

emerged as a concern for the social work profession, review all relevant literature, reference theoretical materials which offer explanatory supports, identify relevant social policy influences, programs and service interventions, and describe the success or failures current initiatives. . The oral presentation (20 minutes) should provide a concise summary of the student's findings. Students should generate three questions for class discussion.

Outline of Paper/Presentation Content Areas:

I. Introduction and Overview

- Describe the problem, issue, or practice concern.
- Describe the relevance to social work practice.

II. Background/History

- Identify when this issue emerged as a concern for social work.
- Identify target area/population.
- Describe past initiatives that addressed the problem area.
- What are the multicultural practice issues that require consideration?
- What are the current major social/professional concerns?

III. Theory

- What theory (s) best explain, interpret or predict the problem, issue you identified?
How does this theory influence your thinking about how to intervene to alleviate the problem, issue?

IV. Literature Review

- Who are the contributing researchers, scholars, social work professionals to this issue?
Which other disciplines are interested in this issue?
- How does the empirical literature describe the problem, issue and social work intervention? (ex. does it support or refute current interventions used in the field?)

V. Describe interventions

- What has been done to address the problem, issue identified?
- Explain the success or failure of past initiatives.
- Offer your recommendations for effective change.

VI. Policy

- What policy(s) is important to understand in relationship to the problem, issue?
- How has the policy influenced the creation of programs, social work intervention and/or the delivery of services?

VII. Conclusions

- Summarize the significant findings of your research and how they could make a contribution to social work knowledge and practice.