COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION - FORM AS 4(M)
APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY MASTER'S SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM
ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Form AS 4(M) A form required for Reaffirmation, Candidacy, and ongoing compliance per AS 4.0.3.

Submitting Form AS 4 for Reaffirmation Self-Study & Candidacy Benchmarks

This form is used to assist the Commission on Accreditation in the evaluation of the program's compliance with the accreditation standard below:

> **4.0.3:** The program uses Form AS 4(B) and/or Form AS 4(M) to report its most recent assessment outcomes for each program option to constituents and the public on its website and routinely up-dates (minimally every 2 years) its findings.

All programs accredited by the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Commission on Accreditation (COA) are required to measure and report student learning outcomes. All students are assessed using a minimum of two measures on their mastery of the nine competencies that comprise the Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) and any additional competencies programs may choose to add. These holistic competencies reflect the dimensions (knowledge, values, skills, and cognitive & affective processes) of social work practice that all social workers are expected to master during their professional training.

Programs determine a percentage-based benchmark for each competency and determine an outcome-measure benchmark (minimum score) for each measure. The competency benchmark (which can differ for each competency) represents the minimum percent of students the program expects to have achieved the outcome measure benchmarks in both/all measures for each of the nine competencies. The program then determines the percentage of students that attained each outcome measure (e.g., minimum score or higher), and aggregates the percentages for both/all measures together to obtain the percentage of students demonstrating competence inclusive of two (2) or more measures. The result of aggregating both/all outcome measure percentages provides the percentage of students achieving the competency benchmark. An aggregated percentage at or above the competency benchmark is considered achievement of that competency. If the program has more than one program option, the program must report data for each program option, and also an aggregate of all program options combined to determine an overall percentage of students across all program options achieving the competency benchmark.

Posting Form AS 4 for Ongoing Compliance with AS 4.0.3

Per the requirement of CSWE COA's recognizing body, the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), and accreditation standard 4.0.3, programs must post this form publicly on its website and routinely up-date (minimally every 2 years) its findings. Upon request, programs must provide CSWE with the weblink to the published form on the program's website where it is accessible to the public. Data presented on the form must be collected within 2 years of today's date at all times.

Summary of the Program's Assessment Plan | Generalist Practice

All students are assessed using a minimum of two measures on their mastery of the nine competencies that comprise the Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards of the Council on Social Work Education and any additional competencies programs may choose to add. Summarize the program's competency-based assessment plan. Programs may add/delete rows to accurately reflect the number measures included in the data presented.

Assessment Measure #1: LEARNING CONTRACT AND EVALUATION (LCE)	
Competency(ies) assessed: 1-9	
Dimension(s) assessed: Knowledge, values, skills, cognitive and affective processes	
When/where students are assessed: At midyear at the end of *SW 5040 Field Practicum and Seminar I* and at year end at the end of the *SW 5240 Field Practicum and Seminar II.* Only the final field evaluation scores are used in the assessment.	
Who assessed student competence: Field Instructors	
Outcome Measure Benchmark (minimum score indicative of achievement) for Competencies 1-9: Students will achieve a 4 (Competence) or higher on the 5-point Likert scale.	
Competency Benchmark (percent of students the program expects to have achieved the minimum scores, inclusive of all measures) for Competencies 1-9: 80% of students will achieve a 4 (Competence) or higher on the 5-point Likert scale on aggregated data from the LCE and CAT.	
Assessment Measure #2: COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TOOL (CAT)	
Competency(ies) assessed: 1-9	
Dimension(s) assessed: This is a competency-based assessment. Knowledge, values, skills, cognitive and affective processes are indirectly assessed using this tool.	
When/where students are assessed: At the end of *SW 5240 Field Practicum and Seminar II.*	
Who assessed student competence: Seminar Instructors	
Outcome Measure Benchmark (minimum score indicative of achievement) for Competencies 1-9: Students will achieve a 4 (Competence) or higher on the 5-point Likert scale.	
Competency Benchmark (percent of students the program expects to have achieved the minimum scores, inclusive of all measures) for Competencies 1-9: 80% of students will achieve a 4 (Competence) or higher on the 5-point Likert scale on aggregated data from the LCE and CAT.	

Summary of the Program's Assessment Plan | Specialized Practice

Students are assessed using a minimum of two measures on their mastery of the nine competencies that comprise the Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards of the Council on Social Work Education and any additional competencies programs may choose to add, that reflect the area of specialized practice. Summarize the program's competency-based assessment plan. Programs may add/delete rows to accurately reflect the number of areas of specialized practice and each measure included in the data presented.

Area of Specialized Practice #1: INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

Assessment Measure #1: LEARNING CONTRACT AND EVALUATION (LCE)	
Dimension(s) assessed: Knowledge, values, skills, cognitive and affective processes	
When/where students are assessed: At midyear at the end of *SW 5720 Individuals and Families Field Practicum and Seminar I* and at the year end at the end of *SW 5750 Individuals and Families Field Practicum and Seminar II.* Only the final field evaluation scores are used in the assessment.	
Who assessed student competence: Field Instructors	
Outcome Measure Benchmark (minimum score indicative of achievement) for Competencies 1-9: Students will achieve a 4 (Competence) or higher on the 5-point Likert scale.	
Competency Benchmark (percent of students the program expects to have achieved the minimum scores, inclusive of all measures) for Competencies 1-9: 80% of students will achieve a 4 (Competence) or higher on the 5-point Likert scale on aggregated data from the LCE and CAT.	
Assessment Measure #2: COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TOOL (CAT)	
Dimension(s) assessed: This is a competency-based assessment. Knowledge, values, skills, cognitive and affective processes are indirectly assessed using this tool.	
When/where students are assessed: At the end of *SW 5750 individuals and Families Field Practicum and Seminar II.*	
Who assessed student competence: Seminar Instructors	
Outcome Measure Benchmark (minimum score indicative of achievement) for Competencies 1-9: Students will achieve a 4 (Competence) or higher on the 5-point Likert scale.	
Competency Benchmark (percent of students the program expects to have achieved the minimum scores, inclusive of all measures) for Competencies	

1-9: 80% of students will achieve a 4 (Competence) or higher on the 5-point Likert scale on aggregated data from the LCE and CAT.	

Area of Specialized Practice #2: COMMUNITY AND ORGANIZATIONAL PRACTICE

Assessment Measure #1: LEARNING CONTRACT AND EVALUATION (LCE)	
Dimension(s) assessed: Knowledge, values, skills, cognitive and affective processes	
When/where students are assessed: At midyear at the end of *SW 5830 Community Organizational Practice Field Practicum and Seminar I* and at year end of *SW 5860 Community and Organizational Practice Field Practicum and Seminar II.* Only the final field evaluation scores are used in the assessment.	
Who assessed student competence: Field Instructors	
Outcome Measure Benchmark (minimum score indicative of achievement) for Competencies 1-9: Students will achieve a 4 (Competence) or higher on the 5-point Likert scale.	
Competency Benchmark (percent of students the program expects to have achieved the minimum scores, inclusive of all measures) for Competencies 1-9: 80% of students will achieve a 4 (Competence) or higher on the 5-point Likert scale on aggregated data from the LCE and CAT.	
Assessment Measure #2: COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TOOL (CAT)	
Dimension(s) assessed: This is a competency-based assessment. Knowledge, values, skills, cognitive and affective processes are indirectly assessed using this tool.	
When/where students are assessed: At the end of *SW 5860 Community and Organizational Practice Field Practicum and Seminar II.*	
Who assessed student competence: Seminar Instructors	
Outcome Measure Benchmark (minimum score indicative of achievement) for Competencies 1-9: Students will achieve a 4 (Competence) or higher on the 5-point Likert scale.	
Competency Benchmark (percent of students the program expects to have achieved the minimum scores, inclusive of all measures) for Competencies 1-9: 80% of students will achieve a 4 (Competence) or higher on the 5-point Likert scale on aggregated data from the LCE and CAT.	

Directions for completing Form AS 4

Indicate the benchmark percentage for each competency. The competency benchmark is the percent of students the program expects to have achieved both/all outcome measure benchmarks. Programs calculate the percentage of students achieving each outcome measure benchmark, then calculate the percentage of students achieving each competency inclusive of two or more measures for each program option. Programs with multiple program options must present data for each program option, and in aggregate inclusive of all program options per competency. Programs may add/delete columns and to accurately reflect the number of program options offered. This is a required form. The assessment data table may be altered to accurately reflect the number of program options offered and additional program-developed competencies. However, beyond these formatting alternations, the program may not alter the content of this form.

Assessment Data Collected during the Academic Year (2025-2026)					
Program Option #1: (ON CAMPUS, BOONE, REGULAR TWO-YEAR PROGRAM/PRIMARILY IN PERSON)					
COMPETENCY	**COMPETENCY BENCHMARK (%) (GENERALIST)**	**COMPETENCY BENCHMARK (%) (AREA OF SPECIALIZED PRACTICE)**	**PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ACHIEVING BENCHMARK**		
			Generalist Practice	**Area of Specialized Practice #1 (Individuals and Families)**	**Area of Specialized Practice #2 (Community and Organizational Practice)**
			n = 16	**n = 16**	**n = 2**
Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**87.50%**	**100.00%**	**100.00%**
Competency 2: Advance Human Rights and Social, Racial, Economic, and Environmental Justice	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**87.50%**	**93.80%**	**100.00%**
Competency 3: Engage Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ADEI) in Practice	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**100.00%**	**81.20%**	**100.00%**

Competency 4: Engage in Practice-Informed Research and Research-Informed Practice	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**87.50%**	**87.50%**	**100.00%**
Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**75.00%**	**87.50%**	**100.00%**
Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**100.00%**	**93.80%**	**100.00%**
Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**75.00%**	**87.50%**	**100.00%**
Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**93.80%**	**81.20%**	**100.00%**
Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**87.50%**	**81.20%**	**100.00%**

Assessment Data Collected during the Academic Year (2025-2026)			
Program Option #2: (ON CAMPUS, BOONE, ADVANCED STANDING/PRIMARILY IN PERSON)			
COMPETENCY	**COMPETENCY BENCHMARK (%) (GENERALIST)**	**COMPETENCY BENCHMARK (%) (AREA OF SPECIALIZED PRACTICE)**	**PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ACHIEVING BENCHMARK**

			Generalist Practice	Area of Specialized Practice #1 (Individuals and Families)	Area of Specialized Practice #2 (Community and Organizational Practice)
			n = n/a	n = 8	n = 3
Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**n/a**	**87.50%**	**100.00%**
Competency 2: Advance Human Rights and Social, Racial, Economic, and Environmental Justice	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**n/a**	**87.50%**	**66.70%**
Competency 3: Engage Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ADEI) in Practice	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**n/a**	**100.00%**	**66.70%**
Competency 4: Engage in Practice-Informed Research and Research-Informed Practice	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**n/a**	**75.00%**	**100.00%**
Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**n/a**	**75.00%**	**100.00%**
Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**n/a**	**100.00%**	**100.00%**
Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**n/a**	**87.50%**	**100.00%**
Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**n/a**	**87.50%**	**100.00%**

Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**n/a**	**75.00%**	**100.00%**

Assessment Data Collected during the Academic Year (2025-2026)

Program Option #3: (OFF CAMPUS, ASU CENTER AT HICKORY, ADVANCED STANDING/HYBRID (IN PERSON AND ONLINE)

COMPETENCY	**COMPETENCY BENCHMARK (%) (GENERALIST)**	**COMPETENCY BENCHMARK (%) (AREA OF SPECIALIZED PRACTICE)**	**PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ACHIEVING BENCHMARK**		
			Generalist Practice	**Area of Specialized Practice #1 (Individuals and Families)**	**Area of Specialized Practice #2 (Community and Organizational Practice)**
			n = n/a	**n = 19**	**n = 8**
Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**n/a**	**100.00%**	**100.00%**
Competency 2: Advance Human Rights and Social, Racial, Economic, and Environmental Justice	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**n/a**	**94.70%**	**100.00%**
Competency 3: Engage Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ADEI) in Practice	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**n/a**	**89.50%**	**87.50%**
Competency 4: Engage in Practice-Informed Research	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on**	**n/a**	**94.70%**	**87.50%**

and Research-Informed Practice		**aggregated data from two measures**			
Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**n/a**	**94.70%**	**75.00%**
Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**n/a**	**100.00%**	**87.50%**
Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**n/a**	**100.00%**	**100.00%**
Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**n/a**	**89.50%**	**100.00%**
Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	**n/a**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**n/a**	**94.70%**	**100.00%**

Assessment Data Collected during the Academic Year (2025-2026)

OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
(Aggregate Findings for All Students from All Program Options Combined)

COMPETENCY	**COMPETENCY BENCHMARK (%) (GENERALIST)**	**COMPETENCY BENCHMARK (%) (AREA OF SPECIALIZED PRACTICE)**	**PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ACHIEVING BENCHMARK**

			Generalist Practice	Area of Specialized Practice #1 (Individuals and Families)	Area of Specialized Practice #2 (Community and Organizational Practice)
			n = 16	n = 43	n = 13
Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**87.50%**	**95.83%**	**100.00%**
Competency 2: Advance Human Rights and Social, Racial, Economic, and Environmental Justice	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**87.50%**	**92.00%**	**88.90%**
Competency 3: Engage Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ADEI) in Practice	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**100.00%**	**90.23%**	**84.73%**
Competency 4: Engage in Practice-Informed Research and Research-Informed Practice	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**87.50%**	**85.73%**	**95.83%**
Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**75.00%**	**85.73%**	**91.66%**
Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**100.00%**	**97.93%**	**95.83%**
Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**75.00%**	**91.66%**	**100.00%**
Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**93.80%**	**86.06%**	**100.00%**

Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**80% of students will demonstrate Competence on aggregated data from two measures**	**87.50%**	**83.63%**	**100.00%**