STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to prepare qualified individuals for entry-level positions in a wide variety of social work assistant and human services settings serving individuals, families, groups, and communities by providing opportunities for personal and professional growth through knowledge-based learning, experiential processes, community involvement, and practical experience under direct supervision of professionals in local agencies.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

To accomplish the stated purpose of the Social Work Assistant Program, the following student learning outcomes have been developed.

Upon successful completion of the program, the students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the role of the human services and social work assistant in a variety of social service settings.
2. Examine current social and mental health issues and their impact on society, including substance use and dependence.
3. Compare and contrast a variety of family systems and multi-dimensional systems in relation to human behaviors and the environments.
4. Apply interpersonal skills in helping relationships, including crisis intervention and group dynamics.
5. Apply case management skills, including documentation, assessment, treatment planning, crisis intervention and the ability to make appropriate referrals.
6. Demonstrate the ability to adhere to professional, ethical standards, including confidentiality, sensitivity when working with diverse populations and responsibility for professional growth.

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