Interviewing a Social Worker Paper

Start Assignment

Due Tuesday by 11:59pm **Points** 200 **Submitting** a text entry box or a file upload
Available until Nov 16 at 11:59pm

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All students will interview a **licensed social worker (LBSW, LMSW, LCSW)** that works in a human service agency. Students will learn how that person uses the knowledge, values, and skills of the profession and what working in the profession entails. Students are expected to locate a social worker on their own. The interview may be in person or via phone call, Zoom, or Skype, etc. The interviews are encouraged to be completed in small groups of no more than 5 members. If a group is used (this is NOT mandatory), each individual must turn in their own paper. If a group paper is turned in, I may check to make sure that all members attended the interview. If I find that a class member did not take part in the interview, the individual or every member of the group will receive a zero (0) on this assignment. Take interview notes according to the following outline, write the narrative paper using your notes and turn the paper in by the above deadline. Use basic APA Style. There is no need to turn in your notes from the interview. Send the social worker an e-mail to thank them for their time. You are expected to turn in a copy of this thank you e-mail with your paper.

- Both the interview and the paper must be completed to receive any credit for this assignment.
- The assignment is worth 200 points toward your final grade. Your paper should follow the below outline, including the same bold headings as this outline. Papers should be roughly 5-6 pages, typed, double-spaced, in 12-point font, be page numbered and have a cover page.
- If completing a group paper, each student must complete the last two sections of the paper independently; however, may put the multiple sections in one paper (use a subheading (e.g. Reaction of Phil Dunphy, Reaction of Sue Heck, etc.)).

PROFESSOR'S VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS (https://unt.zoom.us/rec/play/9Z2_DJbwQin5SF5BSpXZfXgun7t0LZNv-O_ddY2eHg5mt20LWyG4jN3H2NF7RydyxNwfWQeq9jq2FoGd.VQ-h_q6G3SsqJrD2?autoplay=true&startTime=1610220147000)

INTERVIEW OUTLINE

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During the semester we discuss the values, knowledge, and skills required in the profession of social work. Using your observation and interview notes as a base, turn in a paper that addresses the following information. Each area must be addressed as a subheading. Your paper must include an introduction & conclusion.

Name of social worker and agency where employed

Include the social worker's degree and licensure category

Include the clients served and the services provided

Contact information (work phone number and email (if possible)

Values

What values are necessary to work as a social worker in this agency?

What value conflicts arise in the performance of this job?

Knowledge

What specific knowledge is necessary to work as a social worker in this agency?

Is a college education enough knowledge to work in this job or is other knowledge needed?

Skills

What skills are necessary to work as a social worker in this job?

What tasks does the social worker perform on a daily or weekly basis?

What kind of paperwork is required to be completed in this job?

Positives and Negatives about Social Work

What keeps the social worker in the profession?

What things would the social worker like to change about the job or the profession?

Connection to Class (you talk about this but this is not discussed with the Social Worker)

How does the job fit what you have learned about social work in class?

How is this job different than what we have discussed in class?

Reaction (for each individual group participant)

Would you choose social work as a career based on the interview? Why or why not (be honest)?

What value conflicts do you foresee if you were doing social work?

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- Attach your APA style paper as a Word document for grading. Google docs, etc. are not compatible with Canvas and will not be graded.
- Attach thank you e-mail to paper.

By successfully completing this assignment, you will have met the 1st learning objective in Module 1 and the 3rd learning objective in Module 4.

Interview of a Social Worker

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