

4. Paper and Presentation:

The purpose of the final paper and oral presentation is to integrate knowledge gained over the course of Senior Seminar and the student's cumulative educational and field experiences in the social work program. Specifically, this assignment aims:

1. To facilitate the display of depth of knowledge about some contemporary area of social work practice, theory, policy and/or social issue of concern.
2. To create an opportunity for students to demonstrate their ability to access the research and theoretical literature and to appropriately apply that knowledge to social work practice.
3. To reflect critical thinking ability.
4. To display the ability to make clear, and organize complex, intellectual material.
5. To consider the value of the contribution of new knowledge to social work as discipline and practice.

The final presentation content is to be decided after consultation about their proposed topic with the instructor. In general, the final paper and oral presentation will be expected to focus on a micro, mezzo or macro problem or issue that has generated concern for the student. The topic may or may not be directly tied to the student's current field placement, but should draw on field experience. If this is not the case, the student must discuss their interest with the professor. Examples include: *Psychosocial Social Work Practice for the Beginning Generalist* (micro); *Vineland City's School Social Work Advocates Against Gang Violence* (mezzo); *America's War on Poverty: Fifty Years Later* (macro). The student is expected to clearly identify the focus (topic) of the paper, provide a historical summary which speaks to when and how the issue