

SECTION II. MICRO SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

SOCIAL WORK COMPETENCIES - SERVICE

NASW Competency	
Service	A social worker employed in a college or university has an obligation to serve students who may be experiencing challenging academic, and emotional and psychological issues that require their support. Social workers who work for their campus-based psychological services must meet with students and help students address issues. When it comes to Maynor, he will need a lot more than a social worker's listening presence and emotional support. Maynor will need information and assistance in obtaining resources to help him pay for his DACA renewal so he may continue to keep his work permit and scholarship funds to pay for his education. Maynor will also need assistance with obtaining funds so that he may study abroad along with information regarding how Maynor may study abroad while being a DACA student.

SOCIAL WORK COMPETENCIES – SERVICE – MICRO PRACTICE ACTIVITY

NASW Core Principle: **Service**

Social workers' primary goal is to help people in need and to address social problems. Social workers elevate service to others above self-interest. Social workers draw on their knowledge, values, and skills to help people in need and to address social problems. Social workers are encouraged to volunteer some portion of their professional skills with no expectation of significant financial return (pro bono service) (NASW, 2022).

Foundation Activity: Consider the NASW definition above, as a social work student or intern, what do you see as Maynor's greatest challenge affecting him the most? How might you engage Maynor during the visit to assess his presenting challenges from his perspective?

IFSW Core Principle: **Treating People as Whole Persons**

Social workers recognize the biological, psychological, social, and spiritual dimensions of people's lives and understand and treat all people as whole persons. Such recognition is used

to formulate holistic assessments and interventions with the full participation of people, organizations, and communities with whom social workers engage (IFSW).

Advanced Activity: Consider the IFSW definition above, as a social work student or intern who is working with Maynor, please describe your understanding of the word “holistic,” and describe at least three multidimensional aspects you need to explore with Maynor in order to complete a holistic assessment with/of him.
