonstrated by successful completion of the Signature Assignment required in SW330 (Social Work Research Methods I). The purpose of this assignment is to assess “student ability to apply critical thinking to inform practice and communicate professional judgments.” This assignment is worth 100 points or 20% of the final grade for the course.

Assessment of Center Students:**Utilization of Results:****Changes to Program Based on Results:****Retention Strategies:**