

University of North Carolina at Wilmington
School of Social Work
MSW Program

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I, _____, do hereby agree to
(print first and last name)

adhere to the ethical standards as set forth in The Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers and the materials for this field course.

Of particular significance for field practice is the NASW Standard regarding privacy and confidentiality (standard 1.07) which includes the following:

- a) Social workers [and interns] should respect clients' right to privacy. Social workers should not solicit private information from clients unless it is essential to providing services or conducting social work evaluations or research. Once private information is shared, standards of confidentiality apply.
- b) Social workers may disclose confidential information when appropriate [as designated by agency policy, North Carolina law, or classroom ethics] with valid consent from a client [or classmate] or a person legally authorized to consent on behalf of a client.
- c) Social workers should protect the confidentiality of ALL information obtained in the course of professional service [including field seminar discussion], except for compelling professional reasons [including] disclosure to prevent serious, foreseeable, and imminent harm to a client or other identifiable person.
- d) Social workers should inform clients, to the extent possible, about the disclosure of confidential information and the potential consequences, when feasible before the disclosure is made. This applies whether social workers disclose confidential information on the basis of a legal requirement or client consent.
- e) Social workers should not discuss confidential information in any setting unless privacy can be ensured. [This applies to the confidentiality of seminar discussions as well]

See The Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers for full text regarding this standard as well as all other NASW ethical standards.

I understand that breaking confidentiality without just cause and without consultation with my field instructor, site supervisor, and/or faculty liaison will result in immediate disciplinary action, as set forth in the UNCW Social Work Field Education Manual and the UNCW Honor Code.

Student signature

Date