

Questions Students Can Ask During The Placement Interview

Questions About the Agency/Learning Opportunities:

- What theoretical approaches do you use in your agency and in your work?
- What type of learning opportunities might be available in this agency?
- What is a typical day like in the program?
- What would a typical day be like for a student in the program?
- As a placement student, would I be able to speak with other social workers and staff about their functions and responsibilities?
- Will I be able to shadow any other departments for a day, to get a better understanding of the work that the agency does? (*when asking this question, it would be good to have some understanding of the agency's different programs*)
- Have there been other placement students at this agency in the past?

Questions About Locations/Hours:

- (*If there are multiple site locations*): Which location(s) will I be spending the most time in?
- What hours, is a student expected to work? Are there any evening or weekend opportunities as well? If so, who will I working with during this time?
- Do you have a dedicated workspace for students? If not, where will I be working?
- What is the agency's dress code?

Questions About Supervision:

- Will you be my field instructor? If not, will I have an opportunity to meet my field instructor(s) before the placement starts?
- Will I be working with the field instructor(s) on a regular basis or will I be working with others on a regular basis?
- What is your supervisory style?
- What are your expectations around supervision?

Questions about Agency Policies:

- Does the agency have any policies around racial and sexual harassment?
- Does the agency have a bed bug policy or other health and safety policies and procedures that I should be aware of?
- What type of self-care practices does your agency promote for students?
- Are you unionized? Do you have any strike policies for placement students?

Next Step Questions:

- What are the next steps in deciding if I am a good fit for your agency?
- Will you require references?

- Are there any medical tests that I must complete before I could be offered a placement?
- Does the agency have any requirements of a placement student? (i.e. do I need a vulnerable sector screening, a bicycle to do outreach, a laptop, or cell phone?)
- Do I need a driver's license or access to a vehicle for placement? Would I be expected to transport clients in my own vehicle?

If you have accommodation needs, please talk about this during the placement interview to see if accommodations can be made, or advise the Field Education Office, if you need any assistance in requesting accommodations for you

• **If Accepted:**

- Are there any reading materials you would suggest that I start reading before the placement begins?