

**SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK AND GERONTOLOGY**  
**STUDENT ADMISSION CONTRACT – CODE OF CONDUCT**

The BSW Program at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania is a professional program. As such, students are required to adhere to the standards, ethics, and values of the profession as identified by the National Association of Social Work (NASW). In addition, the program must meet the standards set by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The following professional/behavior expectations are based on the NASW *Code of Ethics*, CSWE's accreditation standards for problems encountered in social work education, and the Shippensburg University Student Handbook. Students are expected to also follow the SU student Code of Conduct (Swataney).

- Social work students are expected to uphold and advance the values, ethics, knowledge, and mission of the profession. Social work students should protect, enhance, and improve the integrity of the profession through appropriate study and research, active discussion, and responsible criticism of the profession. (5.01b, *NASW Code of Ethics*).
- Social work students are expected to treat fellow students, faculty, and staff with respect, honesty, courtesy, and fairness (2.01, *NASW Code of Ethics*).
- Social work students should not practice, condone, facilitate, or collaborate with any form of discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, marital status, political belief, religion, immigration status, or mental or physical disability (4.02, *NASW Code of Ethics*).
- Social work students whose personal problems, psychosocial distress, legal problems, substance abuse, or mental difficulties interfere with their abilities to meet program requirements will be expected to take appropriate remedial action (4.05, *NASW Code of Ethics*).
- Social work students should not allow their private conduct to interfere with their ability to meet the program's expectations (4.03, *NASW Code of Ethics*).
- Social work students are expected to continue to work on areas of professional growth. If a faculty member refers a student to the Development Review Process it is expected that the student will follow through with the committee's recommendations.
- Social work students engaged in research are expected to follow guidelines developed for the protection of the participants (5.02, *NASW Code of Ethics*; *SU Committee on Research with Human Subjects*).
- Social work students should not participate in, condone, or be associated with dishonesty, fraud, or deception (4.04, *NASW Code of Ethics*).
- Accommodations Request: Students seeking accommodations of the instructional context are to meet with the instructor to discuss the needs and work with the Office of Accessibility Resources (OAR) at SU.

**Statement of Understanding**

I understand that although I am admitted to the BSW program at Shippensburg University, if my professional development is not deemed satisfactory by the program faculty through the Developmental Review Process that the program has the right and responsibility to request reevaluation of my suitability for the program. I hereby agree to abide by the standards outlined in the document.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_