

# Social Justice Practicum Presentation Guidelines

The purpose of the Social Justice Practicum Presentation is for students to synthesize their learning experiences at respective sites and to share this growth with the Adler community. The following guidelines are to be used for your SJP Presentation at the Annual Community Engagement Symposium.

Students are to address all of the following key areas within their presentations as all content will be used to determine grades. To that end, students should use their supervision time with site supervisors to begin discussing the key areas that must be addressed in the presentation. Please use these guidelines to help you with project development, dialogue in supervision, and to develop the required content of your SJP presentation.

## 1. REFLECT

As you prepare to work on your presentation, please reflect upon the Adler University SRP Project and the Cultural Competencies for Social Justice located on the SJP page for Adler Connect. Begin using these resources as points of reference for your SJP experience. For example, consider a situation at your SJP where you learned to be more aware of yourself and others or where you gained more insight into the institutional and structural barriers that many marginalized populations experience.

## 2. YOUR SJP PLACEMENT

Orient your audience to the organization, institute, or agency where you were by providing the following:

- Mission and Vision
- A brief history of the social problem(s) that the organization is working to ameliorate
- Include specific information about the population(s) and geographic area(s) affected/served

## 3. METHODS

Explain what methods the organization, institute, or agency uses to address the problem(s). Please be sure to answer the following questions:

- What resources and/or services does the organization provide?
- What programs are operating?
- How is the organization funded?
- How does the organization engage the community?
- What systemic barriers does the organization take a stance against?
- How does the organization evaluate all their efforts (services, programs, outreach, etc.)

#### **4. YOUR PROJECT(S) AND TASKS**

Specifically state what you did in your internship:

- Specify your projects and tasks
- List the observable impacts from your efforts (e.g. greater assistance leads to helping more people)
- Explain how your efforts assisted in the actualization of the organizational mission
- Provide a personal reflection about what you learned and state if your thinking/feelings/behaviors were challenged about social problems, systems, social inequities, quality of life, person in environment, etc.
- Reflect upon what privileges and/or disadvantages you are more aware of (race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, etc.) and how you will integrate your new knowledge, skills, and attitudes into your professional work as a socially responsible practitioner.

#### **5. GROWING YOUR SKILLSET & TOOLBOX**

Specific Skill Acquisition: What sharpened skills have you acquired through your SJP that help you to address systemic barriers and structural inequities? Specifically tell us about skills and tools that you will implement as a Socially Responsible Practitioner throughout your career.

Listed below are a few examples of skills you might employ in your work as a Socially Responsible Practitioner to work alongside communities to create social change:

- Advocacy
- Resource Development
- Research
- Partnership development/Linkage Agreements
- Popular Education
- Community Organizing/Outreach
- Networking (joined: coalitions, initiatives; acquired: new contacts, subscriptions)

Listed below are examples of tangible tools that you can utilize to create social change:

- Social media campaigns
- A grant to implement community based programs
- Curriculums for community organizing
- Evidence based research and evaluation to create or improve community based programs
- Databases for multiple purposes, e.g. fund development, coalitions, research groups

## **6. HOW WERE YOU CHANGED BY YOUR SJP?**

As an emerging Socially Responsible Practitioner explain how your SJP has changed your perceptions, thoughts, feelings about specific populations and how you will work with them. Use the following questions as a guide:

- What impact has your learning experience had on your practitioner lens in terms of understanding the social and systemic contexts that people live in as you work alongside them to improve their quality of life and advanced social equity?
- How will you use your new skills and tools in your work with colleagues, multi-disciplinary teams, research groups, consultations, etc.?
- How will you expand your professional network to gain more tools?
- How did your project inspire your personal and professional commitment to social justice issues and community engagement?

## **7. PRESENTATION OPTIONS**

Please select one of the following presentation options:

- Poster
- Panel Session
- Workshop
- Original Exhibition (Art, Photography, Video)

## **8. ADDITIONAL HELP**

Please utilize the following resources as you are preparing your presentations:

- Visit CLT (15-100) to get one-on-one support

What was your project focus (specify tasks)



What impact did you observe from your efforts?



How did your efforts assist the organization in their mission?



How did this experience change you?

