



School of Social Work

STUDENT MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS

i **TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT:** **STUDENT NUMBER:** _____

I, _____ hereby authorize this health care professional to provide the following information to Memorial University.

Signature

Date

ii **TO BE COMPLETED BY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL:**

I hereby certify that I provided health care services to _____, a student at Memorial University, on [Date(s)] _____. On the basis of that episode of care, I am providing the following information for use by the University in assessing what special consideration, if any, should be given to the student in respect of the application of University regulations, including the approval of deferred final examinations.

1. The degree to which the health issue (or treatment, in the case of medication, for example) is likely to affect/have affected the student's ability to study, attend classes, sit in examinations, or participate in field practicum activities (see reverse for explanation).

2. The length of time over which the student's abilities were likely/will be hampered by the condition (e.g., recurring and severe back pain over a two-month period would likely have a more adverse effect on studies than a single episode of back pain requiring bed rest for a week).

3. The fitness of the student to resume studies and/or field practicum activities (see reverse for explanation) (it is in the student's best interest not to return to studies/field practicum prematurely).

VERIFICATION BY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL:

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE

ADDRESS (STAMP, BUSINESS CARD OR LETTERHEAD ACCEPTABLE)

TELEPHONE

DATE

PLEASE RETAIN COPY FOR THE PATIENT'S CHART.

Field Education

Field education is the component of the curriculum in which students achieve **an understanding of the relevance of theory to practice and begin to develop competence in using their values, knowledge and skills with individuals, families, groups, and communities**, including relationship-building, assessment, and intervention.

Students enrolled in the BSW program are expected to complete two field practica:

SCWK 3300 Social Work Practicum 1 is a 350 hour supervised field experience providing students with opportunities to apply social work values, knowledge, and skills to work with service recipients and communities. The field experience is designed to provide students with a **beginning level of competence** in social work practice, with emphasis on the development of **self-awareness and professional use of self**, beginning ability to **implement planned interventions with diverse populations**, and an appreciation for **social justice activities**.

SCWK 4302 Social Work Practicum 2 is a 350 hour supervised field experience providing students with opportunities to apply social work values, knowledge, and skills, and to demonstrate the capacity for independent practice at micro and macro levels. Emphasis is placed on **developing strong analytical abilities, applying enhanced practice skills, mastering a variety of social work roles, implementing strategies that impact social justice, and making professional judgments in increasingly complex situations**.

While BSW field practica are designed to serve as an educational, rather than a training experience, students are required to make a full time commitment. Specifically, students are expected to:

- attend the field practicum setting for the **required 350 hours - 4 days per week for 11 to 13 weeks**.
- carry out **field setting assignments**, comply with **field setting policies**, preserve **confidentiality**, provide **written reports and records**, and otherwise meet standards as outlined in the **CASW Code of Ethics**. This includes working with vulnerable populations, completing social work assessments, agency documentation, home visits, navigating community and government services, completing referrals for service, advocacy and policy related activities that are reflective of professional social work practice.

Further information on BSW Field Practica and student activities is contained in **the BSW Field Practicum Manual** (*revised January 2012*) available online at:

<http://www.mun.ca/socwrk/undergraduate/fieldBSW/>