MSW SELF ASSESSMENT – SCWK 612

Self-assessment is considered to be an integral part of the learning process. You are to complete a self-assessment paper (hard copy) to be turned in to the Field Office by the date on your syllabus. You can share this paper with your agency field instructor for their comments or editorial notes. In addition, you may be asked to use excerpts from this paper for your final evaluation conference.

As in other assignments, the self-assessment must be typed and double spaced. The following list of questions is provided as a guide for you to follow. Please remember this is an essay paper. It is permissible to use headers; it is not permissible to list the questions and then answer them.

The self-assessment should include, but is not limited to:

(a.) Have you found your field experience in social work to be a fit for you as a social worker or not and why?

(b.) What population(s) do you feel you are best suited to work with and why? What population(s) do you feel you are least able to work with and why?

(c.) What were your concerns/anxieties as you entered your field placement? Have you and your field instructor been able to address these concerns?

(d.) What are your strengths and weaknesses as an intern? What have you done and can you do in the future to overcome your weaknesses and complement your strengths? What skills have you developed during the semester? What skills do you need to develop after graduation?

(e.) What have you learned in this field experience (about yourself or social work practice) that you can take away and continue to build upon in your placement and career?

(f.) Discuss your major learning goals for your field experience? Were you able to meet your learning goals in your field experience? What experiences do you believe helped you meet your goals (if goals were not met, what experiences do you feel would have helped you to meet your learning goals)?

(g.) All people have biases/prejudices. Being able to identify these biases/prejudices is an art that some social workers do not learn until they have been practicing for a number of years. What biases/prejudices do you have that might cloud your work as a social worker? What can you do to work to identify your biases/prejudices so you can guard against the effect they might have on your clients?

(h.) What values/beliefs do you have that are in harmony with the values/ethics of the social work profession?