Children, Youth and Families Certificate Specialization Field Competencies

The specialization field placement for Children, Youth and Families Certificate students should be in an approved child and family setting PLUS meet all of the required practice skill areas (assessment and treatment planning, discharge planning, and evaluation of practice) as well as 3 intervention modalities listed below.

Assessment and Treatment Planning (required)

EP2.1.10 Engagement

A. Prepare for action with individuals, families, and groups;
B. Use empathy, validation, and other interpersonal skills;
C. Develop mutually agreed upon focus of work and desired outcomes.

EP2.1.10 Assessment

A. Collect, organize, and interpret client data;
B. Assess client strengths and limitations;
C. Develop mutually agreed upon intervention goals and objectives;
D. Select appropriate intervention strategies based on informed consent of client.

Intervention as characterized by a minimum of 3 of the following:

- Behavior Modification
- Couples Treatment
- EAP Counseling
- Group/Family Treatment
- Individual Treatment
- Crisis Intervention

EP2.1.10 Intervention

A. Initiate actions to achieve client directed goals;
B. Implement prevention interventions that enhance client capacities;
C. Build on client strengths to continue to solve problems;
D. Empower clients in negotiating and advocating for themselves.

Discharge Planning (required)

A. Facilitate mutually agreed upon transitions and endings.

Evaluation of Practice (required)

EP2.1.10 Evaluation

A. Direct practice social workers critically evaluate their own program and practice interventions.