



Practicum Project Write-up

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Description of my Practicum Project

This semester, my practicum project was to review the Community Rehabilitation's code of ethics to examine areas that needs improvement and new sections that need to be created to ensure that it is meeting the needs of professionals in this field. As a result of the current technological advance, it was necessary to create ethical standards that provide guidance on ethical issues relating to technology use. Furthermore, there were other sections within the code that could be significantly expanded to provide guidance on things like advocating for vulnerable populations, standing with the oppressed, social justice issues and many more. Also, I was tasked with critically analyzing the current ethical decision making model to ensure that it is adequate and relevant to professional's needs today. At the end of the project, I was to provide a finished copy to my supervisor Carla, who I met once a week.

What I did to complete my project

I began my project by examining literatures, code of ethics, ethical documents that could provide some depth as to the current issues within the ethical practice of human services. I looked at the Social Workers' code of ethics, nurses' code of ethics, counseling's ethical code to get a sense of what are the

relevant issues within those disciplines that are relevant to community rehabilitation practice. Majority of my findings mirrored what is already in CARP, however, some codes of ethics do have broader standards on some issues that help inform my suggestions for CARP. My practicum supervisor and I met every Monday to discuss my findings and provide guidance on how to dissect some of the information I found and determine relevance to CARP. After compiling all the relevant information, I began the process determining where to incorporate my findings into CARP, my practicum supervisor played an important role in facilitating discussions around conciseness and ensuring that I am not duplicating things already included in CARP. I realized that if I was going to create a CARP code that reflects some of the principles and ideals held by the original CARP creator, I would need to include accessibility to all as one of the major component of my project. Although that was not part of the initial discussions on the scope of my practicum, I took it upon myself to address that aspect of the document as much as I could. I reworded and reedited the previous CARP document to reflect a more professional tone, in some area.

A reflection on my performance

Overall, I felt pretty good about the progress of my project. Although, as I write this journal, there are some part of the document that I have yet to complete, I am still pretty happy with the result so far. Although I struggled at the beginning to understand how to go about conducting the project, I became more and more confident the more time I spent working on the project. I struggled with getting access to the materials I need and I had to problem solve around that. I had plenty of opportunity to develop many of the skills I highlighted at the beginning of my practicum. I found it beneficial to have that meeting to discuss my project as it gives me a chance to ask question and make sure that I am meeting her expectation. I do not want to create a document that will be useless, so I hope that was helpful for her as well. Finally, I was able to create a document that I can be proud to say I contributed to; that I made an impact on.