

Radford University School of Social Work

Student Confidentiality Waiver for the purpose of the Educational Field Placement

Social Work education involves the whole person and is not just an intellectual process. As a student identifies life experiences that present challenges or highlight strengths to his or her practice, the student is expected to bring those issues to both the field instructor and to the faculty liaison in order to explore options concerning how to best manage his or her practice.

The establishment of a full educational partnership is the goal of social work education. Information will be shared in order to protect students, facilitate the learning process, enable informed choice and adequate supervision by field instructors and, to protect clients. The only way to ensure a sound foundation for the educational field placement is to discuss problematic issues as they arise in the course of professional practice.

As discussed within the *Waldron College Standards of Professional Practice Education* the “essential functions” of a social work student are written and verbal communication skills; interpersonal skills; cognitive skills; adequate motor and sensory abilities (with accommodations, if necessary); stress management; emotional and mental capacities to practice effectively; professional commitment; professional behavior; self-awareness; and practice within all ethical obligations.

Student information that the school is privy to and that could impede a student’s ability to practice in a manner consistent with these “essential functions” in the field placement may be disclosed by the office of field education to appropriate persons including the faculty liaison, the agency field instructor/task supervisor, the student’s academic advisor, a faculty review committee, other faculty in the School of Social Work and/or the Director of the School of Social Work. Likewise, agency field instructors/task supervisors and all faculty within the School of Social Work are expected to share relevant information with the office of field education.

Adherence to this policy is a requirement for admission to the Radford University School of Social Work program, as well as continued enrollment in the Radford University School of Social Work. With your signature below, you signify your agreement to adhere to all expectations of this policy.

*If you are requesting accommodations in field and you have registered (or intend to register) with the Radford University Disabilities Resources Office, you are required to share the accommodation package with the Field Coordinator, your agency supervisors, and the BSW/MSW field instructor at the time of your agency interview.

Name

Date

Print Name