Please select the core competency(ies) addressed by the common assignment in your required social work course. Additionally, please select the associated dimensions that will be demonstrated by students through the completion of the Common Assignment.

Course: ___SW348___
Common Assignment: _Group Reflection Paper_
Lead Instructor:  _Scott Berlin_

### Core Competency(ies) Demonstrated and Assessed on the common assignment

| Competency 1: Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior (#1) |

### Dimensions that will be demonstrated and assessed through the common assignment

| Knowledge --- What students know. | Check at least 1 | Associated Competency |
| Values --- What students believe/value. | X | Comp 1 |
| Skills --- What students can do. | | |
| Cognitive/ Affective --- Includes critical thinking, affective reaction & judgment. | X | Comp 1 |

Please include a description of the assignment, including instructions to students.

**GROUP REFLECTION PAPER**  **25 possible points**

At the end of the course you will be asked to reflect on the readings, your completed small group exercises, and your experiences in your small group and answer the following items below.

**Section 1: Applying the NASW Code of Ethics (Values).**
- The Code of Ethics states that in order for a social worker to be competent, s/he must possess a certain level of self-confidence. What have you learned about your current level of self-confidence? What strategies can you employ to increase it?
- Describe what it means for a social worker to act with integrity.
- Describe how you will distinguish between your personal and professional values, and manage your personal values in a way that allows professional values (the Code of Ethics) to guide your social work practice.

**Section 2: Use of reflection and self-regulation to manage personal values & maintain professionalism (Cognitive/Affective).**
- Why is self-awareness and self-regulation important for social work practitioners? Describe how you can use self-reflection to enhance your professional self. Describe a situation where you would actively use self-regulation to maintain a professional stance with a client.
- The Code of Ethics emphasizes client self-determination. Describe what this concept means and how professional boundaries can either help or hinder this process.

**Section 3: Demonstration of professional demeanor in behavior, appearance & communication (Cognitive/Affective).**
- Why is it important for social workers to act in a professional manner? Discuss how the way you present yourself, including your dress, as well as your time management habits impact your professionalism.
- Relationship skills are an important component of professionalism. Describe your engagement skills. What strengths do you possess? What areas do you need to strengthen?
- Describe your comfort level with dealing with conflict. What are some strategies you can employ to deal with conflict?

**Section 4: Ethical use of Technology in Social Work (Values).**
- Describe what you have learned about ethical and responsible use of technology in the practice of social work. (Ex: Social Media, E-mail, Electronic Records)
- Describe how you will advocate for clients utilizing various technology.

**Section 5: Use of supervision & consultation to guide professional judgment & behavior (Cognitive/Affective).**
- Describe what you learned about yourself and your professional development from feedback given by your peers in the small group exercises.
- Summarize the personal/professional growth that has occurred over this semester by describing what you understood about yourself and professional self-development at the _beginning_ of the course, what you learned _throughout_ the course, and where you are now.

**Guidelines:** You must submit this paper on Chalk and Wire by noon on the due date and bring a hard copy to class.

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