

BYU-Idaho Department of Social Work

STATEMENT OF STUDENT'S PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH

Social work is a high-stress profession and the provision of social work services to clients requires a high level of professionalism. In order to be successful in this profession, a social worker must possess expert skills and knowledge, along with being *psychologically healthy*. If this level of *psychological health* is not reached before a student begins working with clients, the effects can be detrimental to both student and client. In addition, BYU-IDAHO, the Department of Social Work, the student and cooperating social service agencies within the community may be held responsible should a social work intern's level of personal performance interfere with the delivery of quality professional services.

Therefore, if you have *psychological* impairments that may harmfully affect your ability to deliver quality professional services, you may be denied admission into the Department of Social Work at BYU-IDAHO. If this is the case, it is recommended that you receive professional help and thereby become psychologically qualified to provide service in this demanding field. If you have a psychological impairment that may require reasonable accommodation by BYU-IDAHO to assist you in succeeding as a student, you are invited to contact the Department of Social Work to discuss such accommodations.

If admitted and you find that some of the content or experiences in any of our courses are disconcerting to you, you may leave the class or decline participation in the experience. However, because you will be held accountable to learn the particular content or learn from the experience, it is imperative that you check with your instructor at a later time to discuss completion of your course work.

Consequently, your application and acceptance of admission into BYU-IDAHO's Department of Social Work is your official recognition that:

1. You are currently psychologically healthy to the degree that any psychological condition that could possibly have a negative affect on your delivery of professional services to clients, and which could not otherwise be realistically accommodated by BYU-IDAHO, has been remedied and that upon request of the University you will provide medical evidence of successful ameliorative treatment;
2. You agree that should personal psychological information or behavior become known to you that could possibly be detrimental to your professional work, that information will be disclosed to the Department of Social Work who may share it with University personnel, having a justifiable need to know, and with supervisors in field placement agencies;
3. You agree that if personal psychological problems occur which are determined by the University to negatively impact yourself or clients and which cannot otherwise be reasonably accommodated, you are subject to suspension from the program until your psychological health is, in the opinion of the University, restored or reasonable accommodation is possible;
4. You agree to enter personal counseling/therapy at your own expense if the University as a condition to continued enrollment deems such help necessary.

By signing this document I certify that I have read, understood and agree to the above certifications.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

*Witness: _____

*Anyone can act as the witness to your signature on this form (friend, roommate, front desk secretary, etc.)

I have read the NASW Code of Ethics and I agree to abide by this code of conduct. (*Code of Ethics Pamphlet can be read in 132 Ricks or accessed online at www.naswdc.org , about NASW, under Code of Ethics*).

**Social workers often work with agencies that serve venerable populations, and as such, many agencies require their interns/workers to pass criminal background checks

Signature: _____ Date: _____