

**IU SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
BSW PROGRAM
CODE OF CONDUCT**

IUSSW students are expected to adhere to the standards and ethics of the profession that is, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics and the Standard of Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). As a new student, throughout your educational career with IUSSW as well as prior to each of your BSW field placements you are asked to review the entire NASW Code of Ethics. Some of the critical standards for practice in the field are highlighted below, however you are expected to review and follow the NASW Code of Ethics in totality.

Commitment to Clients (1.01)

Social workers' primary responsibility is to promote the well-being of clients.

Self Determination (1.02)

Social workers respect and promote the right of clients to self-determination and assist clients in their efforts to identify and clarify their goals.

Conflicts of Interest (1.06)

- (a) Social workers should be alert to and avoid conflicts of interest that interfere with the exercise of professional discretion and impartial judgment.
- (b) Social workers should not take unfair advantage of any professional relationship.
- (c) Social workers should not engage in dual or multiple relationships with clients or former clients, in which there is a risk of exploitation or potential harm to the client.

Privacy and Confidentiality (1.07)

Social workers should protect the confidentiality of all information obtained in the course of professional services, except for compelling professional reasons.

Sexual Relationships (1.09)

Social workers under no circumstances engage in sexual activities or sexual contact with current clients, whether such contact is consensual or forced.

Physical Contact (1.10)

Social workers should not engage in physical contact with clients when there is a possibility of psychological harm to the client as a result of the contact (such as cradling or caressing clients).

Derogatory Language (1.12)

Social workers should not use derogatory language in their written or verbal communications to or about clients. Social workers should use accurate and respectful language in all communications to and about the clients.

Dishonesty, Fraud, and Deception (4.04)

Social workers should not participate in, condone, or be associated with dishonesty, fraud, or deception.

Note: If at any time during your field placement you find yourself in a situation in which you have questions/concerns about a potential ethical issues or dilemma, please contact your field agency supervisor, faculty field instructor, or faculty liaison. Likewise, if you experience any situation in one of your courses, please contact your instructor, advisor, or student services coordinator.

Statement of Understanding

I understand that as a social work student, I am expected to adhere to the values, ethics, and standards of the profession. I hereby agree to abide by the standards outlined in the BSW Student Handbook and the NASW Code of Ethics in totality. I understand that adherence to these standards may be required for continuation in the BSW program. Disciplinary processes for violations of these standards will be considered with all available information on a case-by-case basis.

Student PRINTED name

Student Signature

Date