

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR SUPERVISION

- Thorough orientation to the agency, employees, standard operations, dress code, etc.
- Professional boundaries with co-workers and clients
- Communication, styles of communication, active listening
- Discussion of current or past courses taken and how that connects with practicum tasks and experiences
- How does theory taught in classroom translate to the “real world of social work”
- The overwhelming feeling that hits the student at the beginning of practicum and how to manage the integration of an abundance of new information
- Assessment and Treatment Planning
- The NASW Code of Ethics, broken down in sections and applied to current practicum situations, hypothetical situations, or past client/agency situations
- Confidentiality issues, HIPPA
- Journal articles or readings that relate to the practicum placement or populations served at the practicum agency
- Use of journaling to process feelings in practicum
- Transference and Counter-Transference issues that may develop when working with clients
- Self-Disclosure with clients, (when to and when not to)
- Cultural and diversity issues within the agency and when working with clients
- Burnout and compassion fatigue, what it looks like, how do I know if I have it, and what can I do to overcome it
- Colleague relationships in the practicum setting
- Resources and referrals
- Intervention techniques
- Bureaucracies and agency organization

- Positive feedback, constructive criticism and **clear expectations**