

RU School of Social Work
Student Confidentiality Waiver
for the purposes of the
Educational Field Placement

Social work education involves the whole person and is not just an intellectual process. As a student identifies life experiences that are a barrier or stimulus to his or her practice, the student is expected to bring these issues to field instruction in order to explore options concerning how best to proceed.

The establishment of a full educational partnership is the goal of social work education. Information will be shared in order to protect students, facilitate the learning process, enable informed choice and adequate supervision by field instructors, and to protect clients.

Sensitive student information that the school is privy to and that could negatively affect the field placement may be disclosed by the office of field education to appropriate persons including the faculty liaison, the agency field instructor, the student's academic advisor, a faculty review committee, other professors in the School of Social Work and/or the Director of the School of Social Work. Agency field instructors and all professors within the School of Social Work are also expected to share relevant information with the office of field education.

Relevant sensitive information is defined as information that may negatively affect the field placement selection and information as well as clients, agency field instructors, staff, or the student learning experience. Examples of sensitive information may be: personal or family problems, serious illness, disability, criminal history, psychiatric diagnosis, substance abuse, inpatient psychiatric or substance abuse treatment, perpetrator/victim of domestic violence, severe anxiety with regard to a particular life issue, etc. The student may be required to sign a release of information for some types of information in order to continue in the program.

Adherence to this policy is a requirement for admission to the RU School of Social Work program. With your signature below, you signify your agreement to adhere to this policy.

Name

Date

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